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Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Celebrates Lincoln's Birthday

Festivities to include seminars, music and more

SPRINGFIELD, IL: One-hundred and ninety-seven years ago, Abraham Lincoln was born in a one-room log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky. Today, his birth is observed across the country and, for the first time, at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Below is a list of events scheduled for Lincoln's birthday weekend celebration.

Saturday, February 11

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| All Day | Prof. Phineas Fairhead, Practical Phrenologist
Central Plaza (Museum) |
| 9:30am | Abraham Lincoln's Springfield - Historian Dr. Bryon Andreasen addresses subjects such as: Where did Lincoln buy the wedding ring he gave to Mary Todd? What kinds of leisure activities did the Lincolns partake? He will also discuss Lincoln-themed Springfield walking tours. First Floor Classroom (Library) |
| 9:30am - 10:00am | Civil War-era Songs by Randy Erwin
Central Plaza (Museum) |
| 10:00am - Noon | Book Sale and Signing, with Betty Carlson Kay , author of <i>What Did Lincoln Do in 1832?</i>
(Museum Store) |
| 10:15am - Noon | Old-time Tunes by The Prairie Chickens
Central Plaza (Museum) |
| 10:30 a.m. | Ceremonial Flag Raising - The ALPLM is honored to fly a US flag that flew over an Army camp near Baiji, Tikrit in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The flag was presented to the State of Illinois, in recognition of the state's first-rate treatment of veterans, by Army Specialist James Wagner, who returned from Iraq in July. The American flag flew over Spc. Wagner's Army camp. Spc. Wagner feels a special connection to Abraham Lincoln as he shares the sixteenth president's birthday, February 12. The brief ceremony will be performed by local Boy Scout Troop 202 of Springfield. Public welcome. |
| 11:00am | Story Time in the Attic
Mrs. Lincoln's Attic (Museum) |
| 11:00am | Major Findings from the Lincoln Legal Papers - A project |

- team member discusses the findings of fifteen years of research and investigation, including the final phase of the project, a four volume selection of cases representative of Abraham Lincoln's legal practice, which will be published by the University of Virginia Press in 2007. First Floor Classroom (Library)
- 11:30am - 3:00pm **Birthday Party Games and Craft Activities**
Mrs. Lincoln's Attic (Museum)
- 12:15pm - 2:15pm **Nineteenth Century Music by The Prairie Aires**
Central Plaza (Museum)
- 1:00pm **Story Time in the Attic**
Mrs. Lincoln's Attic (Museum)
- 1:00pm - 2:30pm **Meet sculptor John McClarey, creator of "A Greater Task" -**
the spectacular new piece that will soon grace Union Square Park across the street from the presidential museum. The Museum Store offers a spectacular moquettes of this exquisite piece, along with a new life-size bust of Lincoln.
(Museum Store)
- 1:30pm **The Archeology of New Salem** - Archeologist Robert Mazrim discusses the earliest locations of structures that predate those reconstructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, including his efforts to excavate the last unexplored part of the village where Abraham Lincoln owned property. First Floor Classroom (Library)
- 2:30pm - 4:30pm **33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band**
Central Plaza (Museum)
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm **Book Sale and Signing, with Bill Snack**, author of *Rare Personal Accounts of Abraham Lincoln*
(Museum Store)

Sunday, February 12 ★ President Lincoln's Birthday ★

- All Day **Prof. Phineas Fairhead, Practical Phrenologist**
Central Plaza (Museum)
- 11:00am **Story time in the Attic**
Mrs. Lincoln's Attic (Museum)
- 11:30am - 3:00pm **Birthday Party Games and Craft Activities**
Mrs. Lincoln's Attic (Museum)
- 12:15pm - 2:15pm **Nineteenth Century Music by The Prairie Aires**
Central Plaza (Museum)
- 1:00pm **Story Time in the Attic**
Mrs. Lincoln's Attic (Museum)
- 1:00pm - 2:30pm **Book Sale and Signing, with Doris Kearns Goodwin**
Please note that this event will take place in the Library Atrium.
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm **Abraham Lincoln Symposium**
Old State Capitol, Hall of Representatives
- 2:30pm - 3:00pm **Civil War-era Dancing by Springfield International Folk Dancers**
Central Plaza (Museum)
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm **Mike Anderson's Mountain Dulcimer Music**
Central Plaza (Museum)

Wednesday, February 15th

10:00am - Noon

Book Sale and Signing, with Dr. Wayne C. Temple, author of *Abraham Lincoln, From Skeptic to Prophet* Presidential Museum, (Museum Store)

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