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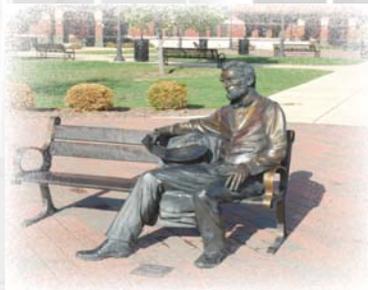
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Rendered in bronze, three dimensional visual tributes to Abraham Lincoln are common place throughout the country. Portrayed as surveyor, young lawyer, newly elected president, and war time commander in chief, Lincoln has been idealized for over 146, years whether as a self made man, the Great Emancipator or Savior of the Union. Posed formally, Lincoln symbolizes the power of the Presidency, while other, more approachable figures, position Lincoln in natural settings. In Springfield we have grown accustomed, and probably take for granted, the figure of Lincoln. But Abraham Lincoln still has the capability to enthrall visitors from around the world who come to Springfield seeking to better understand and appreciate his story.



Director's Corner



Lincoln the Shopkeeper

One of the popular exhibits in Journey One at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum is a fully developed scene with Lincoln and Ann Rutledge leaning over a store counter and reading a book. Lincoln is portrayed as a shy young man uncomfortable with women. "His head was always in a book," acquaintances often said about him. But what of the material world around him? What did he know about the items he sold in the small town store? As we study Lincoln's values we also need to know about *his* material world.

Not nearly as primitive as some visitors have imagined, the store's merchandise featured crockery made in England and inspired by Chinese landscapes. The famous Blue Willow pattern still in production today is a good example. Among the store's displays are bolts of colorful cotton fabric purchased by local homemakers and seamstresses to make dresses from patterns often inspired by European designs. The cotton itself had traveled from the South and was shipped to Lancashire mills in England. But India was also a growing source of cotton. So, a young woman's special Sunday or party dress in the Antebellum period may have drawn on European inspiration, cotton from the South or India, and decorations such as cameos from other distant continents. Blankets were also sold in the store where Lincoln was a clerk, and they look quite similar to the Hudson Bay blankets so coveted today.



I often ask students who are touring the store exhibit if they can name the many parts of the world where merchandise originated. Students then realize that the frontier region of the United States was part of the world including China, India, England, Canada and beyond.

Newspapers of the period, more fully read than today, were lively not only with gossip and politics but with information about revolts in Asia, the Crimea and Europe. Although not as fast as today's internet, the world of Lincoln's youth was connected by these newspapers with distant people, products, and perspectives. Lincoln himself and the young Mary Todd knew about the history and current events in Europe and beyond by reading them.

In March, Holly Kent, a newly appointed assistant professor of history at the University of Illinois at Springfield, will talk about the culture of fashion and its inspiration from far parts of the world. I will also continue my occasional tours of Lincoln the Shopkeeper with student groups.

IHPA Director Retires

Jan Grimes, director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency since April 2008, resigned that position November 7, 2011. Prior to her work with IHPA, Grimes was employed by the Capital Development Board and served as its executive director from 2005-2008. As the executive director of the CDB she played an important role in the early planning and construction of the ALPLM. Jan leaves IHPA to join Frontline Public Strategies in a position that will give her more flexibility to visit her first grandchild. We thank Jan for her service in Illinois state government and wish her the best.



Catherine Shannon, IHPA Deputy Director, has taken on the role of "Acting Director" while the search for a new director continues.

ALPLM says Good Bye to Retiring Staff

The ALPL said farewell to three long-time staff members in 2011. Senior Librarian **Sandra Stark** retired in October, bringing a close to a 40-year career that began in the era of rotary phones, manual typewriters, and carbon paper. Sandy worked as newspaper librarian, supervisor of reference, and in later years as the Library's timekeeper, AND oversaw property control, AND supervised the Micro-filming staff.



Cheryl Pence, Special Collections Supervisor, also retired in October. Cheryl wore many hats during her 20-year tenure: working in the Manuscripts Department, the Newspapers on Microfilm Department, the Conservation Lab, and on various grant proposals and projects.



And, after 35 years of service, we said a teary goodbye to Serials and Acquisitions Librarian **Jill Blessman**, who retired at the end of December. Jill was responsible for selecting and purchasing books for the Library, adding over 30,000 books to the Library's collection!

Jill supervised the serials collection and witnessed numerous technological advances in library procedures, most notably the computerization of the card catalog.



We thank these three staff members for their almost one century of combined service, and wish them "bon voyage" in their new adventures!

ALPLM Department Spotlight: Newspaper-Microfilm Collection

This month's spotlight is the Presidential Library's Newspaper-Microfilm Department and its unique resources. After reading we hope you'll decide to visit.

The Newspaper-Microfilm Collection houses the largest collection of Illinois newspapers in the world with over 100,000 reels covering 5,000 newspaper titles from every county in Illinois, as well as newspapers from other states and countries. Many newspapers date to the early 19th century. In addition, the repository contains microfilmed copies of manuscript collections including those belonging to Abraham and Robert Todd Lincoln, city and telephone directories, and periodicals such as *Harpers Weekly* and *Church History*. The collection **loans out everything** and sends thousands of reels of microfilmed information to libraries across the country. One of the most popular items is the April 15, 1865 issue of the *Illinois State Register* describing the details of President Lincoln's assassination. Another feature of the collection, creating excitement among researchers and genealogists, is the recently published on-line (1830-1860) index to the *Illinois State Journal*.

Approximately 2,000 teachers, students, librarians, historians, and genealogists have used 11,000 microfilm reels within the collection this year! Their areas of interest are wide and varied and include: runaway slaves in 1800s Illinois, a mail truck robbery in 1920s Chicago, and the murder trial of a Chicago Sausage King. Over 8,000 reels of microfilmed newspapers have been sent to researchers borrowing through their library's interlibrary loan system. In addition to providing researchers with source material, the collection contributes to the historical backbone of many ALPLM exhibits.

The Newspaper-Microfilm Collection is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, with the exception of State of Illinois holidays. To learn more visit: http://www.alplm.org/library/interlibrary_micro.html or contact Jan.Perone@illinois.gov (217-785-7941).

Restored 13th Amendment on Display

A fully signed copy of the Congressional Resolution for a 13th Amendment to the Constitution, the official act that abolished slavery in the United States, has been carefully restored free of charge by a Chicago conservator and will soon return to the ALPLM for public display.

After examining the document, Russ Maki, President of Graphic Conservation Company of Chicago, one of the largest paper conservators in the United States, offered to conserve the document free of charge. "...it was clear that conservation services were necessary," said Maki. "We also understood that in this unique case, financial resources were scarce. Given the importance of the document and the obvious need for conservation services, we felt compelled to perform the treatment. We are honored to have provided conservation services on such a significant document from our nation's history."

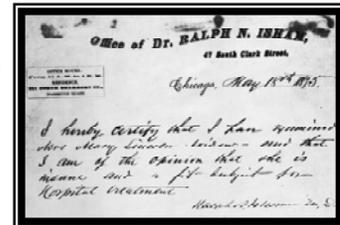


Mary Lincoln Insanity Papers Transferred to ALPLM



Judged insane and committed to Bellevue Place Sanitarium in Batavia, Illinois for four months in 1875, Mary Lincoln's insanity papers have been on file with the Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court since the 1870s. Confidentiality laws no longer apply and the commitment file has long been open to public scrutiny. The invaluable historic papers include pleadings and vouchers, Robert's petition to have his mother declared insane, a subpoena and summons for Mary to appear at the hearing, and the jury verdict that declared Mrs. Lincoln insane.

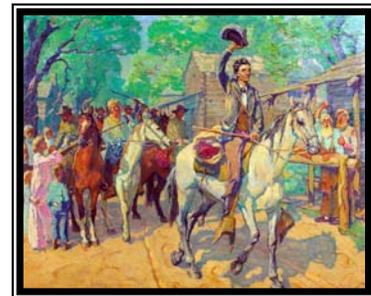
The preservation of the papers is part of a collaboration between the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Illinois Secretary of State and State Archivist, the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission, and the ALPLM.



The move to preserve the insanity papers at the ALPLM was initiated when Illinois Supreme Court Justices Anne Burke and Rita Garman began re-researching their roles for the next ALPLM re-trial event and discovered that the ALPLM did not have the original documents; but only copies of the trial transcripts. "These documents not only provide a record of Mary Lincoln's insanity trial, but also shed light on the fairness of her trial and the motives of those who had her committed," said ALPLM Director Eileen Mackevich. "They are also a wonderful resource for those researching the legal status of 19th century women, the evolution of the legal and medical treatment of insanity, guardianship, and other historical issues."

More Lincoln Documents Discovered at NARA

A Certificate of Discharge signed by Abraham Lincoln was recently brought to the attention of David Gerleman, Assistant Editor with the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, based at the National Archives. While further searching the Bounty Land Warrant files at NARA, he found two more Certificates of Discharge written and signed by Lincoln. Black Hawk War veterans used the documents to verify their military service when they claimed the bounty lands allocated to them by Congress. The discovery of the certificates more than doubles the number of surviving discharge certificates written and signed by Captain Lincoln, who, like other officers, filled out and signed dozens of these Certificates. Gerleman also discovered an 1855 affidavit in the Bounty Land Warrant Files co-signed by Lincoln.



All New: Boys in Blue Opens January 10

The second installment of the highly popular **Boys in Blue** exhibit examines the reasons the war was fought, including slavery, states' rights and preservation of the Union. Actively campaigning in Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Sherman's March to the Sea, and the Carolinas, the Illinois regiments who enlisted in 1862, 1864 and 1865 (56th-156th) will be featured in this exhibit in addition to home front issues and glimpses into military humor.



13th Annual Illinois History Conference

The 13th Annual Illinois History Conference drew an enthusiastic crowd of 196 participants last September. Thursday evening's keynote speaker was Bill Barnhart, a newspaper journalist for almost forty years before retiring in 2008. Barnhart received his bachelor in English literature from Knox College in 1986, and his master degree in business administration and teaching from the University of Chicago. Barnhart collaborated with Gene Schlickman on *John Paul Stevens: An Independent Life* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2010) and *Kerner: The Conflict of Intangible Rights* (University of Illinois Press, 1999). Stay tuned for 2012 History Conference dates.

C-Span Broadcasts Chicago Mary Surratt Retrial



Not Guilty! Such were the verdicts reached by the audience jury in both the retrials of Lincoln assassination conspirator, Mary Surratt—one held in Chicago and one in Springfield. Click on the link below to watch the Chicago retrial. Listen to the testimony, weigh the evidence, and render your *own* verdict! Was her sentence fair and just? Visit: <http://www.c-span.org/Events/C-SPAN-Event/10737425359/>

Bloody Battlefield's Shiloh Presentation

ALPLM historian Mark DePue continues the series, ***Bloody Battlefields at 7:00 PM*** on **April 5, 2012**, by commemorating the first major battle of the Civil War's western campaign, (Shiloh April 6-7, 1862). Held in Union Theater of the ALPLM, Mark's presentation is free, but reservations are required by calling: (217-558-8934).



Raj Gandhi Appears at ALPLM



On October 8, 2011 the ALPLM celebrated the birthday of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi by hosting an exhibit, reception and book discussion with University of Illinois Professor Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of the renowned ascetic.

Known as *Mahatma* (Great Soul), Gandhi was the revered leader of the Indian nationalist movement against British rule, and is widely considered the father of his country. His theory and practice of satyagraha, or non-violent resistance, to achieve political and social progress has influenced millions.

The exhibit celebrated the life of Gandhi as part of the Museum's efforts to commemorate the achievements of visionary leaders across the world who contribute to our understanding of Lincoln's legacy. The exhibit, held in cooperation with the India Association of Greater Springfield, featured photographs of the renowned leader as well as period media coverage.

Fritz Klein: 30 Years as Abraham Lincoln



What began with a two minute community theater presentation had long lasting consequences for actor Fritz Klein. In 1976, he was asked to portray Abraham Lincoln in a one man show commemorating the Bicentennial. Klein initially refused because he thought he was too young (28) and couldn't act old, but the show, which he wrote, was a success. From that point, he took the show to a summer theater in California (1979) and then on a nation-wide tour. By 1980, Klein had a drawer full of invitations to perform and was able to work full-time as an actor specializing in Abraham Lincoln.

Born and raised in California, Klein went to graduate school in St. Louis. A job opportunity led him to Hawaii, where he lived until relocating to Texas. Based in Texas, Klein traveled the country performing while taking stock of his growing career. In 1982 he came to Springfield where he approached the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau with what he thought was a novel idea of portraying Lincoln. Contemplating moving away from Springfield in 2009 he decided it would be unwise to leave during the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. Those of us in Springfield are glad he stayed. To hear more of Klein's interview visit: <http://www.alplm.org/blog/2011/12/fritzklein/>

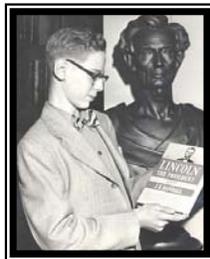
To Kill and To Heal: Weapons and Medicine of the Civil War

Months of planning, research and hard work precede the opening of each new ALPLM exhibit, and in our continuing efforts to commemorate the country's contribution to the Civil War, staff have been meeting weekly, fleshing out the story for the Museum's newest exhibit, **To Kill and To Heal: Weapons and Medicine of the Civil War**. This exhibit opens on **March 30, 2012** in the Illinois Gallery of the Museum and will explore the relationship between Civil War weapons, medicine and medical practices.

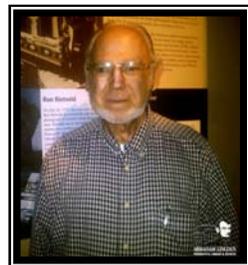


Ronald Rietveld Visits ALPLM

Noted Civil War and Abraham Lincoln specialist Ronald D. Rietveld, Professor of History Emeritus at California State University, Fullerton, and a member of the History Advisory and Content Team for the ALPLM, paid a visit to the ALPLM last October to introduce his young grandson, also a Lincoln aficionado, to the Museum. In 1952, Rietveld discovered the only known photograph of Abraham Lincoln lying in state (April 24, 1865) while examining the Nicolay-Hay collection held in the Illinois State Historical Library, located then in the State of Illinois Centennial Building. To read more about Rietveld's amazing discovery visit:



<http://showcase.netins.net/web/creative/lincoln/news/rietveld.htm>



ALPLM Staff Celebrate Halloween With Style



Donning their alter ego togs, ALPLM staff members brought some frivolity to the Museum on October 31st, proving one can never be too old, or too professional, to enjoy a trick-or-treat. See if you can identify the staff behind their holiday attire.



Winnick Grants Awarded

Thirty-five schools throughout Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Iowa will share a total of **\$23,195** awarded by the Winnick Family Foundation to defray the cost of transporting their students to the Museum for the



2011-2012 academic year. These awards will allow more than 11,000 students in grades 3-

11 to visit the ALPLM. Participating schools include:

Big Brothers-Big Sisters of West Central Illinois, Jacksonville; Buncombe Consolidated School District #43; Bushnell-Prairie City Junior High; Calhoun Elementary, Hardin; Carrollton Elementary; Center Elementary, Freeport; Central Visual & Performing Arts High, St. Louis, MO; City Garden Montessori Charter, St. Louis, MO; East Richland Middle, Olney; Germantown Hills Middle; Harmony Community School District, Farmington, IA; Herrin Middle School Gold Team; Hillcrest Elementary, Elgin; Hillside School; Ingersoll Middle, Canton; Jane Addams Elementary, Springfield; Kennedy Middle, Kankakee; Lawrence Education Center, Springfield; Lewis Elementary, Carbondale; Lift for Life Academy, St. Louis, MO; Lincoln Douglas Elementary, Freeport; Lincolnwood Junior High, Raymond; North Clay Junior High, Louisville; Northwest Elementary, Lincoln; Pathways, Mattoon; Riverton Elementary; Rock Falls Middle; Roosevelt Elementary, Belleville; Round Lake Middle, Round Lake Heights; Russell Elementary, Litchfield; Rural Community Schools, Inc., Sullivan, IN; Shabbona Middle, Morris; South Central Middle, Kinmundy; Triopa Community Unit School District #27, Concord; Washington School, Schiller Park.

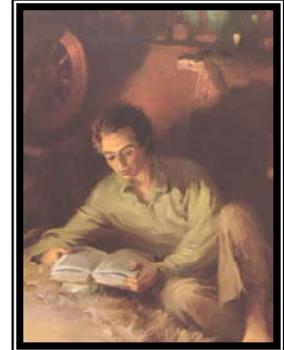
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Want to apply? Download a grant application by visiting the **ALPLM Transportation Grants** page at: http://www.alplm.org/education/plan_visit.html#grants

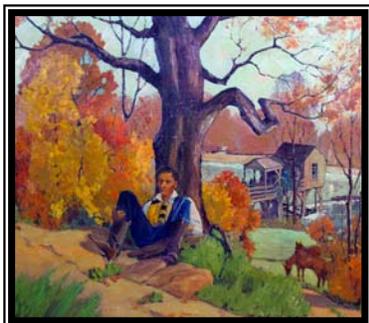
44th Annual Illinois Reading Conference

The ALPLM Education Division will once again exhibit at the annual Illinois Reading Council (IRC) Conference in Springfield, Illinois from **March 15-17, 2012**. This conference is so large that it requires space at three venues: the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Hilton Springfield Hotel, and Prairie Capital Convention Center. 2012 marks the 44th conference.

Approximately 3,000 teachers, librarians, administrators and educators are expected to attend the 2012 conference entitled, **Literacy in the Land of Lincoln**. Award-winning authors including Gary Paulsen (*Hatchet*), Patricia MacLachlan (*Sarah Plain and Tall*), and Jack Gantos (*Rotten Ralph*) along with a litany of reading/literacy specialists will be featured speakers and available for book signing.



Over 117 vendors including: Scholastic, Sleeping Bear Press, Anderson's Bookshop, McGraw-Hill, and Lake-Cook Distributors, Inc, will sell a wide variety of professional development tools, classroom instructional materials and supplies, and text and trade books, as well as clothing and jewelry.



Other activities include an open-mic poetry coffeehouse, pre-service pizza party, and an "Autograph and Hear the Author's Read" session. If you plan to attend, look for us in booth 231. For additional information:

<http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/conference/conferenceinformation.html>



Lech Wałęsa to Receive Lincoln Leadership Prize



Established to recognize outstanding individuals whose lives and actions exemplify Lincoln's legacy of leadership, Lech Wałęsa, former Polish President, will be awarded the Lincoln Leadership Prize on February 9, 2012 in Chicago.

"President Wałęsa embodies these ideals with a lifetime of work devoted to individual equality, reform, and democracy," said ALPLM Foundation CEO Carla Knorowski.

Remembered as the Gdansk shipyard worker who led the anti-communist Solidarity movement that ended communism in Poland, Wałęsa was also the country's first popularly elected President (1990) and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. He now campaigns internationally in support of global democracy and human rights.

"I am honored to be awarded the Lincoln Leadership Prize. This prize from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation also pays homage to the Polish nation which more than two decades ago peacefully and democratically conducted an economic and social revolution. As a result of this transformation, Poland entered a period of prosperity and justice."

Past Lincoln Leadership Award honorees include former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr., and the late television journalist Tim Russert.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation supports the educational and cultural programming of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum; fosters Lincoln scholarship through the acquisition and publication of documentary materials relating to Lincoln and his era; and promotes a greater appreciation of history through exhibits, conferences, publications, online services, and other activities designed to promote historical literacy.

Ticket information may be obtained at: <http://www.lincolnleadershipprize.org/>

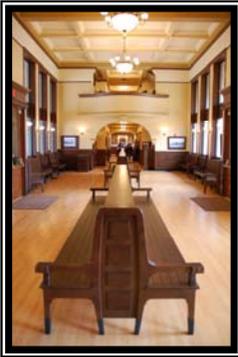
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation: Become a Member

Membership in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation supports educational and cultural programming of the Library and Museum, fosters Lincoln scholarship through the acquisition and publication of documentary materials relating to Lincoln and his era, promotes appreciation of history through exhibits, conferences, publications, on-line services, and other activities designed to encourage historical literacy. A single or family membership provides great benefits including: free Museum admission with each visit, a 10% discount at the Museum Store, the quarterly newsletter *Four Score and Seven*, a 10% discount on ALPLM lectures and special events, and much more. For additional membership information visit: <http://www.alplm.org/foundation/annual.html>



Union Station not only serves as a visitor center to the ALPLM complex but also houses the offices of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

All Aboard for Events at Union Station



Union Station, recipient of a 2008 National Preservation Honor Award by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is the newest rental event venue at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum.

Located across 6th Street from the Museum, the Station serves as an information center during business hours. It is beautifully restored and its stunning ambience creates a unique space making it ideal for receptions for up to 150 people and dinners for fifty

Designed by Illinois Central Railroad architect Francis T. Bacon, Union Station opened for direct passenger rail service from Springfield to St. Louis in 1900. The building was renovated in the mid-1980s into a specialty retail shopping facility and later served as the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's headquarters until it became part of the ALPLM complex. In 2000, the State of Illinois acquired Union Station and began a \$12.5 million renovation of the building and surrounding area that was completed in 2007.

Specific locations within the Library, Museum and Union Station may be rented for a variety of events including: corporate meetings and dinners, association seminars and receptions, government training sessions, and wedding receptions and rehearsal dinners. The Library offers venues for daytime and evening events, while Union Station and the Presidential Museum are available for evening events only.

To learn about Union Station and more rental offerings at the ALPLM, or to request a copy of our **NEW Event Planning Guide**, please call the Facilities Rental Office at (217-558-8873) or email: hpa.alplm.rentevents@illinois.gov.

Intrepid ALPLM Volunteer Decorates White House

While most of us spent our Thanksgiving holiday among family and friends, Jone VanWinkle, longtime ALPLM volunteer, was jetting to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual Christmas decorating of the White House. Boarding a 7:00 AM shuttle every morning bound for the White House, Jone worked until 4:00 PM making bows, hanging wreaths, and dressing mantles.



The tradition of decorating the White House for Christmas is a long one. Benjamin Harrison was the first president to bring a tree into the White House and decorate it with candles. Lou Henry Hoover began the unbroken tradition of decorating the "official" indoor tree. And in 1973, Richard Nixon became the first president to invite volunteers to decorate for the holiday season.

Under the direction of White House staff and AgencyEA, a Chicago Marketing company, 100 volunteers from 36 states and the District of Columbia were assigned to teams under the guidance of designers and decorated thirty seven trees around the theme **Shine, Give, Share** in tribute to American military, veterans, and their families. The youngest volunteer was a 12 year old girl; the eldest an 83 year old woman who used a mobility walker.

Jone was allowed access to every area being decorated, but the State Dining Room was her favorite. Here, vivid coral, tangerine, lime green, and ruby-red ornaments graced four towering trees. Also displayed in this room was the traditional White House gingerbread house made from gingerbread, white chocolate and marzipan. It weighed in at 300 pounds! Surrounded by magnolia, boxwoods, bay leaves and firs, volunteers enjoyed a daily buffet-style lunch in the State Dining Room, beneath George P.A. Healy's iconic 1869 portrait of Abraham Lincoln. How many Americans can say that?



Volunteers Decorate ALPLM for Holiday Season



From a family of snowmen in Union Station to an elegant Victorian-themed tree in the Museum Plaza, our dedicated team of creative volunteers once again transformed the ALPLM complex into a holiday extravaganza. The decorating tradition, now in its seventh year, gets underway in October and runs through mid-January when all the decorations are disassembled and packed up tight for another year.



We hope you had the opportunity to visit the ALPLM this holiday season and experience the magic our volunteers create in celebration of



Holiday Greetings Sent Overseas



Illinois soldiers received hand-made postcards from students from more than 130 Illinois schools as part of the ALPLM **Boys in Blue** postcard promotion that concluded early in December. The submissions from Illinois school children complemented the **Boys in Blue** postcards available to Library and Museum visitors during the campaign.

In addition, more than 600 Library and Museum guests took part by purchasing **Boys in Blue** postcards depicting Illinois' Civil War soldiers that were also sent to three Illinois units serving in Afghanistan. Nine large boxes of postcards were sent to the 1-14th Agribusiness Development Team, 1644th Transportation Company, and the 661 Engineer Company.

The **Boys in Blue** postcard promotion began on Veterans Day and the ALPLM continued accepting the greetings through December 7. The postcards were produced from images in the ALPLM's collections and were featured in the Presidential Library as part of its popular exhibit, **Boys in Blue**.

Good job, everyone. We thank you!



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