



## Happy Birthday Abe!

**Thursday, February 12**

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln with us. Meet Lincoln, listen to Civil War era music, sing "Happy Birthday" to Abe, enjoy a piece of birthday cake, and have a hot dog generously provided by Vienna Beef. In honor of Lincoln, general admission is a penny the entire weekend!

[Come celebrate with us.](#)

## Lincoln Treasures



**Opens Thursday, February 12**

The *Lincoln Treasures* exhibition highlights key artifacts and documents from the Museum's collection to tell the story of Abraham Lincoln's rise to the presidency, his struggle to keep the country united, and how people remembered him after he died. This exhibition helps us see Lincoln as a student, a husband, a father, a friend, and a leader who changed the nation.

[Learn more about Abraham Lincoln](#)

## CONNECT

Keep in touch with the Museum when you're online.

Become a [Facebook](#) fan, join our [Flickr](#) group, or subscribe to our [YouTube](#) channel.

Subscribe to our [new blog](#) for access to behind-the-scenes activities and expert insight from across the museum.

## JOIN

### DID YOU KNOW...

Hungry for more member benefits? Members receive 10% off all food and beverages in the new North & Clark Café.

[Become a member today!](#)

## SHOP

# A NOTE *from the* PRESIDENT

Chicago is Lincoln Bicentennial central! Led by the Chicago History Museum, expect Lincoln events over the next year, from exhibitions to programs to websites. Lincoln visited Chicago 24 times, and has been popular here ever since. When Barack Obama took the oath on the Lincoln Bible, he followed a long tradition of Chicagoans paying tribute to Lincoln. Make this a year for learning and reflection.

A one-day symposium featuring our very own chief historian, Russell Lewis and myself—*Abraham Lincoln: His Legal Career and His Vision for America*—will be held on February 6 at the Chicago Cultural Center. Presented by the 7th Circuit Bar Association of Chicago, the symposium will feature leading Lincoln experts and Constitutional scholars that will explore Lincoln's legal career.

[Learn more](#)

## Presidents' Day



### Monday, February 16

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Celebrate our past presidents through craft activities, face painting, and a meet and greet with presidents T. Roosevelt, Washington, and Lincoln accompanied by his wife, Mary Todd. A performance, *The Faces of Mount Rushmore*, features the four presidents depicted on Mount Rushmore as they discuss historical events and themes; a military brass band will be on site playing patriotic tunes during the celebration.

[Learn more](#)

## North & Clark Café Grand Opening



## EDUCATORS

### Great Chicago Stories Seminar

Thursdays and Saturdays in February

Earn CPDUs and "Dig into History" during sessions that utilize narrative and the Museum's unique online and onsite resources.

[Learn more](#)

## EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

#### 3 Tuesday

[Do You Fondue? at Geja's Café](#)

#### 5 Thursday

[In the K/Now: Transportation Frustration](#)

[Digging into His-Story: Angelo's Saturdays](#)

#### 7 Saturday

[South Side Soul bus tour](#)

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#### 8 Sunday

[Project Sunday: Chocolate Confidential](#)

#### 12 Thursday

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[Lincoln at 200 launches](#)



## Thursday, February 12

Visit the new North & Clark Café at the Museum. The café menu has food inspired by Chicago neighborhood classics. Enjoy Julius Meinl coffee service plus a selection of soups, sandwiches, salads, and sweets. Next time you visit the Museum, be sure to stop by and enjoy.

[Learn more](#)

## Project Sunday: Chocolate Confidential



## Sunday, February 8

1:30 p.m.

Chocolate is a billion-dollar industry and people go to amazing lengths to pursue their passion for its distinctive flavor. In this film, find out how Americans compare with the Swiss in our chocolate obsession.

[Learn more](#)

## Transportation Frustration



# In the K/Now

## Thursday, February 5

6:30 p.m.

Constant construction, pesky pot holes, frustrating fare hikes and miserly meter increases seem to be par for the course

**15 Sunday**  
[A Day of Remembrance](#)

**16 Monday**  
[Presidents' Day](#)

**19 Thursday**  
[Digging into His-Story:  
Hot Dog!](#)

**21 Saturday**  
[Devil in the White City  
bus tour](#)

[Digging into His-Story:  
Hot Dog!](#)

**24 Tuesday**  
[Inside Chicago Fashion:  
Some Like it Haute](#)

**28 Saturday**  
[Chicago Maritime  
Festival](#)

[Maritime Music Concert](#)

## Celebrate 200



**BIRTHDAY BOY**

"Public sentiment is everything. With [it] nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed."  
—A. Lincoln

On February 16, 1861, Lincoln heard advice from a little girl named Grace Bedell, who suggested that he grow a beard.

when it comes to transportation in Chicago. Find out what Chicago and the CTA are doing to ease your transportation woes and get answers to your commuting questions.

[Learn more](#)

## Employee Spotlight



School Programs Coordinator

**Museum tenure:** Three years

**Job description:** I work in the Education department providing resources for students and teachers.

**Behind-the-scenes story:** A fun perk of my job is getting letters from students I have seen on a field trip or whose classrooms I have visited. I save my favorite ones to put up in my office. It's great to read what kids remember from their field trip, but some of what they tell me is unintentionally hilarious. Two examples of my favorites are, "I want to be just like you, except that I want to be a chef," and "When we went to see [the statue of] Abraham Lincoln, we saw a rabbit. I wish I had a rabbit for a pet."

**Yasmin wants you to know:** I'm very pleased that we continue to be able to offer FREE admission to field trip groups visiting the Museum.