

Illinois in the Civil War program at the Princeville Museum

The Princeville Heritage Museum in conjunction with the Lillie M. Evans Library will be presenting the first program in our Lincoln series entitled Illinois in the Civil War on Tuesday, April 8th 6:30pm. This free program will be held at the Museum. Tom Emery will start us off with a general overview of the Civil War in Illinois. Topics include: leading Illinois generals and regiments; home life in Illinois during the Civil War; Civil War prisons in the state; divided North/South sentiments in Illinois; highlights of Illinois troops in major battles; leading non-military figures from Illinois; and notable riots and unrest in Illinois. This program is suitable for adult and young adult audiences.

This is the first program offered during the *Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War* exhibit. The opening reception will be Saturday, April 5th from 2-4pm at the Princeville Heritage Museum. This is the first opportunity to preview this national traveling exhibit, and the public is invited to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on display at the Princeville Heritage Museum from April 7, 2014 through May 9, 2014. Organized thematically, it explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the war—the secession of Southern states, slavery, and wartime civil liberties. Visitors will leave the exhibition with a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.

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 program in the series will be on April 15th 6:30pm. Brian Fox Ellis will present Black Jack Logan: Civil War General, Senator, King-Maker. Other upcoming programs 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. Two of the programs, Black Jack Logan and the Anti-Slavery Movement in Black & White were provided through a grant from the IHC Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Visit the LME Library website at 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 National Endowment for the Humanities. *Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War* is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center.