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SMITHSONIAN TRAVELING EXHIBIT COMING TO DECATUR

DECATUR, MICHIGAN - - - - The Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street is coming to Decatur this fall. The Michigan Humanities Council announced recently that Webster Memorial Library is one of six host sites for *Crossroads: Change in Rural America*.

The exhibition examines the evolving landscape of rural America by showcasing how small towns became centers of commerce, trade, local politics and culture. Through interactive kiosks and free-standing displays, the exhibit addresses the future of rural America by highlighting how small towns have changed over the past century and how they might be reshaped for the future.

Crossroads debuts in Michigan, September 7, at the Old Mill Museum in Dundee. The exhibit opens in Decatur, October 26, and runs through December 8. Other sites include Crawford County Library, Grayling; Reed City Area District Library, Presque Isle District Library, Rogers City; and Pickford Community Library.

Crossroads' visit to VBDL Webster Memorial is made possible by the Michigan Humanities Council. The exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

For more information, phone 269.423.4771 or send an email to <u>info@vbdl.org</u>. Van Buren District Library is headquartered in Decatur with branches in Bangor, Bloomingdale, Covert, Gobles, Lawrence and Mattawan.

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