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*Authors to present special programs in the days leading up to
Lincoln's 200th birthday*

Springfield, IL — Several renowned Lincoln authors will offer free public programs at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in the days leading up to the 16th President's birthday.

Eric Foner, world renowned historian and Columbia University professor, will present "Reflecting on Lincoln" Sunday, February 8 at noon in the Lincoln Presidential Library. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations must be made by calling (217) 558-8934. Foner is editor of a collection of thoughtful essays by leading historians entitled *Our Lincoln: New Perspectives on Lincoln and His World* (2008).

"Collecting Lincoln" offers a lively panel discussion led by Dan Weinberg, owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, with some of the nation's leading collectors of Abraham Lincoln materials. These include Louise Taper, Philip Kunhardt, Jack Smith, and Rhode Island Chief Justice Frank Williams. This session will be held Sunday, February 8 at 2 p.m. in the Presidential Library. Admission is free, but reservations must be made by calling (217) 558-8934. Weinberg is the author of *Lincoln's Assassins: Their Trial and Execution*.

"The Last Lincoln Lecture" on Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in the Presidential Museum's Union Theater marks the beginning of a discussion by Oxford University scholar Richard Carwardine on how Lincoln understood the world and what role the United States should have in relationship with it. Carwardine is the author of *Lincoln: A Life of Purpose and Power*. The presentation is free, but reservations must be made by calling (217) 558-8934.

"The Lincolns' Marriage" on Tuesday, February 10 provides the penetrating insights of poet and biographer Daniel Mark Epstein, author of *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage* (2008). The 7 p.m. session will be held in the Presidential Museum's Union Theater, and free reservations must be made by calling (217) 558-8934.

For more information on activities at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum relating to the Lincoln Bicentennial, visit www.presidentlincoln.org or www.lincoln200.net.

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