Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times: The Exhibit

Two centuries after Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809, he is one of the most revered figures in our nation’s history. Lincoln’s life, accomplishments, and legacy are the subject of a new traveling panel exhibition which will soon be on display at the Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato. “Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times” explores how Abraham Lincoln transcended his age and left a constitutional legacy for all Americans.

The exhibition, created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and funded through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be on display from April 19 to May 20, 2010. Memorial Library is one of 40 sites nationwide, selected to host the Lincoln exhibition. The Library is sponsoring free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibition.

Lincoln and Civil Liberties Panel Discussion: Wednesday, April 14 @ 6:00 P.M.
Location: Centennial Student Union 253/4/5.
Featuring Professor Kathy Gorman, Department of History and Professor Fred Slocum, Department of Political Science at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Exhibit Grand Opening Celebration: Thursday, April 22, 2010 @ 2:00 P.M.
Location: 1st Floor of Memorial Library
Visit the Library’s Web site, http://lib.mnsu.edu/about/lincolnex.html, for a complete list of upcoming events in connection with the exhibit.

National Library Week Activities

• Wednesday, April 14, 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
  E-Books and E-Readers: Demonstrations and Discussion, Casual Lab ML45
The first part of the presentation will showcase demonstrations of various e-book readers such as Amazon’s Kindle, Barnes and Noble’s Nook, and Sony’s Reader. Following the demonstrations will be a brief exploration of some issues related to e-books.

• Wednesday, April 14, 6:00 P.M.
  Lincoln and Civil Liberties Panel Discussion, Centennial Student Union 253/4/5.
  A thought-provoking discussion featuring the insights of Professor Kathy Gorman, History Department and Professor Fred Slocum, Political Science Department.

• Thursday, April 15, 7:00 P.M.
  SLEUTHING @ YOUR LIBRARY with SHERLOCK HOLMES, Bethany Lutheran College, Meyer Hall
  Tim Johnson, curator of rare and special collections at the University of Minnesota’s Anderson Library, will be presenting Sleuthing @Your Library with Sherlock Holmes. There is a $5 per person admission charge, and tickets will be sold at the door. Sponsored by the Southern Minnesota Interlibrary Exchange (SMILE).

• Thursday, April 15, 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.
  Celebrate National Library Week with a visit to Kiyo Suyematsu Music Library PA 203.
  The afternoon will include a recital featuring Department of Music student performers from 2:00 to 2:50 in Elias J. Holling Recital Hall, followed by a reception in the Performing Arts Center Lobby. The campus and public are cordially invited to attend.

• Saturday, April 17, from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
  Chemists in the Library, Memorial Library, Education Resource Center.
  The Minnesota Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS), the campus ACS Chemistry Club students and the Chemistry Faculty will host a combined event demonstrating to kids that science can be fun. This free program is intended for elementary school students.
Honoring MSU Authors

The MSU Authors Collection is an important part of the Memorial Library’s holdings because the works in this collection document the intellectual heritage of the university and the contributions of MSU faculty, staff, students, and alumni to contemporary scholarship.

On April 1, 2010, 24 authors were recognized at the third annual MSU Authors Reception. This event honors faculty authors who have written and/or edited books with publication dates between March 2009 and March 2010. The list of 2009-2010 honorees includes:

Michelle E. Alvarez, Social Work
Candace Black, English
Julie Carlson, Educational Leadership
E. Winston Grundmeier, Emeritus, Chemistry
Han-Way Huang, Electrical & Computer Engineering & Technology
Mary Huntley, Emerita, Nursing
Andrew P. Johnson, Educational Studies: Special Populations
Michael Larson, Mass Communications
Amy Mattson Lauters, Mass Communications
Nate LeBoutillier, Center for Academic Success
Jennifer L. Pepperell, Counseling and Student Personnel
William Peterson, Automotive & Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Robert Pettitt, Human Performance
Melissa Purdue, English
Henry W. Quade, Emeritus, Biological Sciences
Dañae R. Quirk Dorr, Chemistry & Geology
Richard Robbins, English
Gary Rockswold, Mathematics & Statistics
Leah Rogne, Sociology & Corrections
Mahbubur Rahman Syed, Information Systems & Technology
Richard Terrill, English
Edna Thayer, Emerita, Nursing
Scott Wurdinger, Educational Leadership
Kimberly Zammitt, Social Work

It is never too early to share your publishing achievements. As soon as you have published a book, score, etc., please contact the University Archives at 507-389-1029 or archives@mnsu.edu to begin the process of adding your book to the Library’s MSU Authors Collection. To find out more go to http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/authors/intro.html.

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT: ETHNIC NEWSWATCH

Ethnic NewsWatch, a ProQuest database, is a full-text collection of more than 1.8 million articles from 315 ethnic publications. It provides unique views of local, national, and international events as reported in the African-American, Arab-American, Asian-American, Native-American, Hispanic, Jewish, and multiethnic press. A majority of the content is unique to Ethnic NewsWatch and not available in any other database. Coverage dates back to 1990, and new content is added weekly. Titles include Kurdish Life, Asian Week, Jewish Exponent, Seminole Tribune, Appalachian Heritage, The Boston Irish Reporter, Chinese America, The Filipino Express, Hmong Times, and many more.


Library Services Annual Book Sale
Friday, April 16, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., Memorial Library, ML2057
Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Memorial Library, ML2057

Used Children’s Books Sale
Saturday, May 1 from 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., Myers Field House, MF129

Questions? Interested in volunteering? Please contact Leslie Peterson by email at L.peterson@mnsu.edu or by phone at 507-389-2290.