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2010 All-America City Quilt to be on Display at Bentonville Public Library

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Bentonville is the second stop on the 2010 All-America City quilt tour, sponsored by the National Civic League. The twenty-three city tour began Saturday, Oct. 16 in Chandler, AZ. The quilt will be displayed in 19 states during the next year, making its final stop in Middleton, Wisconsin.

Bentonville was selected as an All-America City finalist on April 6, 2010, the nation's oldest and most prestigious civic recognition award. As part of the competition, each finalist designed a 12-inch X 12-inch quilt square piece to create the 2010 All-America City quilt.

Ard Hoyt, a local children's book illustrator, created a custom illustration for Bentonville's quilt square. His design simulates a growing tree and was used in props and clothing for the presentation to the National Civic League in June. The Bentonville Big Book that was used as a backdrop in the presentation is on display in the Bentonville Public Library near the magazine reading area.

"It is fitting that the finalist for the All-America City award are represented through the symbol of a quilt. As a Bentonville representative to the All-America City competition, I was impressed by how each city worked so very hard to make itself an award winning part of our Country's beautiful tapestry. Seeing the quilt will help the citizens of Bentonville experience the differences and the interconnectedness that makes every city and its citizens, an All-America City," says Miguel Rivera, a Bentonville Planning Commissioner and Bentonville delegate to the All-America City competition.

The quilt will be on display from Oct. 29 through Nov. 4 at the Bentonville Public Library, located at 405 S Main Street, near the genealogy area. For more information, contact the Sue Pikel at the Bentonville Public Library at 479-271-3192.

