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Census Results Impact Libraries Across Indiana

FORT WAYNE (March 30, 2010) – Without federal funding, based in part upon census population counts, historical documents relating to Abraham Lincoln would be less accessible to Americans.

“We’re now digitizing many rare print items in the Abraham Lincoln Collection thanks, in part, to a federal grant,” said Cheryl Ferwerda, manager of community relations and development for the Allen County Public Library. “Digitization makes these historical documents accessible to everyone across the world.”

In 2009, Indiana received nearly \$3.5 million from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. The funds provide grants for technology initiatives – such as broadband access, pioneering projects and database development.

“In 2008, Fort Wayne and Allen County received \$283.5 million for programs based on Census data,” said Dennis Donahue, city planner for the City of Fort Wayne. “Every household needs to send in their form so that Fort Wayne and Allen County receives its fair share of funds.”