Media Advisory

Emma Lazarus: Voice of Liberty, Voice of Conscience traveling exhibit scheduled to open this October

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Northeastern University Libraries was selected by the American Library Association Public Programs Office as one out of 18 sites across the country to host the exhibit, Emma Lazarus: Voice of Liberty, Voice of Conscience. The new traveling exhibition will be free and open to the public at Northeastern University’s Snell Library starting on Thursday, October 27, 2011 through Wednesday, December 16, 2011. The exhibit is composed of eight informative panels featuring photographic reproductions of historical images and original works by Lazarus, including “1492,” “The Creation of Man,” and “The New Colossus.” The exhibition will be located on the First Floor of Snell Library behind The Hub.


In Schor’s words, Emma Lazarus “showed America how to become more generous, more noble, and more just. Her passion for justice lives on whenever we Americans dedicate ourselves to welcoming immigrants, training and educating the poor, and celebrating diversity.”

Northeastern University will hold a series of related programs this fall in coordination with the exhibit. For more information about these programs please visit http://www.lib.neu.edu.

Emma Lazarus: Voice of Liberty, Voice of Conscience was developed by Nextbook, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Jewish literature, culture, and ideas, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The national tour of the exhibit has been made possible by grants from the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Righteous Persons Foundation, the David Berg Foundation, and an anonymous donor, with additional support from
Tablet Magazine: A New Read on Jewish Life. Emma Lazarus is also a book by Esther Schor, published as part of the Jewish Encounters series by Nextbook/Schocken.

The Emma Lazarus: Voice of Liberty, Voice of Conscience traveling exhibit is co-sponsored by Northeastern University Libraries, Northeastern University Jewish Studies Program, Northeastern University Humanities Center, Northeastern University Department of English, Northeastern University Department of History, Northeastern University Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies, and the Jewish Women’s Archive.

About the Meet the Author Series:
Northeastern University Libraries encourages dialogue on significant contemporary questions through its Meet the Author program. The wide range of talks and discussions enrich the intellectual and cultural fabric of the University. The Meet the Author programs are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Nina Shah at 617-373-5452 or nin.shah@neu.edu.

About Northeastern University Libraries:
Northeastern University Libraries consists of Snell Library, John D. O’Bryant African-American Institute Library, and Marine Science Center Library. The Library welcomes over two million online and walk-in visitors a year. Collections include 964,000 volumes, 139,000 e-books, and 42,500 electronic journals. The Library provides award-winning research and instructional services, a pioneering multimedia content creation space, and a very popular Meet the Author series, and houses internationally recognized special collections that document social justice efforts in the Greater Boston area. The Library has an ambitious vision to expand its digital initiatives, building on its institutional repository and digitization of special collections. The Library continues to break new ground in scholarly communication, interdisciplinary research, and the emerging field of transliteracy – the ability to read, write, and interact across multiple media formats. Northeastern University Libraries lead the way in redefining library service in the 21st century. For more information, please visit http://www.lib.neu.edu.

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