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### **MVC'S MURRELL LIBRARY RECEIVES *PICTURING AMERICA* GRANT**

*Artwork used as a learning aid at MVC.*

**Marshall, MO** (January 28, 2009)—Missouri Valley College's Murrell Library was awarded the *Picturing America* grant from the *National Endowment for the Humanities*. This grant will give Murrell Library 40 laminated reproductions of great American artwork.

The artwork will be displayed in both library buildings, Murrell and the Technology Center, and is available for viewing by the public during open hours. Many MVC professors will be able to use these pieces of art in the classroom to enhance their discussions about history, language arts, and humanities.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to bring these beautiful pieces of art onto our campus," said Marilyn Milovich, MVC library services coordinator.

Great art speaks powerfully, inspires fresh thinking, and connects us to our past.

As the *Picturing America* program brings masterpieces of American art into classrooms and libraries nationwide, the goal of the program is for students and citizens to gain a deeper appreciation of the country's history and character through the study and understanding of its art.

By bringing high-quality reproductions of notable American art into public and private schools, libraries, and communities, *Picturing America* gives participants the opportunity to learn about the nation's history and culture in a fresh and engaging way. The program uses art as a catalyst for the study of America—the cultural, political, and historical threads woven into our nation's fabric over time.

Collectively, the masterpieces in *Picturing America*, used in conjunction with the Teachers Resource Book and program Web site, help students experience the humanity of history and enhance the teaching and understanding of America's past.

For more information about the artwork display, contact Milovich at (660) 831-4005 or [milovichm@moval.edu](mailto:milovichm@moval.edu). The artwork can be viewed at the *Picturing America* Web site at <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov>.

#### **ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE**

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers 28 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. Some of the most popular majors include education and athletic training, and the newest major is nursing, which will begin in Fall 2009. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit [www.moval.edu](http://www.moval.edu).