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Honest Abe Returns to Defiance Public Library

[DEFIANCE] – Abraham Lincoln—as portrayed by Kevin Wood—will share his ever-evolving perspectives on slavery, equality, and race relations during a special presentation titled “Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation, and Equality” on Feb. 5 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Nellie Gary Reading Room at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St.

Attendees will hear a brief summary of the long history of slavery in North America, focusing particularly on the great debates and compromises over slavery during the formation of the United States and subsequent 80 years.

“Lincoln” will discuss his own political views on slavery and emancipation, explaining how these gradually shifted over the years, and tell of his interactions with both free and enslaved Black people. He also will discuss the events of his presidency as they relate to these issues, including the significant decisions to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, allow Black people join the armed forces, and advocate for Black suffrage.

This program is free and geared to ages 12 and up. No registration is needed.

“Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation, and Equality” is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library as part of Defiance’s America 250 programming.

For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.