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## **Anne Frank Exhibit to Tour Fairbanks High Schools and Noel Wien Library**

**Fairbanks, AK** – A pop-up exhibition about the life of Anne Frank has been traveling in Alaska this month. The exhibition, “**Anne Frank – A History for Today**” presented by the Anne Frank House and the Consulate General of the Netherlands, tells the history of the Holocaust and World War II from the perspective of Anne Frank and her family.

The 30-panel traveling exhibition will arrive in Fairbanks on Wednesday, Oct 17, 2018, after spending the first half of October in Anchorage. In Fairbanks, the exhibit will be on view in several high schools and the Noel Wien Library. After a two-day class held last week, local high school students will act as docents for the exhibit as it visits Lathrop High School, West Valley High School and Monroe Catholic High School, and for the public at the Noel Wien Library. The exhibit was in Anchorage for the last two weeks, touring several high schools and Z.J. Loussac Library.

“The United States and the Netherlands share the same values of tolerance, freedom and inclusion. Therefore, we should challenge ourselves to think about the role of those values in our own life,” says Netherlands Consul General Gerbert Kunst, who was in Anchorage for the exhibition opening on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Anchorage Museum. “Especially in these times, when discrimination and exclusion are a much-debated topic again, the lessons we learned from Anne should not be forgotten. In a recent poll 72 percent of American youth said they have not heard of the Holocaust. That’s why it is important we share Anne Frank’s story with youth in Alaska and around the world.”

FNSB Libraries Director Melissa Harter said, “I cannot say enough about my experience with this exhibit. I will never forget observing the docent training and witnessing the growth in these young adults. I am thrilled that Fairbanks will have the opportunity to see the Anne Frank - A History for Today exhibit coming all the way from the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. What a valuable learning opportunity this is for our community!”

The **Anne Frank – A History for Today** installation will be on view at the Noel Wien Library in Fairbanks on Thursday and Friday, October 25-26, 2018 from 10 am to 6 pm with four (4) tours scheduled each day, and on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10 am to 5 pm.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Melissa Harter, FNSB Libraries Director at 907-459-1029.

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