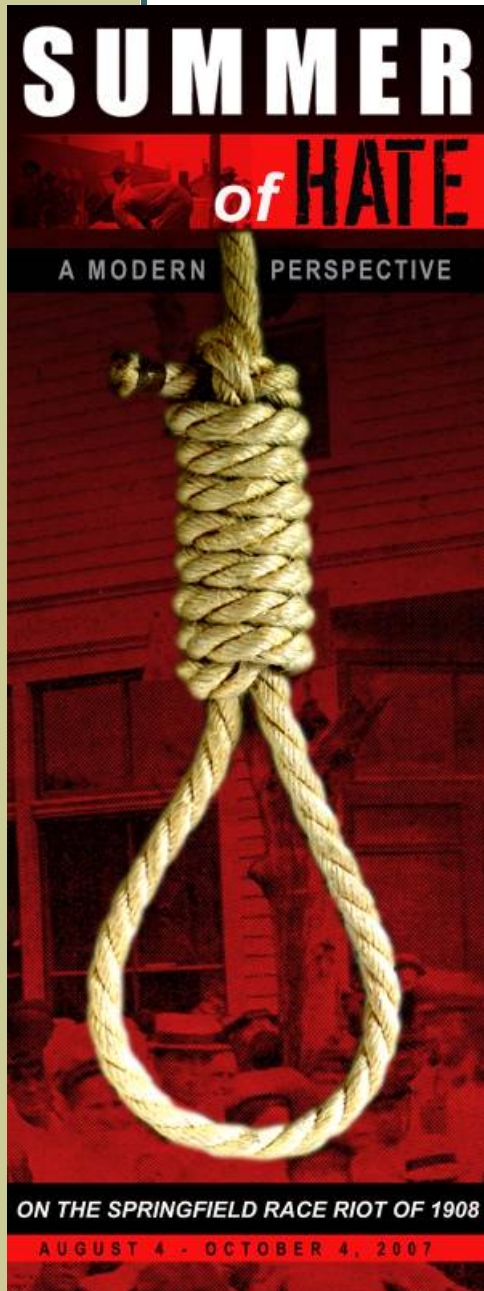


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“**S**ummer of Hate: A Modern Perspective on the Springfield Race Riot of 1908” was prepared by participants in the 2007 Summer Scholars Program at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The highly portable exhibit is easy to install and requires approximately 1000 square feet of exhibition space. It is available free of charge to schools, libraries, and other businesses for display.

"Summer of Hate" was first displayed beginning August 4, 2007 at the Presidential Library. The 14-panel exhibit includes photographs, maps, and historical accounts of the violence in Mr. Lincoln's Hometown that led to the founding of the NAACP. High school students from Springfield, Quincy, Jacksonville, New Berlin and Loami researched the 1908 Race Riot using historical material in the Presidential Library as part of the ALPLM Summer Scholars Program, funded by a grant from the National Recreation Foundation. Students toured Springfield to pinpoint key riot locations, gathered modern and historical images, created maps, and then worked with Library and Museum staff to produce the exhibit.

The Race Riot began August 14, 1908 when a crowd formed outside the Sangamon County Jail in Springfield where two African American men were held for alleged crimes against whites. News that the prisoners had been moved led to rioting. Black-owned businesses and homes were destroyed. At least seven people were killed with many more injured. Despite the arrival of the state militia, rioting continued until August 16. A total of 107 people were indicted for riot, arson, larceny and murder, but only one conviction for petty larceny resulted. Jolted to action by the violence in Springfield, social activists founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

To schedule "Summer of Hate" for your institution free of charge, contact: Erin Bishop, Director of Education, at (217) 782-8403 or via email at Erin.Bishop@illinois.gov.

