

Black Jack Logan: Civil War General, Senator, King-Maker program at the Princeville Museum

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The Princeville Heritage Museum in conjunction with the Lillie M. Evans Library will be presenting the second program in our Lincoln series on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm. This free program will be held at the Museum. Brian Fox Ellis will introduce us to Black Jack Logan: Civil War General, Senator, King-Maker. As one historian has said, John A. Logan is the most important character of the 19th century who is completely forgotten in the 21st. How does a man go from small town lawyer to Vice Presidential Candidate? What pushed him from becoming Abraham Lincoln's bitter rival to campaigning for Lincoln's re-election? How does an unabashed racist and author of Illinois' notorious Black Laws become an advocate for African American equality and education? Spend an hour with this enigmatic character and maybe you will better understand why Frederick Douglas once said, "If a man like Black Jack Logan can have a change of heart then there is hope for everyone."

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This is the second program offered during the *Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War* exhibit. The exhibit will be on display at the Princeville Heritage Museum from April 7, 2014 through May 9, 2014. Regular hours at the Princeville Heritage Museum during this exhibit will be Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10am-2pm; Tuesdays from 2pm-8pm; and Thursdays from 2pm-6pm. The exhibit is closed on Sundays. There is no charge for admission. The Museum is located 325 N Ostrom Avenue in Princeville, IL—15 minutes north of Peoria. The 30,000 sq ft handicap-accessible facility features agriculture antiques, area artifacts, genealogy research, and more. The Akron Townhouse School, a one-room school, is located on the Museum grounds. For more information and for booking class visits, please call the Museum (309) 385-1916.

The next programs in the series include a special tea with Mrs. Lincoln on April 22nd 1pm (please call the Museum @ 385-1916 for reservations) and Anti-Slavery Movement in Black & White on April 29th 6:30pm. Visit the LME Library website at [lmeibrary.org](http://lmeibrary.org) for more information on these programs.

*Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War* is a traveling exhibition for libraries and was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The traveling exhibition has been made possible by a major grant from the

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