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PRESIDENT VISITS BETHEL BRANCH LIBRARY

BATAVIA, OH- The Bethel Branch of the Clermont County Public Library (CCPL) invites you to join them as they host President and Mrs. Lincoln (*portrayed by Stanley Wernz and Alice Grove*) Saturday, July 14, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

The presenters will reminisce about the home front during the American Civil War. They'll discuss how fashions, pastimes, food, etiquette, and entertainment defined this historic period in American history. Photography is permitted.

Stanley Wernz originates from Mt. Healthy, Ohio. In the late 1960s shortly after growing his beard, a comment was made that Wernz always acted like Lincoln and now he looked like him. In the mid-90's he joined the Association of Lincoln Presenters, and has been active studying the 16<sup>th</sup> president since that time. Wernz was awarded ***Best Abraham Lincoln*** in 2005 by the Association of Lincoln Presenters and has been mentioned in both People and Time magazines.

Alice Grove's interest in the Civil War developed as a young child after a family trip to the Gettysburg Battle Field. She has devoted much of her time to researching this time period and also how the women of the era operated their households. In 2006, she was hired as a Historical Interpreter for the Tall Stacks Musical and Heritage Festival and appears in historically accurate costumes she made from a pattern originally available in 1860.

For more information or to register for this program, contact the Bethel Branch Library, 513-734-2619. You can also visit our website, [www.clermontlibrary.org](http://www.clermontlibrary.org).

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