

## Black History Month Film Series - *Glory*

The 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry was one of the first formal units of the U.S. Army to be comprised of African American men. *Glory*, the Oscar-winning film from 1989, is based on the letters of Robert Gould Shaw during the American Civil War. Actors Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman star in the film.

Running time 122 minutes

- Monday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m.

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- Wednesday, Feb. 3, 6 p.m.

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## Lincoln: The Great Emancipator or Forced into Glory?

Debate featuring students from Metropolitan State College of Denver.

- Saturday, Feb. 6, 2 p.m.

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## Crafts for Kids - Building a Log Cabin

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin; as his birthday approaches (Friday, Feb. 12), let's learn about young Lincoln and make his Log Cabin with a shiny penny in the window.

- Monday, Feb. 8, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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### *Buck and the Preacher*

After the Civil War, Buck, Sidney Poitier (who also directed), helps freed slaves migrate west. The task is not easy as they face many challenges along the way. Buck meets up with the Preacher, Harry Belafonte, a reformed thief who befriends Buck. Running time 102 minutes

- Monday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m.

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## Lincoln: The Escalating War and the Slavery Question

Dr. Derrick Hudson, assistant professor of African and African American Studies at Metropolitan State College of Denver, will lecture on the tensions that Lincoln had to wrestle with as he considered the institution of slavery and the Emancipation. This lecture will raise awareness of both the moral and economic dimensions about slavery and Lincoln's role.

- Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.

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## Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln! End of Exhibition Celebration

Join us in celebration of Mr. Lincoln's birthday and the last day of this exhibition. Al Lacabe, Manager of Safety, City & County of Denver, will present the Gettysburg address and Lincoln's 2nd inaugural speech. We will also enjoy a performance by The Sojourners: An ensemble of The Spirituals Project. Light refreshments will be served.

- Friday, Feb. 12, 4 - 5 p.m.

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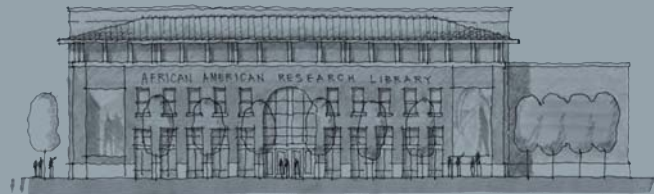
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### *Race to Freedom: Story of the Underground Railroad*

Lincoln has left the building but you can still enjoy our final Black History Month Film. Set just before the Civil War, a group of four black slaves decide to escape the plantation where they work and begin on a dangerous journey for Canada. Fortunately, the four discover the "Underground Railroad," the famous network of whites and free blacks who shelter, feed, and help fleeing slaves evade authority. Running time 91 minutes

- Monday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m.

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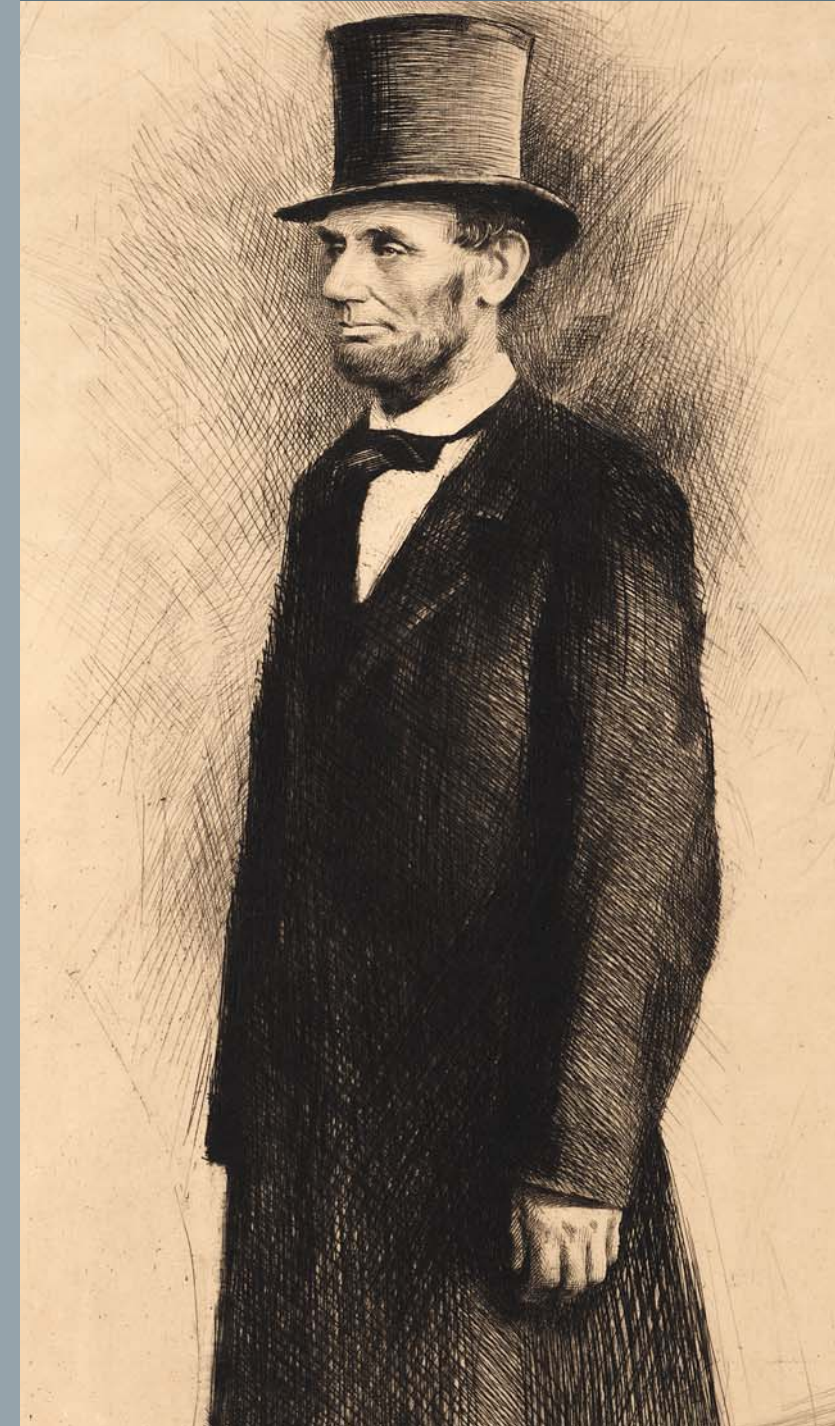


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# LINCOLN

THE CONSTITUTION AND THE CIVIL WAR



December 19, 2009 - February 12, 2010

 DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Denver Public Library is honored to host "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library. The Denver Public Library is one of only 25 host sites on the national tour of this compelling exhibition about Abraham Lincoln and the political and constitutional challenges of the Civil War. The exhibit was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. "Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War" has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Based upon an original interactive exhibit developed by the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, this traveling version explores Lincoln's struggle to resolve the basic questions that divided Americans at the most perilous moment in the nation's history: Was the United States truly one nation, or was it a confederacy of sovereign and separate states? How could a country founded on the belief that "all men are created equal" tolerate slavery? In a national crisis, would civil liberties be secure?

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<http://history.denverlibrary.org/news/lincoln>

Join us for one or more of the following programs designed to enhance your experience of the exhibition! For more information about programs, visit [aarl.denverlibrary.org](http://aarl.denverlibrary.org) or call 720-865-2401.

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### **Crafts for Kids - Lincoln's Hat**

Help us get ready for the Denver Public Library's Lincoln Exhibition, learn about the former President and make a miniature stovepipe hat in the style of Abraham Lincoln's.

- **Monday, Dec. 14, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library  
2401 Welton (80205)

### **Rocky Mountain Letterpress Society**

Celebrate "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" and the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., with members of the Rocky Mountain Letterpress Society. The art of hand-setting type on an 1875 printing press will be demonstrated during this event. Additionally, guests can print their name and a Martin Luther King, Jr. quotation on a bookmark to keep.

- **Saturday, Jan. 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library
- **Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Schlessman Family Branch Library  
100 Poplar St. (80202)
- **Saturday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Bear Valley Branch Library  
5171 W. Dartmouth Ave. (80236)
- **Thursday, Jan. 21, Noon - 5:30 p.m.**  
Pauline Robinson Branch Library  
5575 E. 33rd Ave. (80207)
- **Saturday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Denver Central Library  
10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy. (80204)

### **Lincoln and the Problem of Civil Liberties**

Abraham Lincoln is rightly remembered as one of the greatest presidents in our nation's history. Yet in suspending the *writ of habeas corpus* several times during the war, he took a drastic step in curbing civil liberties. Join us as we discuss Lincoln's management of dissent during the war, and compare his actions to subsequent presidents, including Wilson during World War One, and Johnson during the Vietnam War. Presented by Susan Shulten, Department of History, University of Denver.

- **Monday, Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m.**  
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### **Regis University**

#### **Archives and Special Collections**

Lincoln Presidential Campaign Memorabilia from the Notarianni Political Collection at Regis University. The Notarianni Political Collection contains more than 3,000 U.S. Presidential Campaign items, which were donated to Regis University in 2002 by alumnus Aldo Notarianni and his wife, Peggy.

Abraham Lincoln was a President of many political firsts:

- ◆ First successful candidate from the Republican Party to win the Presidency with his election in 1860.
- ◆ In 1864, his bid for re-election was the first split ticket campaign. His vice presidential running mate was Andrew Johnson, a Democrat.
- ◆ Sadly, Lincoln was the first president to be assassinated, and Andrew Johnson became the first president to be impeached. This remarkable collection of Lincoln campaign memorabilia also includes mourning pins and photographs made in memoriam.

**Seating is limited to 25 people per date.**

**Please RSVP to Erin Lally by calling 720-865-2411.**

- **Thursday, Jan. 7 & Thursday, Jan. 14, 10 - 11 a.m.**  
Regis University  
Dayton Memorial Library, Level Four  
3333 Regis Boulevard (80221-1099)

### **Crafts for Kids - Lincoln Penny Pendant**

Learn about the Abraham Lincoln Exhibition while making a Penny Pendant to wear on Lincoln's birthday or to demonstrate patriotism at any time.

- **Monday, Jan. 11, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
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### **The 4th US Artillery Regimental Brass Band**

The 4th US Artillery Regimental Brass Band is a Denver-based group of musician/historians interested in performing the music of 19th-Century brass bands. Attired in regulation style uniforms, the group performs period music on original Civil War era instruments, thus evoking this dramatic time in the history of the United States.

- **Saturday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m.**  
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### **Abraham Lincoln, Civil Rights, and Freedom: A Display of Thoughtful Reflection**

Youth and young adults at the Athmar Park Branch Library will construct a display featuring photographs, quotations, and musings on Abraham Lincoln and his role in abolishing slavery.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 19, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**  
Athmar Branch Library \* 1055 S. Tejon St. (80223)

### **Meet Mr. Lincoln**

The person and character of the 16th President comes alive with a presentation by John Voehl. Voehl is a lifetime member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters. Local school groups, from fifth grade on, will be invited to this presentation. *If your group is interested in attending please contact Erin Lally 720-865-2411.*

- **Friday, Jan. 22, 10:15 a.m.**  
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### **Our Courts Presentation**

Quoting Abraham Lincoln and those who knew him, this presentation provides a description of Lincoln's appearance, mannerisms, and character. Attendees will learn of Lincoln's commitment to the principles stated in the Declaration of Independence and how he helped make those principles part of the U.S. Constitution.

- ◆ **Presented by Judge Russell Carparelli** ◆  
Russell Carparelli was sworn in as a Judge of the Colorado Court of Appeals in February 2003. He is a co-founder of "Our Courts," which provides non-partisan information programs to civic groups to further public knowledge and understanding of the state and federal courts in Colorado. In 2008, the Denver Bar Association awarded Judge Carparelli its Judicial Excellence Award for 2008 in recognition of his contributions to civic education. He holds degrees from the University of Virginia School of Law, the University of Denver College of Law and the U.S. Air Force Academy.
- **Monday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.**  
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### **Black History Live Chautauquan Hasan Davis**

This performance is for middle and high school students who will be invited to attend. **Please call Erin Lally at 720-865-2411 if your group would like to be included.** Colorado Endowment for the Humanities honors Black History Month by sponsoring Black History Live, featuring Hasan Davis. Davis will portray Angus Augustus Burleigh a 19th-Century ex-slave, soldier and scholar who went on to become an acclaimed black educator and minister. Davis will interact with the audience as Burleigh, uncovering, perhaps a new perspective when looking at history.

*Note, this program is repeated for the general public on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m.*

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