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City Hosts Tennessee State Museum Exhibit

“50th Anniversary of Tennessee Sit-Ins”

The City of Bristol is proud to partner with the Tennessee State Museum in order to host a new traveling exhibition recognizing the **50th Anniversary of Tennessee Sit-Ins**. The landmark events that helped shape the Civic Rights Movement of the 1960's are the focus of an exhibition opening Friday, April 27, 2012 at Slater Center on McDowell Street. The exhibit will be hosted by the City through Wednesday, June 6, 2012.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday and Thursday. Viewing times on Friday will be from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or by appointment. There is no charge for the self-guided tour. School groups and senior citizens groups are encouraged to visit the exhibition and take a step back in time to see what the south and particularly Tennessee was like during segregation. Visitors will be able to listen to a short film about the Nashville Sit-In during 1960. Along with the film the exhibit includes such artifacts as signage and a letter from a sit-in participant describing a protest and other items related to the sit-ins.

“We hope this is just the first of such traveling exhibitions provided by the state museum to come to Bristol. It is always good to be able to provide our community with such opportunity as this right in their front door,” said Terry Napier, Director of Parks and Recreation. “Visiting this exhibit is a great way to spend a morning or afternoon with family or friends,” Napier added.

For more information on the exhibit please call 423-764-4023 or e-mail tnapier@bristoltn.org.

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