

Edward Ayers to Keynote Lincoln-Thomas Day Program on  
September 15



The Friends of the Juanita E. Thornton - Shepherd Park Library are partnering with the Military Road School Preservation Trust and the National Park Service to host Edward Ayers as the keynote speaker in this year's annual Lincoln-Thomas Day commemoration at Noon on September 15 at Fort Stevens.

Ayers is the Tucker Boatwright Professor of Humanities and president emeritus at the University of Richmond.

He won the Bancroft Prize for distinguished writing in American history for his book *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: The Civil War in the Heart of America*. He will discuss his new book *The Thin Light of Freedom* which carries the story of the war into its culmination in Reconstruction. He will sign copies of the book at the end of the program.

Ayers has been named National Professor of the Year, received the National Humanities Medal at the White House, serves as President of the Organization of American Historians, and is one of the co-hosts for the popular podcast *BackStory*.