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Meet the legendary Daniel Boone at the Linton Public Library Tuesday

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Tuesday evening at 6 p.m., Greene County residents will have the opportunity to meet one of history's most admired and legendary figures, Daniel Boone, portrayed by professional actor Danny Russel.

Russel, acting professionally for more than 30 years, will regale guests with tales of Boone's frontier adventures of hardship and danger, dressed in period clothing and fully in character.

Adult Services Librarian Diane Anderson said Russel's performance is not to be missed and hopes many will attend the free event to learn about the life of Daniel Boone, including his many ties to the state of Indiana.

"We are looking forward to having him at the Linton Public Library and we think our patrons will really enjoy his performance," she said.

Russel, who also portrays American history's Abraham Lincoln and James Whitcomb Riley, averages two to three performances per week, appearing as one of his famous characters.

"Boone is a true American leg-

end," Russel explained. "He was George Washington's horseman in the French-Indian war, led Abraham Lincoln's grandfather into Kentucky, cut the Wilderness Road through the Cumberland Gap, fueling Western expansion, served in Virginia's General Assembly with Thomas Jefferson, inspired James Fenimore Cooper to write 'The Last of the Mohicans' and was immortalized by Lord Byron in the epic poem 'Don Juan'.

In his portrayal, Russel will share colorful tales of frontier adventure full of hardship and danger.

"He loses two sons and a brother settling Kentucky, rescues his kidnapped daughter and defeats a Shawnee siege through pure courage and cunning," Russel said. "He also teaches a few phrases in the Native American language, because 'Ya never know who yer gonna run into in them woods!'"

Anderson said she thinks people will learn as they are entertained by Russel, and the library is a great place for that.

"Boone's family and his Indiana connections can be researched in the library's newly restructured Indiana & Genealogy area," Anderson said.



courtesy photo

Danny Russel appears in authentic costuming as Daniel Boone, telling stories of the life of the frontiersman.

Tuesday's event is free to the public and is held at the Linton Public Library located at 95 1st Street in Linton.

For more information call the li-

brary at 812-847-7802.

For more information on Danny Russel and to see performance clips and reviews, visit www.famoushoosters.com.