



## ***Strong Men & Women in Virginia History 2016***

A Traveling Panel Exhibition from

The Library of Virginia

In partnership with Dominion, the Library of Virginia announces the availability of *Strong Men & Women in Virginia History 2016*, an annual project that honors eight African Americans, living or deceased, for their contributions to the commonwealth. Honorees for 2016 are

- Anne Bethel Spencer, Lynchburg, poet
- Thomas Cannon, Richmond, philanthropist
- Clarence M. Dunnaville Jr, Roanoke, attorney
- Claude Grandford Perkins, Richmond, president of Virginia Union University
- Mamie Evelyn Locke, Hampton, legislator
- Leroy Rountree Hassell Sr, Norfolk, judge
- Melody C. Barnes, Richmond, attorney and government official
- Michael Robinson, Richmond, football player and youth mentor

The banner exhibition is available **free of charge** for a loan period of **six weeks**, inclusive of shipping dates.

*Strong Men & Women* is comprised of five free-standing pull-up banner units. Text and image panels are visible on both sides, requiring that the exhibition be in an open area of approximately 120 sq. ft. (12' x 10'). Two people are requested to set up the display. The unit requires minimal security but must be installed inside the venue and away from food or drink. Instructions for installation and deinstallation are included with the units.



This image is informational only.

The exhibition is transported by common carrier, such as UPS or FedEx, at no charge to the venue. The Library of Virginia will contact venues approximately one week before the beginning/end of the loan period to alert them when to expect delivery/pick-up. The Library of Virginia will handle all shipping scheduling with the carrier. The venues are responsible for repacking the exhibition with the original packing materials, as instructed.

Host venues will inspect the exhibition when it is unpacked and installed and report any damage immediately to the Library of Virginia. If the exhibition is damaged, the host venue will be invoiced by the Library of Virginia for the cost of replacing the banner.

The host venue is encouraged to develop programs related to African American history or a complementary exhibition honoring local African Americans. An enhanced website with educational materials to accompany the exhibition is available on the Library of Virginia's web site, [www.lva.virginia.gov/smw](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/smw).

If you wish to book this exhibition, please contact Barbara C. Batson, Exhibitions Coordinator, at 804-692-3518 or [barbara.batson@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:barbara.batson@lva.virginia.gov).