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East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum with Awards of Excellence in History

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 7, 2018 – The East Tennessee Historical Society's (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization's Annual Meeting on May 1, 2018, at the Foundry on the World's Fair Site in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has annually recognized individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming, and interpretation of the region's history. The Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum was among the 28 awards presented.

Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum was awarded two *Awards of Distinction* for the following programs:

- "Of the People, By the People, For the People" was a discussion series on modern citizenship, explored through the words of Abraham Lincoln. Open to county residents and students, the series sought to forge common connections and continues to be used in classrooms and by citizens and community groups.
- Two additional programs, "Inside the Vault" and "Mystery Skype in the Classroom," provide tours that allow ALLM to reach beyond its rural setting to share the history of Abraham Lincoln and Civil War East Tennessee with classrooms as far away as New York, California, and around the globe.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society:

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has 2,000 members across the United States. The Society sponsors the Museum of East Tennessee History, East Tennessee National History Day, and the family heritage programs "First Families of Tennessee" and "Civil War Families of Tennessee." Its active publications program includes the biannual genealogy magazine *Tennessee Ancestors;* the annual *Journal of East Tennessee History;* and *Newsline,* as well as other books pertaining to the region's history. For more information on ETHS, exhibitions, or programs, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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