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Experience the Majesty of African Motherhood at Central Library

The **Central Library, 1901 Vine Street**, hosts a collaborative exhibit of authentic and rare carved sculptures from West and Central Africa titled, *The Majesty of African Motherhood*. The sculptures are displayed in the West Wing Gallery.

Admission to the exhibition, which runs through April 30, is free and the public is invited. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

These African mother and child figures are from the private collection of local preservers, David Lawrence and Herman Bigham. There are over 50 priceless sculptures representing diverse cultural traditions and affirming various aspects of African motherhood. One such sculpture, *Bamoum Ancestral Mother*, originates from Cameroon, Central Africa and is a representation of the pregnant mother of fertility and mankind.

Some of these Museum quality pieces have been valued between thirty and forty thousand dollars by the Director of **Sotheby's** African & Oceanic Section.

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