



**Daphne Cox**

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[Janice C. Dillman](#) and I made a stop to visit the History of the Lantz Mills Deaf Village featured in traveling exhibit at Waynesboro Public Library today.

Between 1740 and 1970, Lantz Mills, Virginia, was home to many families with a mix of hearing and deaf parents and at least one or more deaf siblings. When both the hearing and deaf members of a locality use a shared visual language to communicate, that is known as a shared signing community. Those familiar with deaf culture may know that Martha's Vineyard, the island off Massachusetts, was home to a shared signing community where 25% of the population was deaf. But few know that Virginia had a deaf village and shared signing community in Shenandoah County.

This six-panel traveling exhibition features the history of prominent deaf villagers such as the Hollar and Christian families, deaf members' involvement in local businesses, and even a budding romance within the community. Each panel includes a QR code that links to ASL interpretation of the text featured.

The traveling exhibit at the Waynesboro Public Library shares the history of the Lantz Mills Deaf Culture in six panels based on a booklet written by deaf historian and Lantz Mills Deaf Village descendent Kathleen [Brockway](#).

The exhibit comes to Waynesboro by the generosity of the Library of Virginia with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Sorenson Foundation.

The exhibit will be on display through August 26, 2023. Go and check out the display.

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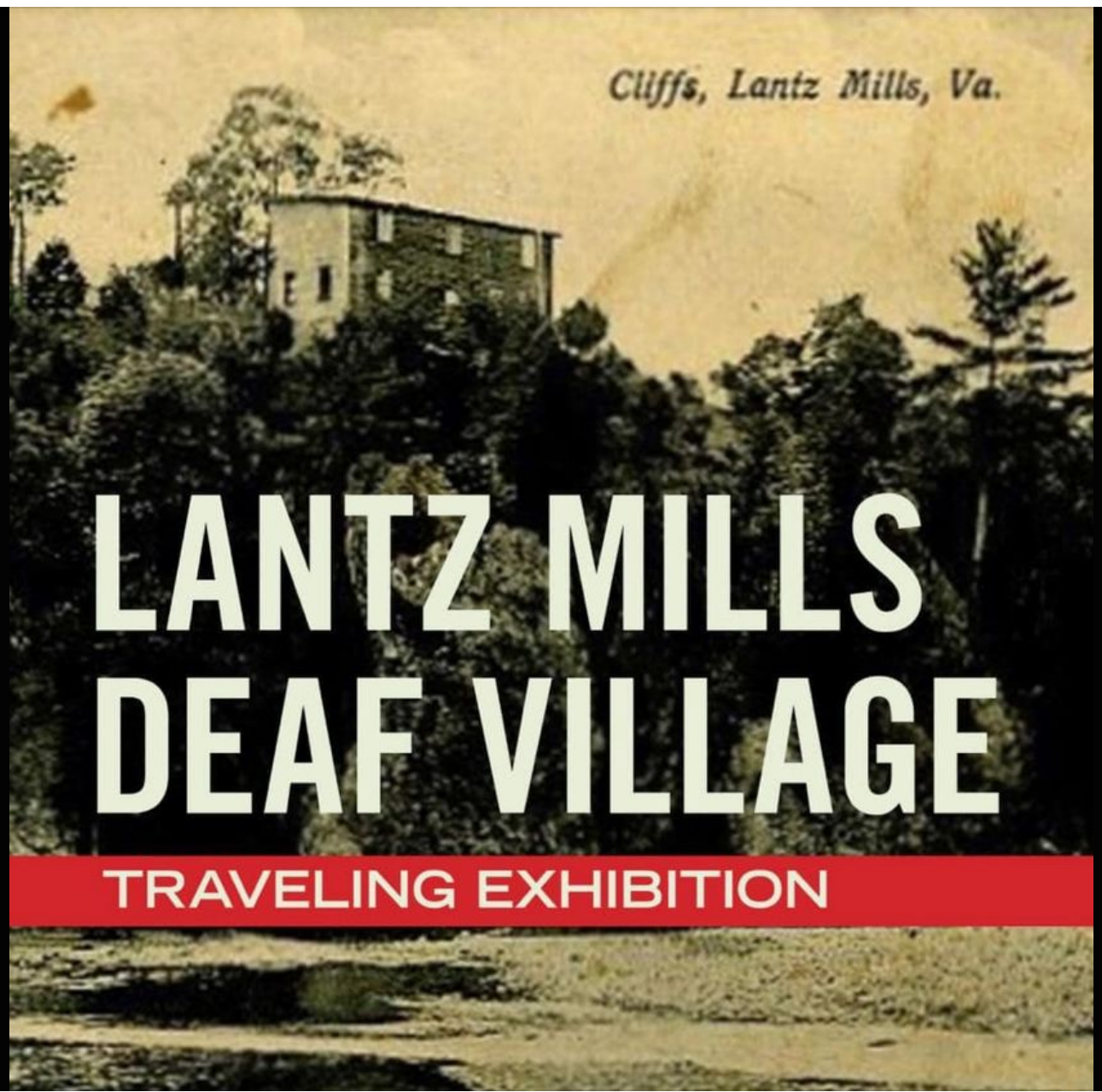
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Brockway Kathleen

Yay! You stopped by! ❤️❤️

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Brockway Kathleen

If any closer to your home library - you can check schedule of listing rvsp libraries through [deaflibva.org](http://deaflibva.org) !



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Tester C Janis

230 years! Wow. 🙌❤️ 2

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Doris Lyon

Interesting ! ❤️

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Sharon Kocher

Thanks for sharing this with us. ❤️

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Paul W Daniels

Where will the exhibit go after August 26? 🙌

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Brockway Kathleen replied · 1 Reply



Eve Christian

Hi Daffy..thanks for sharing this. My hubby, William LeRoy and David Reedy (Charity Warigon's father) often shared stories relating to the Lantz Mills group. My favorite was the one where David (deaf) flew a small plane low over where the two families ... [See more](#)

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Brockway Kathleen replied · 2 Replies



Helen Evans

Yeah WOW for 230 years. It is very interesting of history.





**Patty Moers-Patterson**

Wow! This is very cool! Thanks for posting, Daphne 😊

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**Tracey Mawyer**

Bobby and I recently went to Waynesboro Library today and the exhibits was nice and simple.



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**Tracey Mawyer**

