WHAT IS THE PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY?

In keeping with the mission of public libraries as sanctuaries of free learning for all people, the Ohio County Public Library created The People’s University, a free program for adults who wish to continue their education in the liberal arts. The People’s University features courses — taught by experts in each subject — that enable patrons to pursue their goal of lifelong learning in classic subjects such as history, music appreciation, philosophy, and literature.

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The People's University
The Civil War 1865 & the Lincoln Legacy
Full Schedule (All classes start at 7 PM)

MARCH 3  THE BEGINNING OF THE END
The Beginning of the End – The Fall of Fort Fisher and the Meeting at Hampton Roads. This class will include a recap of the Civil War in 1864 and the first significant events of 1865, including the Second Battle of Fort Fisher in January and the Hampton Roads Peace Conference in early February.

Instructor: Kris White

MARCH 10 SHERMAN IN THE CAROLINAS
“Nothing Was Held Sacred” - Sherman in the Carolinas
Most are familiar with General William T. Sherman’s ‘March to the Sea.’ This class will examine Sherman’s turn to the north to the Carolina’s, culminating in the battles of Averasboro and Bentonville.

Instructor: Mark A. Smith

MARCH 17: LINCOLN’S SECOND INAUGURAL
“To Bind Up The Nation’s Wounds” - Lincoln’s Second Inaugural.
This class will examine the 1864 presidential election as well as Lincoln’s second inaugural, recognized today as one of the finest speeches in American history. The class will also cover the ratification of the 13th Amendment and a look at Lincoln’s final months before the assassination.

Instructor: Rea Redd

MARCH 24: PETERSBURG TO RICHMOND
“Richmond Must be Evacuated this Evening” – The Fall of Petersburg and Evacuation of Richmond. This class will cover the closing battles in the siege of Petersburg, Robert E. Lee’s subsequent withdrawal from the trenches, the evacuation and subsequent burning of the Capital of the Confederacy, and the flight of the Confederate government.

Instructor: Kris White

MARCH 31: APPOMATTOX & SURRENDER
“If the Thing is Pressed, I Think That Lee Will Surrender” – Appomattox & Surrender. This class will cover the battles and movements of “the final campaign," resulting the Confederate surrender at Appomattox Court House.

Instructor: Patrick A. Schroeder

APRIL 7: PHIL SHERIDAN REEXAMINED
“Five Feet Four Will Do In a Pinch” – A Reassessment of Phil Sheridan. This class will examine the successes, failures and questionable character of General Phil Sheridan, focusing on his involvement in the closing days of the Civil War.

Instructor: Eric J. Wittenberg

APRIL 14: LINCOLN’S DEATH & LEGACY
When the Bells T tolled – Lincoln’s Death & Legacy. This class will examine the final days and assassination of Abraham Lincoln, the chase and trial of the conspirators, the controversy and conspiracies surrounding the assassination and the ultimate legacy of our 16th President.

Instructor: Tom Clemens

APRIL 21: VETERANS AFTER THE WAR
Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty – Veterans After the War. A look at how Civil War veterans struggled to readjust to life after the war, having to face the realization that they stood as unwelcome reminders to an America eager to heal and forget.

Instructor: Brian Matthew Jordan