

“This man grew according to the need”:

Concord and Abraham Lincoln

The Concord Free Public Library’s William Munroe Special Collections is pleased to announce the library’s forthcoming fall/winter exhibition and lecture series ***“This man grew according to the need”*: Concord and Abraham Lincoln**. Located in the CFPL gallery, it runs from November 7th, 2014 through February 28th, 2015 and is free and open to the public during library hours.

The unique focus of the exhibit is Abraham Lincoln as seen through the eyes of Concordians ranging from Ralph Waldo Emerson (whose astute observation on Lincoln serves as the exhibit title), Nathaniel Hawthorne and Bronson Alcott to William Whiting and John Shepard Keyes who, serving in his official capacity as a U.S. Marshal in President Lincoln’s administration, attended the president’s first inaugural and was present as he delivered the Gettysburg Address. Also included here are the shared thoughts of members of the Prichard family, as well as the reactions of Henry Francis Smith, Annie Keyes Bartlett and other Concordians to Lincoln’s assassination.

Materials in this exhibit feature selections from the CFPL’s manuscript and image collections, including autograph letters, books, journal and diary entries, and a presidential order. Visuals include broadsides, engravings from the pages of *Harper’s Weekly*, artwork and photographs.

Accompanying Lectures

November 7, 6:30 p.m. Exhibit opening; lecture by Daniel Shealy, Professor, University of North Carolina, Charlotte (currently working on a book about Concord and the Civil War): **“The pulse of twenty millions throbbing in his heart’: Abraham Lincoln and Concord's Civil War.”** **R.S.V.P. to meckel@minlib.net if you plan to attend.**

December 6, 5:00 p.m. Jayne Gordon, long-time Concord historian: **“Considering Mr. Lincoln: Winning Over Concord Twice.”**

January 10, 5:00 p.m. Rick Frese, Concord resident, Professor, Bentley University and author of *Concord and the Civil War: From Walden Pond to the Gettysburg Front* (The History Press, 2014): **“President Lincoln’s Concord Soldiers.”**

February 21, 5:00 p.m.: Len Gougeon, Professor, University of Scranton, **“Transcendental Politics: Emerson, Lincoln, and the Civil War.”**

Coming Soon: an anticipated showing of Steven Spielberg’s film, *Abraham Lincoln*. Check the library’s website at <www.concordlibrary.org> for additional information and programming.