

APALA presents:

Communities & Libraries Challenge Adversity through Community Activism & Coalition Building

**Sunday June 26, 10:30am – 12:00noon
Morial Convention Center, Room 287**

A librarian and two community organizers will present stories of their work to help rebuild one of the communities hit hardest by Hurricane Katrina in 2005: the Vietnamese Community of Versailles. The speakers will talk about their work in mobilizing the community across race and generations to successfully stop a landfill operation in their community and at the Bayou Sauvage National Wetland Refuge nearby. Their struggles and triumphs have been captured in the film documentary, *A Village Called Versailles*. A 15-minute clip of the film will be shown as part of the program.

Speakers:

Kim Tran, New Orleans Public Library

Minh Nguyen, Community activist and Executive Director VAYLA Youth Community Center, website: www.vayla-no.org

Daniel Nguyen, Workforce Development Coordinator and Environmental Justice Coordinator

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APALA is leading a donation campaign to raise money and books for the New Orleans East Library. Please bring your donation to the program if you would like to contribute.

For more information about APALA sponsored events in New Orleans, including a bus tour of the Vietnamese Community on Friday, June 24th, please visit our website at www.apalaweb.org.

