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On the campus of Missouri State University

Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015 is brought to the State of Missouri by the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Foundation and hosted by Missouri State University at the Duane G. Meyer Library.
Greetings! On behalf of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar and the many community partners who have made this event possible, including Missouri State University, the Springfield Greene County Library District, the Springfield Art Museum, the Moxie Cinema, and Springfield Public Schools, I am pleased to present Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215 -2015. This much anticipated national exhibition is brought to the State of Missouri by the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Foundation and hosted at Missouri State University, Meyer Library. Our Magna Carta community partners have fabulous activities and events beginning in September culminating in the main event, the exhibit Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215 -2015 on display October 12-24.

As you experience the exhibit, I hope you are transported to a time centuries ago. A time when, as our President recently acknowledged, “kings, emperors, and warlords reigned over much of the world.” A time when rule of law was the whim of monarchies. And a time when the rights and liberties we so often take for granted were unknown. Eight hundred years ago, Magna Carta, or “Great Charter,” pierced the darkness of the Middle Ages declaring for the first time in Western history that the rights and liberties of “free men” were no longer subject to the opinions of kings and queens. This truly “Great Charter” inspired our founding forefathers, influenced the development of Western political thinking, and has endured as a legacy to those noble rebels who, in 1215, at Runnymede, England, risked life and limb and more to insure King John’s seal of Magna Carta. While viewing the documents, artifacts, and artwork within Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215 – 2015, I hope you are inspired by the beliefs first declared in Magna Carta: that rule of law is superior to rule of force; that due process is superior to arbitrary deprivation; and most importantly, that no person, not even the king, is above the law. Our community is excited and honored to present this “Great Charter” for you to experience. I hope you leave the exhibit inspired by our shared history, enlightened by Magna Carta’s enduring present influence, and enthusiastic for the future of our country, our laws, and our global world.
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ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

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LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015 will be on display Oct. 12-23, 2015, in the Duane G. Meyer Library. The exhibit is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary for admittance but the exhibit is reserved for a number of groups. To verify hours please review the calendar at missouristate.edu/magnacarta/. If you would like to schedule a group, visit the website and complete the online form.

PARKING

Free parking is available at Bear Park North, with entrances off Cherry and Elm, as well as Bear Park South, located at Grand and Holland. A free shuttle service will provide transportation to Meyer Library from both parking garages.
The Missouri State University Libraries, a singular entity, provides information resources, services, and spaces to advance the University’s purpose to develop educated persons. Infused by MSU’s statewide mission in public affairs and our commitment to inclusive excellence, we provide fundamental support for teaching, learning, research, scholarship, creative activities, and service.

The MSU Libraries is both pleased and proud to host this exhibit, replete with many events held throughout Springfield, commemorating the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. The designers, presenters, exhibit underwriters, and community partners have done outstanding work. This impressive cluster of exhibits and events moves the MSU Libraries toward becoming a full-service cultural memory institution, combining the best ideas, practices, and technologies regarding content, services, spaces, and experiences from leading libraries, museums, archives, and other cultural memory institutions. As you view the Magna Carta exhibit, you are one of more than three-quarters of a million people who visit the MSU Libraries each year, and hundreds of thousands use our growing digital collections and services from points near and far.

As the MSU Libraries continues its multi-year renovation project to better meet the current and future needs of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and researchers, we remain committed to collecting, curating, and providing access to a wide variety of information—e-books, big data, oral histories, Ozarkiana, electronic theses, trench art, 3D printing, the Ozarks Jubilee Digitization Project, and much more. We work with many groups and agencies in the region, at the national level, and worldwide to preserve and provide access to many core collections, ranging from French Literature to Route 66. The MSU Libraries is proud to serve as a showcase for the rule of law, exemplified by the Magna Carta, and the republic of information.
MAGNA CARTA at Springfield Greene County Libraries

Magna Carta and the Constitution: Foundation of Individual Liberty
Tuesday, September 15, 7–8 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Magna Carta paved the way for fundamental principles articulated by our founding fathers when they established a foundation of freedom and liberty in the U.S. Constitution in 1787. Learn how these ancient documents live today during a panel discussion featuring Nancy Allen, attorney, senior instructor at Missouri State University and author of “Code of the Hills” and “A Killing Creek”; and Jeffrey Mittman, executive director of the ACLU of Missouri.

Genealogy Workshop: Magna Carta
Wednesday, September 23, 9:30 a.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Pat Haas discusses her trip to England and the National Society of Magna Charta Dames and Barons, of which she is a member. Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.

How England Gave Rise to Magna Carta
Sunday, October 4, 2 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Celtic folk music by harpist Drew Holt sets the mood for this trip back in time to 1215. Holt will perform from 2–2:30 p.m., followed by a scholarly talk by Dr. Thomas Russo, Drury University associate dean of international relations and art history professor. Unique societal and political factors were at play 800 years ago that gave rise to Magna Carta. Russo will discuss these and the cultural and political landscape of the medieval world.

Magna Carta Movie: “The Adventures of Robin Hood”
Saturday, October 10, 1 p.m., Strafford Branch Library. Celebrate Magna Carta’s 800th anniversary and get a glimpse of life in medieval England during this 1938 film version, rated PG, for all ages.

Magna Carta Celebration
Tuesday, October 13, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Republic Branch Library. Celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta with book displays, medieval costumes, games, music and more, for all ages. Join us to learn about this important historic document.

The Kings of Pop, Musical Rebellion, and the Elite Music Critic
Thursday, October 15, 6 p.m. in the Library Station Frisco Room. In a dynamic and interactive presentation for adults, Dr. Richard Schur, Drury University professor of English and Director of the Law & Society, will use Magna Carta as a template to understand how American popular music has developed since the Civil War.

Magna Carta Movie: “Robin Hood”
Friday, October 16, 6 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Watch “Robin Hood,” rated PG-13, 2010. Russell Crowe portrays the legendary hero in this glimpse of life in medieval England. For age 13 and older.

Robin Hood and Magna Carta
Magna Carta makes an appearance in a play titled “Runnymede,” in which an unhappy King John finds that Chapter 39 prohibits him from murdering Robin Hood.
Robin Hood Defies King John in Frederick Warde’s Superb Production of Runnymede by Wm. Greer. Lithograph, 1895. Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.
COMMUNITY PARTNER:
Springfield Greene County Libraries

by Regina Greer Cooper, Executive Director
Springfield-Greene County Library District

The Springfield-Greene County Library District is thrilled to be a partner in celebrating \textit{Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015} with our citizens. The project—including the exhibit at Missouri State University, scholarly lectures, period music and films across the city—illustrates, once again, how the community’s leading institutions are eager to put their best strengths toward a common goal. Look no further than the Magna Carta exhibit to experience another example of quality of life in Springfield. We value education and strive to make connections with the world around us, as this Magna Carta celebration does so well. We are grateful to the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Foundation for providing this rare opportunity to remind us all about how “The Great Charter” lives today and why it matters. As the “community hearth,” the Library is eager to provide multiple sources of thoughtful study of Magna Carta’s historical roots; and to provide the public spaces where scholars and musicians can offer even more ways for people to enjoy Magna Carta’s enduring legacy.
MAGNA CARTA @ THE MOXIE

Fencing, fighting, torture, revenge, giants, true love, miracles ....and the rule of law

This FREE film series is part of the “Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015” Exhibit on display at MSU’s Meyer Library from Oct. 12 - 23, 2015. For a complete listing of all events go to springfieldbar.com

Sept. 12 @ noon:
Lion in Winter* (1968)

Sept. 19 @ noon:
Ivanhoe* (1952)

Sept. 26 @ 9pm:
Princess Bride (1987)

Oct. 3 @ noon:
Marketa Lazarová* (1967)

Oct. 10 @ noon:
Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991)

Oct. 17 @ 9pm:
Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975)

* These screenings will include a post show discussion.

This FREE series is made possible thanks to the generous support of exhibit sponsors: The Law Firm of Neale & Newman, LLP; Lathrop & Gage, LLP; Strong-Garner-Bauer, PC; Kent and Jan Hyde; Lee and Julie Viorel; Mark L. McQueary

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As Springfield's only community-supported cinema, we show critically acclaimed first run arthouse movies 365 days a year. But what I really love to do is find ways that our favorite art form (movies, naturally) can help local groups expand or illuminate their mission. To this end, we have hosted dozens of free screenings with everyone from the local NAACP chapter to a fledgling group of “lady arm wrestlers.” For me, the most exciting part of this project, aside from showing some fantastic films, is seeing how big and ambitious it all became. Thanks to the leadership of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar, the opportunity to host a traveling exhibit morphed into a community wide series of events driven by an array of local organizations. The traveling exhibit itself is being augmented with original historic documents courtesy of the specialists at MSU’s Meyer Library. In short, this exhibit celebrating Magna Carta rocks...just a little bit more once it hits the Ozarks.

**Bonus! Post Film Discussions**

What could be better than free films with friends and colleagues? How about staying after for engaging presentations by academicians and experts.

**Lion in Winter (1968)**
Art Historian Dr. Tom Russo (Drury University) will speak about court life and the political landscape of the Henry II's Angevin empire in the late twelfth century and how this relates to the development of Magna Carta in 1215. **Sept. 12 @ noon**

**Ivanhoe (1952)**
After the screening we will host a panel discussion on how Hollywood gets history right AND wrong with Dr. Shelley Wolbrink, a history professor at Drury University and the director of the university's Medieval Studies Program, and MSU screenwriting professor Richard Amberg. **Sept. 19 @ noon**

**Marketa Lazarová (1967)**
Dr. Kevin Henderson (Drury University) will be speaking about how the political and cultural conflicts of this Czech classic's production era (1967) are reflected in its medieval setting. **Oct. 3 @ noon**
MAGNA CARTA: Art and Inspiration

Pam Rubert
Old Mr. Bones
Roxie Castro

Justin Gault
Meganne Rosen O’Neal
Kat Allie
The Springfield Art Museum is proud to help celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. The right to free expression is foundational both to art and to museums and we are grateful to live in a time and place where this fundamental right is recognized and established. As Magna Carta was an important influence on the development of the U.S. Constitution and its amendments guaranteeing this right, it seems appropriate that we celebrate its signing with artistic expression. To this end six local artists were invited to create a work of art commemorating Magna Carta inspired by 25 Barons who signed the document 800 years ago. These works of art have been reproduced as banners leading into the “Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015” Exhibition. We thank the participating artists: Kat Allie, Old Mr. Bones, Roxie Castro, Justin Gault, Meganne Rosen-O’Neal, and Pam Rubert. We appreciate their inspiration and creativity. The Springfield Art Museum is also grateful to the Springfield Metropolitan Bar for sponsoring this wonderful exhibit of local talent.

13th c. Gangs, Eggs, and the Magna Carta
Featuring Carolyn Cárdenas, Professor of Painting & Drawing and Head, Department of Art + Design, Missouri State University
October 8, from 6 - 8 PM at the Springfield Art Museum
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For more information go to www.missouristate.edu/magnacarta/*
As Missouri’s largest school district, Springfield Public Schools has built a reputation of excellence based on the outstanding performance of our students and schools. Our new strategic plan focuses on delivering a relevant, personal and engaging education for each of our 24,000 students.

SPS is proud of the collaboration around the Magna Carta exhibit. Working in concert, teams from the Springfield Bar Association, Greene County Libraries, Missouri State University, the Moxie and Springfield Public Schools, generated strategies to make the Magna Carta meaningful for today’s students.

Our curriculum team has taken great care to prepare support materials aligned to the specific courses we offer and to embed authentic opportunities for students to engage actively with the exhibit. These enhance the rich experiences provided by our teachers.

Each of the community presentations and student projects have been curated in Canvas so they can be shared across the community, creating a legacy of work that will benefit students and the community long after the exhibit.

We’re grateful to the Springfield Bar Association for their foresight in seeking out this opportunity and for their willingness to serve as a catalyst in this robust collaborative effort.
This year, we celebrate the 800th anniversary of a document that many believe inspired the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It was in June 1215 that Magna Carta first pronounced that no one—no matter how powerful—is above the law.

Although I briefly learned about Magna Carta in high school, it wasn’t until this past fall that I realized the true significance of this Great Charter, when I had the opportunity to view one of the four remaining copies of Magna Carta, in person, during a rare exhibit at the Library of Congress.

Magna Carta was borne from a long feud between King John and land barons in England. The barons had been quite upset with the king as he arbitrarily and excessively taxed the barons’ property to pay for his losing military battles with France. Designed as a contractual peace treaty, the land barons ultimately persuaded King John to enter into the agreement, which granted many personal liberties to the barons and other privileged citizens. King John, however, intended for this document to be repudiated in short order and, in fact, he went to the Pope, pleading he was under duress and coercion when he placed his seal on it. The Pope declared Magna Carta was “null and void of all validity forever.”

Despite their actions, however, history has told a different story. Over time, Magna Carta has become the most enduring symbol of “the rule of law” and continues to provide relevance to our lives today.

In addition to incorporating the overarching rule of law, our founding fathers embedded other legal principles from Magna Carta in the new nation they were developing. They barred taxation without representation. They prohibited government from enacting cruel and unusual punishment, from imposing excessive bail or fines, and from taking private property for public use without just compensation. They ensured the freedom of religion, separation of church and state, and freedom from unlawful search or seizure. They guaranteed the right to trial by a jury of your peers and a speedy trial. They assured due process of law and equal protection under the law. They also, I might add, required that judges be trained and certified, fair and impartial. Magna Carta’s influence also can be seen throughout our Missouri constitution and laws, too, as well as those of many states.

American judges also quote Magna Carta in judgments and opinions. The United States Supreme Court first referenced it in an 1819 opinion and, today, Supreme Court references to Magna Carta exceed 100. Recently, Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts noted that “our American experiment has not reached a third of the age of Magna Carta, but we have given Magna Carta’s core concepts concrete meaning…in our constitutional framework.”

In one famous case in which Magna Carta was used for its proposition that no one is above the law, a federal district court denied the delay of Paula Jones’s sexual-harassment suit against Bill Clinton, writing that “our form of government … asserts as did the English in Magna Carta and the Petition of Right that ‘even the sovereign is subject to God and the law.’”

Although struck down so soon in its own day, Magna Carta has truly shaped the course of human history in our country and other democracies around the world. Its continuing impact on justice never could had been imagined when it was sealed 800 years ago as a declaration that no one, not even a king, is above the law. In retrospect, perhaps the injustice that King John committed against the land barons illustrates how, sometimes, we first must suffer injustice before we can appreciate justice.
2015 is, without a doubt, the Year of Magna Carta for the Springfield Bar. In anticipation of the exhibit opening in October, this year’s law day theme paved the way for the celebration. Two new law day events held at the Library Center preceded the annual lunch celebration and highlighted the creative and inspiring art and essays by nearly 200 local students. The law day lunch address was delivered by the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, the Honorable Mary Russell. Justice Russell gave a fun and fabulous presentation for the lawyers and community members present. SMBA annual awards were presented, including the first award recipient for the SMBA Video Contest.

SMBA Law Day festivities traditionally end with the Law Day 5K: Race Ipsa. This year’s run was subtitled Run-Need-Mead, in honor of the Magna Carta theme, and the fastest runners received a bottle of honey wine in addition to their medals.

The 2015 Law Day activities did a great job setting the stage. We have been overwhelmed by the enthusiastic support of our community for our Magna Carta project. Fifty groups are scheduled to tour the exhibit and more than a dozen companion activities are planned, including a film series, lectures, and hands-on activities for all ages. Every single community partner approached has shown great interest, enthusiasm and creativity.

It is truly our privilege to bring *Magna Carta, Enduring Legacy 1215-2015* to the State of Missouri. The exhibit has proven to be an unexpected but fantastic catalyst for our bar to engage the interest of our entire community in the Great Charter and rule of law.
MAGNA CARTA: SYMBOL OF FREEDOM UNDER LAW
2015 SMBA Law Day
Happy Birthday Magna Carta!

First Place Essay
By Grace Homeyer, 8th Grade

The Magna Carta was the first document that proved that no man, not even the king, is above the law of the land. I think this statement is one of the reasons why governments all around the world are able to operate today.

I believe the Magna Carta is the universal declaration of human rights. To this day, it is cited whenever basic freedoms come under threat from over-zealous governments. It was the first great idea of freedom, democracy, and the rule of law. Over the past 800 years, the Magna Carta, also known as the Great Charter, has gained momentum and respect and has assumed a greater authority in the key clauses concerning liberty. These central clauses have stood the test of time and have helped ward off hundreds of attempts at annulment, repeal, modification, and suspension by successive monarchs and governments.

The Magna Carta has shaped governments today in many ways. I think that the most important ways are the fact that taxes cannot be levied without approval of the people, the right of the accused to a fair trial, which ensures that no innocent man would be imprisoned, and the right to a speedy trial. Many people over the past 800 years have relied on this Great Charter to protect their basic rights and liberties while faced with persecution by their government. I know that I am relieved to know that my liberties are protected under two great documents, the Magna Carta and the Bill of Rights which was greatly influenced by the document written long ago.

The Magna Carta by definition is the “great charter” of English liberties, forced from King John by the English barons and sealed at Runnymede, in July 1215. When I hear the words Magna Carta, I think of the extremely powerful document that has shaped the way I live today.

I am greatly impressed by the bravery of those 25 barons who wrote the Magna Carta because they were angry with their King and wanted to cause change. I think that they can be a great example to people, showing that they never gave up on standing up for what they believe in and what they think is right. I can only imagine the excitement they felt while waiting impatiently for the king to round the last bend in the river on that summer’s day in 1215.

As we celebrate the Magna Carta’s 800th Anniversary later this year in June, I believe that it is important to remember and honor the ways the Magna Carta has helped to define our freedom. It influenced the Habeas Corpus Act of 1679 which helped safeguard individual liberty, preventing unlawful imprisonment. It was an inspiration to our founding fathers when they wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. You can easily pick out many of the similarities between the Magna Carta and the Bill of Rights. For example, Chapter 39 gave the accused a right to a trial so as to prevent unlawful imprisonment. Chapter 40 gave any accused man the right to a speedy trial. Both of these ideas are stressed in the Bill of Rights. Also, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is said to be the Magna Carta of today. It set out basic rights, is safeguarded and underwritten by the United Nations and has been adopted into the laws of almost every country in the world.

In conclusion, I think that the Magna Carta has been one of the most valuable exports of Great Britain to the rest of the world. I believe that the Magna Carta is the most influential document in history. In a world centered on politics, it is nice to have a document that has stood strong for nearly 800 years that I can count on to protect my basic rights.
MAGNA CARTA: SYMBOL OF FREEDOM UNDER LAW
2015 SMBA Law Day
Happy Birthday Magna Carta!

Writing Contest Awards and Authors’ Reception
April 9, 2015, The Library Center

The Springfield Bar Law Day Essay Contest dates back over 50 years to the beginning of Law Day USA. This year, 101 local middle school students submitted essays. The goal of the contest is to encourage young people in our community to contemplate our system of justice and the rule of law. The 2015 award recipients were announced at their own special award ceremony honoring the young authors. Twelve local middle school students were recognized for their interpretation of the theme: Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law.

WINNERS

1st Place  Grace Homeyer, 8th grade
2nd Place  Grace Hanchett, 7th grade
3rd Place (tie)  Matthew Byers, 8th grade and Ryan Dirksen, 8th grade
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Poster Contest Winners

1st Place, Eric Anderson

2nd Place, Khan Garcia

3rd Place, Caeser Lopez
On April 3, 2015 the Springfield Bar announced the winners of the annual poster contest to a standing room only crowd of at the Library Center. Ninety elementary school students submitted their interpretation of “Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law” which featured lots of flags, a few eagles, some ancient scrolls and a couple of kittens. The field was narrowed to fifteen finalists and winning students, their families and teachers showed up to receive their awards and help celebrate the 800th birthday of the Great Charter. An exhibit of all the posters submitted was displayed for two weeks at the Library Center where an estimated 20,000 people passed through the concourse and viewed the students’ outstanding work.
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