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THINK YOUR PRIVATE LIFE IS PRIVATE? THINK AGAIN...

MVC's Murrell Library to host free community forum addressing security needs, privacy rights, and freedom of information.

Marshall, Mo. (September 4, 2008)—Missouri Valley College's Murrell Library is hosting a preview forum for the entire community Sept. 9. The free event, which will be held at 7:00 pm in Murrell Library's *Coffee by the Book* room, will address the topic, "What We Know About You: Privacy, Security and Community Concerns."

The event will bring together journalists from KMMO, Marshall Democrat-News, and KMVC, as well as students and community members for open discussions about national and local security needs, individual privacy rights, and the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of information. Participants will screen video excerpts from documentaries such as **Democracy on Deadline: The Global Struggle for an Independent Press** and **Secrecy**, as well as excerpts from other films and television programs including: **No Place to Hide**, **The Cost of Freedom**, **The Daily Show with Jon Stewart**, **Frontline: The Persuaders**, and **NOW on PBS: Whistleblowers**. The screening will be followed by a discussion.

This event is a unique opportunity for community leaders from all sectors of society to consider how communities can respond to the changing balance of privacy, security and freedom of information. David Roberts, MVC professor of mass communication, will speak about his experience with the subject and will answer questions from participants. KMVC will be on hand to record the event and excerpts will be broadcast during the fall semester.

Roundtable, a Massachusetts-based media and public engagement company, is producing the preview forum project with support from The Ford Foundation.

Murrell Memorial Library was chosen to participate because of their demonstrated commitment to bringing together members of diverse local organizations to create positive change in the community.

"Murrell Library is dedicated to offering great programs of this nature" said Library Director Pam Reeder.

Sponsoring national organizations include American Society of Newspaper Editors, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication, Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc., Society of Professional Journalists, and UNITY: Journalists of Color, Inc.

The Program will feature the following recently released films and television programs:

Peter Jennings Reporting: No Place to Hide

Produced by PJ Productions and the Center for Investigative Reporting

Explores the unprecedented connection between the revolution of private data collection and the government's vastly expanded surveillance authorities in the wake of September 11.

The Daily Show with Jon Stewart: So You're Living in a Police State

Produced by Jon Stewart and Ben Karlin

A satirical look at the tradeoffs between security and privacy.

Frontline: The Persuaders

Produced by Frontline/WGBH

Annually, marketers spend billions convincing us what to buy and whom to trust. *The Persuaders* reveals how advertisers—and politicians—are using the latest database technology to better persuade targeted audiences.

The Cost of Freedom: Civil Liberties, Security & the USA Patriot Act

Produced by The Duncan Group

Provides a balanced look at the Patriot Act. Proponents tout the advanced ability to track potential terrorists. Critics contend the Patriot Act abuses civil liberties and violates the First and Fourth Amendments.

Secrecy

Produced by Peter Galison and Robb Moss

A whistleblower and a retired Information Security Officer from the National Security Agency consider the tradeoffs between national security and freedom of information.

NOW on PBS: Whistleblowers

Produced by JumpStart Productions

An F.B.I. whistleblower, who exposed the agency's prior knowledge of suspicious activities of some of the 9/11 terrorists, speaks out. What is the role of a whistleblower in a democracy? What is the correct balance between secrecy and information?

Democracy on Deadline: The Global Struggle for an Independent Press

Produced by Lumiere Productions

Go on the investigative beat with a *New York Daily News* reporter as he investigates a judge with a potential conflict of interest.

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