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Bicentennial Project Ongoing in Library Lobby

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DAYTON, Ohio, January 7, 1976 --- An official bicentennial project hosted by the UD Library is ongoing in the library lobby where two display cases are being used for ethnic-cultural displays.

The series will consist of bi-weekly exhibits in the lobby of the University of Dayton library featuring literary, scientific, artistic, historical and religious contributions of each member nationality belonging to the International-Cultural-Ethnic Association of Greater Dayton (ICEA).

The present display is German. It includes German books, dolls and posters and was created by German Americans in the Dayton area. Other displays during the coming Spring will by Yugoslavian, Lithuanian, Irish, Italian and Peruvian. The UD International Club will sponsor a display during the first two weeks of the fall term.

Concurrent with the displays, some of the member groups of ICEA will be sponsoring lectures and seminars on their ethnic heritage.

In addition, each member group is doing research during the first half of the year on its history within the Greater Dayton community. The results of this research are to be presented in finished form as a monograph from 700 to 1,000 words in length. Plans are being made to gather the monographs into a book to be published during the year of 1976.

The project task force consists of Raymond Nartker, head librarian; Mrs. Gladys Sopczak, his liaison; Mrs. Jean Huart, international education office representative; and Fr. Gabriel Rus, the ICEA representative.