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***Buildings & Landscapes Exhibit Slated for November***

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Three centuries of the French presence in Central Illinois is chronicled in a multimedia exhibit opening Sept. 15 at Illinois Wesleyan University's Sheean Library.

The exhibit, which runs until Oct. 31, is open to the public, free-of-charge.

"Plus Ca Change: 300 years of French presence in Central Illinois" focuses on Central Illinois' historical beginnings. It chronicles French explorers, Native Americans, the encounters of these cultures, and their "disappearance." This story is told through sight, sound, and textures.

James Matthews, IWU associate professor of French, will lecture on the exhibit at 4 p.m., Sept. 16, in the Sheean Library Auditorium. Matthews' lecture is open to the public, free-of-charge.

Sheean Library will host its first traveling exhibition, *Buildings and Landscapes*, Nov. 4-30.

The exhibit visually illustrates the relationship of architecture to the land. *Buildings and Landscapes* features 22 visual explorations of urban and rural settings and the buildings that inhabit them. The exhibit employs various media, including woodcuts, photography, and watercolor and oil paintings.

The *Buildings and Landscapes* traveling exhibit was organized by Kansas State University and ExhibitsUSA, a national division of the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Sheean Library is located on the IWU Quadrangle.

**Editor's Note:** For more information about Sheean Library exhibits, call: Jane Chamberlain, information services librarian, at 309/556-3770. ExhibitsUSA is the proper usage.