

An Evening with Abraham Lincoln



When: February 13, 2008 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Where: Kelley Student Center Room 130AC
Who: Keith Erekson, Presenter

On February 12, 2008, the nation will begin a year-long celebration of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. President Bush is scheduled to open the festivities at Lincoln's birthplace in Hodgenville, KY, and the culmination will come in 2009 with the rededication of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. As school children across the nation celebrate the life of Lincoln, will anyone remember that he was a Hoosier? Young Abraham moved to Indiana with his family in 1816 when he was seven years old and he left for Illinois in 1830 at age twenty-one. Here he grew up, he worked and played, attended school and read. Here his mother died, his father remarried, and his sister married and died in childbirth.

This workshop will review the events and sources of Lincoln's Indiana life to make the case that his years in the Hoosier state profoundly influenced his physical, mental, and emotional development. Participants will leave with materials and ideas for teaching their own students about Indiana's celebrated former resident.

Keith A. Erekson is a visiting lecturer at Indiana University Kokomo. He has served as the assistant editor of the Indiana Magazine of History and is currently preparing a book about Lincoln and Indiana. Event sponsored by Division of Education: EdSAC, meshEd, & Graduate Studies