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Middle School and High School Lincoln Essay Contest

The Modesto Library will host a national exhibit, "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times" for the month of June 2010 as part of the bicentennial celebration of Lincoln's birth. Middle school and high school students are invited to enter a Lincoln essay contest, coordinated by the Stanislaus County Office of Education, with awards of \$500 (1st place) and \$250 (2nd place) in each category. Students are encouraged to write a 1,200-word essay based on the following prompt: If Abraham Lincoln were here today, what evidence would he see that his efforts while President had made an impact in our country?

In addition to the cash prizes, sponsored by the Stanislaus County Library Foundation through private donations, contest winners will be honored at an exhibit kickoff reception on June 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Winning essays (or excerpts) may be published in The Modesto Bee. Winners and runners-up in each category will each receive "The Lincoln Bicentennial Collection: 3-volume box set" published by Library of America as well.

Essay contest rules and application are available now at www.stanislauslibrary.org. Contest entries must be postmarked by May 6, 2010 or hand-delivered to the Stanislaus County Office of Education no later than 5 p.m. on May 7, 2010.

***Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times* is a national traveling exhibition organized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The traveling exhibition has been made possible in part through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, dedicated to expanding American understanding of human experience and cultural heritage.**

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