

Arlington Public Library features exhibition “No Home To Go To”

The Story of Baltic Displaced Persons, 1944–1952

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- *Free opening reception at Central Library, March 7, 6-7:30 p.m.*
- Exhibition on view March 7 through April 17
- Visit Library.arlingtonva.us/displacedpersons for more information.

The exhibition “No Home To Go To,” on view at Central Library March 7 through April 17, documents the crisis in the Baltic countries in the aftermath of World War II. The story of people living in refugee camps and finding a home in a new land is told through their memories, documents, photographs, and memorabilia.

The artifacts examine various aspects of camp life — from the way refugees managed their schools and churches, organized sports and cultural events, to their struggles to find space, food and clothing. The exhibition also reveals their resistance to the attempted repatriation by Soviet authorities, their attempts to train for a new life, and their determination to face bureaucratic and legal obstacles to find a new home.

According to Library Director Diane Kresh:” The show contributes to a clearer understanding of the World War II experiences while drawing incisive lessons for the current refugee crisis.”

In partnership with the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, the Central Library will host a free opening reception on March 7, 6-7:30 p.m. In attendance will be representatives of the Embassies of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Visit library.arlingtonva.us/displacedpersons for more information.

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