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TRAVELING WORLD WAR II MUSEUM ARRIVES IN NAPLES APRIL 21

April 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Naples Regional Library • 650 Central Ave., Naples, FL 34102

(Naples, FL) – The Bus-eum, a museum on wheels, will arrive at the Naples Regional Library at 650 Central Ave. on Wednesday, April 21 to showcase a WW II educational film to the public. The Bus-eum will be open and showing its film from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Bus-eum, a 40 foot retrofitted school bus, presents the TRACES WW II Museum with 15 narrative display panels illustrated with photographs and documents, and audio and DVD stories of the history.

“This is such a unique opportunity to not only learn about the history of the war, but to also visit a museum on wheels, which is an interesting method of sharing history with people who may not consider a museum visit,” said Library Director Marilyn Matthes.

During WW II, the South was home to approximately 250 prisoner of war camps. 372,000 German prisoners of war were held in U.S. operated camps across the U.S. including parts of the South. While imprisoned, these individuals were sent out to harvest and process crops, build roads and waterways and install city sewers. After the war, some of the prisoners immigrated to the U.S. The Bus-eum brings to life the South’s involvement in World War II.

The Bus-eum is a bus turned into a 21-seat theater that drives all over the United States. The bus’s theatre will be showing *Held on the Homefront* a movie about German prisoners of war from 1943 to 1946. This program is brought to you by the Collier County Public Library and the Friends of the Library of Collier County.

For more information, visit the Naples Regional Library at 650 Central Ave. or call (239) 262-4130.