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LINCOLN UNIVERSITY'S PAGE LIBRARY IS AWARDED A GRANT FROM ALA

AND NEH TO HOST CIVIL WAR READING AND DISCUSSION SERIES

Jefferson City, MO - Dr. Adam Arenson will lead be leading a book discussion on his book "*The Great Heart of the Republic: St. Louis and the Cultural Civil War,*" which was published by Harvard University Press in January 2011. The opening session will be on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lloyd Gaines Ethnic Studies Center in Page Library. Dr. Adam Arenson is an assistant professor of history at the University of North Texas and El Paso. He specializes in nineteenth-century North American history, with a particular interest in the cultural and political history of slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction, and the development of American cities.

For details or to register, visit http://www.lincolnu.edu/web/library/library and click on registration. To register by telephone and/or e-mail and to obtain copies of program materials, please contact Angela Martin, Assistant to the Dean of Library Services, either by telephone at 573.681.5502 or by email at martina@lincolnu.edu.

Inman E. Page Library at Lincoln University has received a $3,000 grant from the American Library Association (ALA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to host "Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War," a five part reading and discussion series. The library is one of 65 public libraries nationwide receiving grants to host the series which will encourage participants to consider the legacy of the Civil War and emancipation. Local support for the series is provided by Friends of Page Library.

In addition to program funding, the library will receive copies of the following works:

- "March" by Geraldine Brooks (Penguin, 2006)
- "Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam" by James McPherson(Oxford University Press, 2002)
- "America's War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on Their 150th Anniversaries," a forthcoming anthology of historical fiction, speeches, diaries, memoirs, biography, and short stories, edited by national project scholar Edward L. Ayers and co published by NEH and ALA.

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