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The State Library of Ohio Unveils Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation State Librarian's Report

[Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation](#), a traveling exhibition depicting Abraham Lincoln's metamorphosis from a moderate supporter of the antislavery movement into "The Great Emancipator," comes to the State Library of Ohio on March 7, 2011 and will be on display until April 15, 2011. In conjunction with the exhibit, the State Library will also display collections of complementary historical documents and artifacts. An opening reception and free program will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 on the evening of March 9, 2011. The State Library is hosting this exhibit in collaboration with the Ohioana Library, Ohio Historical Society, Kelton House, Kent State University School of Library and Information Science, Ohio Department of Education, Columbus Metropolitan Library, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, The Ohio State University Library, Upper Arlington Public Library, local historians, and others.



The articles in this issue of our newsletter provide readers with information about our nation's 16th president, his connections to Ohio, including his connection to one of Ohio's State Librarians, and descriptions of some of the unique items that will be included in the **Forever Free** exhibit. Information about a companion display, "Lincoln: the Columbus Connection," on display at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, is also included.

Articles in this issue also highlight two important anniversaries taking place this year: the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Ohio Statehouse. The Ohio Statehouse will host a number of special events, programs, and exhibits all year long in celebration of its sesquicentennial. The Ohio Historical Society is providing a number of resources including a calendar of events, contact information for speakers and presenters, collections and exhibits, and educational materials for teachers and schools to help commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

We hope you will enjoy these articles and we look forward to seeing you during the **Forever Free** exhibition and other events commemorating important events in the history of our state and nation.

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