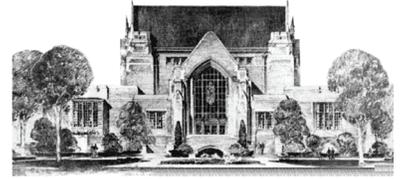


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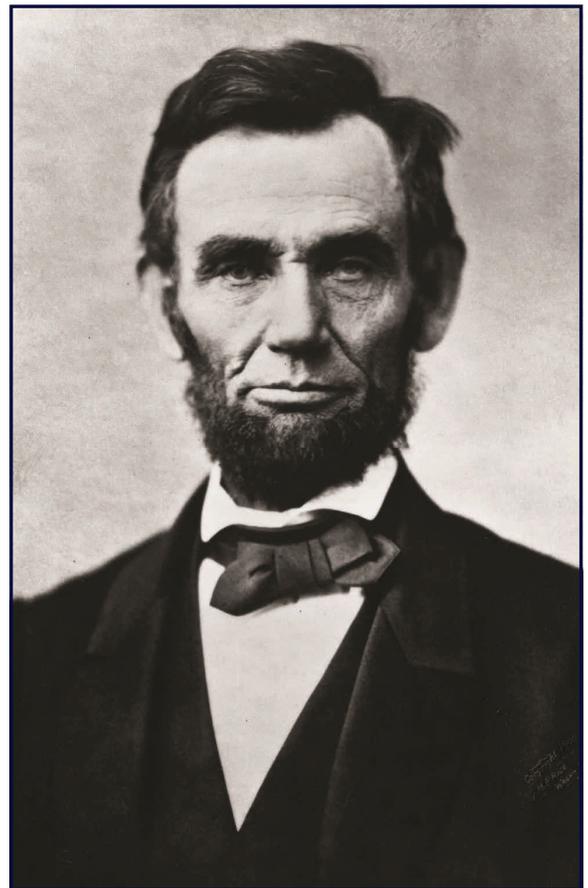
Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War

Booth Library is currently hosting a national traveling exhibit titled *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. The exhibit and concurrent events will be held at the library through Oct. 16.

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War offers a fresh perspective on Abraham Lincoln's presidency. Organized thematically, the exhibition explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil War — the secession of Southern states, slavery, and wartime civil liberties. The exhibition presents a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.

"Abraham Lincoln has always been a figure of much study and fascination, especially here in East Central Illinois," said Allen Lanham, dean of library services. "This series will take a look at an especially stressful time of his life, as he struggled to make decisions that would preserve the Union during the Civil War."

In addition to the national exhibit, related exhibits will be on display on a variety of subjects. These include: Lincoln's close connections to Coles County; the Charleston Riot of 1864; a chronology of the Civil War; a look at Ford's Theatre, the site of Lincoln's assassination; popular fiction about Lincoln and the Civil War; editorial cartoons of the period; Coles County soldiers of the Civil War;



Abraham Lincoln, photographed
by Alexander Gardner on Nov. 8, 1863.



EIU President David Glassman greets history professor Lynne Curry at the opening reception for *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*, on Sept. 10. Dr. Curry gave the keynote presentation: *Liberty, Security, History: Lessons from Lincoln in the Civil War*.

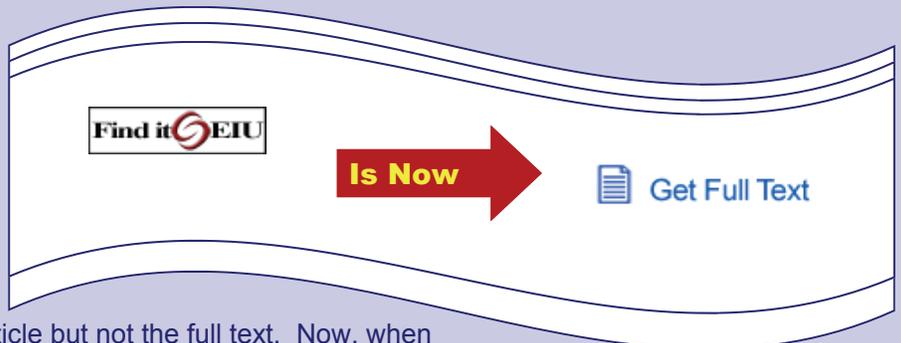
and photographic portraits of Lincoln. During the six-week period of the exhibit, the library will host several programs related to the Lincoln family and the Civil War era.

Lanham invites Eastern students, faculty and staff, as well as community members, to visit the exhibit any time the library is open. Upcoming programs include in-costume visits from Harriet Tubman portrayer Kathryn Harris, and Abraham and Mary Lincoln presenters Dr. B.F. and Dorothy McClerren. Scholarly presentations will cover such topics as the evolution of presidential war powers; the development of land grant universities and teachers colleges after Lincoln; an exploration of the anti-slavery movement; and a discussion panel on Lincoln, race, and slavery. Please see page three for detailed event and schedule information.



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Courtesy Charging Station Now Available

A free electronics charging station is now available for patrons at Booth Library.

The station will charge both Android and Apple devices. Up to eight devices can be charged at one time. The station can be found on the north end of the 4000 level near the elevator.

EBSCO Industries Inc., a content provider for libraries, provided the station thanks to the sponsorship of Cooper-Bumpus Insurance Agency in Charleston.

"We've all been in a situation when we needed to charge our phone or device. The charging station will provide another convenience for our patrons while they're working at the library," said Allen Lanham, dean of library services. "We are glad to be able to provide this service for our patrons, and we greatly appreciate our local sponsor for making it possible."



Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War

Schedule of Upcoming Events

September 23			
3:30 p.m.	<i>Congressman Abraham Lincoln and Senator Barack Obama: The Evolution in War Powers from Congress to the White House</i>	Witters Conference Room 4440, Booth Library	Presented by Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, professor of political science and interim dean of Graduate School
September 29			
4 p.m.	<i>Constitutional Issues of Access to Education: Land-Grant Universities and Teacher Colleges after Lincoln</i>	Witters Conference Room 4440, Booth Library	Presented by Dr. Debra Reid, professor of history
October 1			
7 p.m.	<i>The Anti-Slavery Movement in Black and White</i>	West Reading Room, Booth Library	Presented by Jeanne Schultz Angel, Illinois Humanities Council Road Scholar
October 1			
8 p.m.	<i>Meet Harriet Tubman</i>	West Reading Room, Booth Library	Presented by Kathryn Harris, retired director of library services, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
October 6			
4:30 p.m.	<i>Panel Discussion: Abraham Lincoln, Race, and Slavery</i>	Coleman Hall Auditorium, Room 1255	Panelists: Dr. Terry Barnhart, professor of history; Dr. Charles Foy, associate professor of history; Dr. Mark Hubbard, professor of history; Dr. Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, assistant professor of history; and Dr. Malgorzata Rymysza-Pawlowska, assistant professor of history
October 8			
7 p.m.	<i>A Visit With the Lincolns</i>	West Reading Room, Booth Library	Presented by Dr. B.F. and Dorothy McClerren, Lincoln presenters

Community Programs Featuring Abraham Lincoln

<i>Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site</i>	Located 8 miles south of Charleston, this site preserves the 19th-century home of Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln, father and stepmother of Abraham Lincoln. Harvest Frolic Fall Celebration set Sept. 26-27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For information call 345-1845 or visit www.lincolnlogcabin.org .
<i>Lincoln's Trial & Tribulations</i>	A dinner theater production featuring Abraham Lincoln and the Matson Trial of 1847 will be performed Oct. 3 in Oakland, IL. The event includes an 1847 meal and visits to two historic sites. For information or reservations, call 508-9113 or visit www.matsontrial1847.org .
<i>Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum</i>	Offers exhibits retracing the senatorial debates of 1858 between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day and is located on the east end of the Coles County Fairgrounds in Charleston, IL. For more information call 348-0430.



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Abraham Lincoln Exhibits are Located on 3000 Level North

Allen Lanham, dean of library services, was recently elected as a councilor to the American Library Association. In this capacity, he will represent the libraries of Illinois through the Illinois Library Association. The Council is the overall governing body of the ALA. Lanham's three-year term began July 1st.



Call for Presenters

Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry, a national traveling exhibition about the causes and aftermath of the historic Dust Bowl period, will be on display at Booth Library beginning in January 2016. The exhibition recalls a tragic period in our history — the drought and dust storms that wreaked havoc on the Great Plains in the 1930s — and explores its environmental and cultural consequences. It raises several thought-provoking questions: What caused fertile

farms to turn to dust? How did people survive? What lessons can we learn? Scholars from all disciplines and community members interested in participating or proposing a program related to this topic are asked to contact Janice Derr at jmderr@eiu.edu or 581-5090 by Sept. 30.

Government Studies and Hearings at Booth Library

As a Federal Depository Library, Booth Library holds a plethora of published hearings and studies commissioned by the United States government — the self-described “largest publisher in the world.” Booth’s print documents are located on the 2000 level north, and searchable in the online library catalog. The electronic documents, CDs and microfiche publications are also included in the library catalog. For the electronic materials, a link to the actual item is provided in the catalog. Recently added documents cover such topics as shortages of prescription drugs, forced labor, wasteful spending, pension savings, cyber-crime, and the Affordable Care Act. Publications from all federal agencies are available. Please ask us for assistance if you need it. We are here to help!



Logo of the Federal Depository Library Program.



The Government Printing Office in 1877.

Awards for Excellence — Encourage Students to Apply!



Now is the time to begin encouraging students to consider submitting work they are currently doing to be considered for a *2016 Booth Library Award for Excellence in Research and Creativity*. Each year, Booth Library recognizes exemplary student research and creative work in any of the following categories:

- Written work
- Artistic work

- Exhibit
- Musical work
- Documentary
- Performance
- Digital media

Applications will be due at the end of March. In addition, applicants must supply a narrative describing the role that Booth Library’s resources played in the success of their project. Application materials will be found on the library website at <http://www.library.eiu.edu/awardsforexcellence/>