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Lake County Judges Participate in Statewide Reading Project, “One Book. One Judge. One Goal.”

In furtherance of the Illinois Judges Association’s 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 sends 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. The story serves as a perfect launch to discussions about history, law, and books with a judge from the local community. The program was started by Second District Appellate Court Justice Mary S. Schostok, during the term of her IJA presidency, and has enjoyed growing momentum, in the four years since its inception.

If any principal or teacher is interested in hosting a judge as a guest reader, contact the IJA at ija@chicagobar.org or Judge Elizabeth Rochford at erochford@lakecountyil.gov.

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