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LAKE COUNTY JUDGES TO PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE READING PROJECT, "ONE BOOK. ONE JUDGE. ONE GOAL."

In furtherance of the Illinois Judges Association's (IJA) literacy initiative, and in conjunction with the annual February celebration of the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln, Lake County Judges will be participating in a judicial reading project focused on K-4 classrooms across our state. The program began with sending judges into classrooms to read "Abe Lincoln's Hat" with primary grade students. The book is a delightful account of the personality and adventures of our own Abraham Lincoln and reveals a secret about what he stored inside his famous, tall, black hat. There are additional books that the judges may read, including, but not limited to: "Escape North! The Story of Harriet Tubman" by Monica Kulling; "Malala: A Hero for All" by Shana Corey; or "Barack Obama: Out of Many, One" by Shana Corey.

These stories serve as a perfect launch to discuss the law and history with a judge from the local community. The program was started by Second District Appellate Court Justice Mary S. Schostok, during her term as IJA president, and has enjoyed growing momentum in the many years since its inception. If any principal or teacher is interested in hosting a judge as a guest reader in February, contact the IJA at ija@chicagobar.org or Lake County Associate Judge Patricia L. Cornell via email at pcornell@lakecountyil.gov.

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