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Central Library Hosts Postmark Stamping with US Postal Service

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is partnering with the U.S. Postal Service – WNY Region, to offer stamp collectors and history buffs a special pictorial postmark commemorating the President Lincoln Funeral Train route. A postmark stamping event will take place at the downtown **Central Library**, **1 Lafayette Square**, on **Tuesday**, **June 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** It is free and open to the public.

Collectors are urged to bring an envelope or postcard with First Class postage affixed to receive the cancellation. Special commemorative envelopes, designed for the occasion, will be available for purchase at the Library for \$12. The pictorial postmark will be applied upon purchase.

The special pictorial postmark was developed by the USPS as part of this year's  $150^{th}$  anniversary of the end of the American Civil War, Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865, and the unprecedented funeral train journey from Washington, DC up the East Coast and across New York State and Ohio to Lincoln's final resting place in Springfield, Illinois. Thousands of Americans lined the tracks all along the route in mournful tribute, and thousands more waited for hours along Main Street during the train's one-day stop in Buffalo on April 27, 1865 to file past his coffin.

Over the past few months, Buffalo and cities all along the funeral train route have been marking the 150th anniversary in a variety of ways. Central Library has a display featuring several original letters and other Lincoln memorabilia from its Rare & Special Collections. "Abraham Lincoln Letters and His Final Visit to Buffalo 150 Years Ago" includes a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P. Chase, reminding him to "make ready" for the trip for which Lincoln will deliver the Gettysburg Address. The display will remain up on the main floor of the Library through Saturday, July 11.

For further information, please consult www.BuffaloLib.org or 716-858-8900.

## **MEDIA IS INVITED TO ATTEND**

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