



Remembering the PLEDGE . . . Delivering the PROMISE!

WESTERN AREA INITIATIVE

MAYME CLAYTON LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The Western Area initiative is the Mayme Clayton Library and Museum in Culver City, California. The MCLM maintains the world’s largest privately held collection of rare and out-of-print books, documents, films, music, photographs and memorabilia of African American culture and history. The collection contains adult and children literature, the arts, pre-civil war materials, rare books authored by African Americans, music from Negro spirituals to jazz; rhythm & blues to rock and roll; rap to hip hop; sheet music that dates from the mid 1800’s.

- The Mission—is to collect and preserve the exhibit, celebrate the unique history and cultural heritage of Americans of African descent to provide a complete view of American History by dispelling the myths about African Americans.
- The Goal—to get the collection to safety in its new home, launch a capital campaign to hire personnel, renovate the facility, organizes the collection for public use and implementation of program activities.
- The Purpose—is to use our resources to aid the promotion and pride of African American’s creativity and contribution to the Arts.
- The Vision—is to support a world class facility that will house the largest and most academically substantial privately held collection of rare and out of print books, documents, films, music, photographs and memorabilia on African American history and culture in the United States.

“The Time Has Come for the Western Area to have a world-class research library , museum, repository and media-based cultural institution that stands as an international tribute to African American intelligence, creativity and nobility“

Service Delivery Model

Resources	Activities	Participants	1-2 years	3-4 years	Long Term
Volunteers Grant writers	cataloging technology assistance Docents Maintenance	Students, Teachers Link Members Researchers	50% of Collection, inventoried, catalogued, digitized for usage by Jan.08	Ribbon cutting June 09. Limited usage by Jan.- Feb.09	Worldwide recognition of the MCLM as a world class research library & educational cultural center.

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