A UNIQUE HERITAGE

Presidential Libraries are not libraries in the usual sense. They are archives and museums, preserving the written record and physical history of our presidents, while providing special programs and exhibits that serve their communities. These libraries, described by President Reagan as “classrooms of Democracy,” belong to the American people.

Beginning a tradition that continues to this day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt raised private funds and built a library, which he gave to the U.S. Government for operation through the National Archives. In 1955, this process became law when the U.S. Congress passed the Presidential Libraries Act.

The American Presidency is part of a unique heritage that is yours to explore. Through archives, museums, and special programs, Presidential Libraries preserve the documents and artifacts of our Presidents and provide insight into the times in which these Presidents lived and served the nation.

NARA’s Presidential Libraries include:
1. Herbert Hoover Library, West Branch, IA
2. Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, NY
3. Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, MO
4. Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, Abilene, KS
5. John F. Kennedy Library, Boston, MA
6. Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, Austin, TX
7. Richard Nixon Library, Yorba Linda, CA
8a. Gerald R. Ford Library, Ann Arbor, MI
8b. Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
9. Jimmy Carter Library, Atlanta, GA
10. Ronald Reagan Library, Simi Valley, CA
11. George H.W. Bush Library, College Station, TX
12. William J. Clinton Library, Little Rock, AR
13. George W. Bush Library, Dallas, TX

www.georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu
Welcome to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Located on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, the Library and Museum is set amidst a beautiful landscape of native Texas trees, grasses, and flowers in a 15-acre urban park.

The Library and Museum provides an unmatched resource for the study of the life and career of the nation’s 43rd President, while also promoting a better understanding of the Presidency, American history, and public policy. In the Museum, visitors can explore exhibits that examine the important issues and events of the Bush administration, while immersing themselves in the Presidential decision-making process through unique interactive multimedia.

In our archives, students and scholars have access to a vast collection of materials detailing a very consequential time in American history. Our programs and educational initiatives engage the public and promote a better understanding of our government and shared history.
THE BUSH FOUNDATION 
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George W. Bush Foundation
This independent 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization accepts donations to fund development of the George W. Bush Presidential Center facility, the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, and to support the programming of the George W. Bush Institute.

To learn more about how you can become involved, visit www.bushcenter.org or call (214) 200-4300 or (855) 577-4300.

George W. Bush Institute
The George W. Bush Institute is an action-oriented organization, focused on results-based solutions for improving the human condition through education reform, human freedom, global health, and economic growth. Across all areas of engagement, the Bush Institute works to empower women through its Women's Initiative. The Military Service Initiative helps military support organizations achieve their goals and honor the sacrifice members of the military and their families make. Every initiative is guided by the values of President and Mrs. Bush and provides solutions to pressing national and international issues.

VISITOR INFORMATION

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Museum Hours
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon. – Sat.
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sun.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Admission
Admission is charged. Visit our website for the most current information on rates.

Research
Research Room hours are 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Visitor Services
The facility is wheelchair accessible. Wheelchairs are available at the admissions desk. Video presentations are closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.

Groups & Events
To arrange group or school tours, or to schedule events at the Museum, email bush43visitor@nara.gov.

Museum Store
The Bush Center Store offers memorabilia, apparel, and gifts. To order, visit www.bushcenter.org or call (214) 200-4304.

Dining
The Bush Center boasts a full service restaurant and a quick service café. The restaurant’s exceptional menu is available at www.bushcenter.org.

For reservations, please visit www.bushcenter.org or www.opentable.com, or call (214) 200-4302.

Directions
From US Highway 75 (North Central Expressway):
From the north, take Exit 4, Lovers Lane/University Boulevard. Follow the frontage road to SMU Boulevard. Turn right (west) on SMU Boulevard. Parking will be on the right.

From the south, take Exit 3, Mockingbird Lane. University Boulevard. Follow the frontage road to SMU Boulevard. Turn left (west) on SMU Boulevard. Parking will be on the right.

Parking
Parking is available for a fee in the Museum’s public lot. (Additional limited parking is available on the SMU campus for a fee.) Please consider mass transit. We are accessible via the Mockingbird Station stop of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) System, on the orange, red, or blue lines. SMU's Mustang Express Shuttle provides service from Mockingbird Station to the Museum.
THE GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum features a compelling permanent exhibition that uses artifacts, documents, audiovisual, and interactive components to capture the key decisions and events of the Presidency of George W. Bush. The 14,000-square-foot main gallery is framed on four principles that are vitally important to President and Mrs. Bush: Freedom, Responsibility, Opportunity, and Compassion.

The Museum employs immersive interactive features that tell the story of our nation and our world in an extraordinary time. The exhibition examines the September 11, 2001 attacks and the response of the President and the country in the aftermath. The Decision Points Theater takes visitors inside the Presidential decision-making process through key events of the Bush Administration. A full-size reproduction of the Oval Office, the Texas Rose Garden, and the “Life in the White House” exhibits allow visitors to experience the public and private areas of the First Family’s home.

The Museum’s temporary exhibition galleries offer changing exhibits on a regular basis, complementing the permanent exhibit and illustrating themes and subjects relevant to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION

The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum offers resources and programs to assist educators in incorporating primary sources into instruction, increasing content knowledge, and supplementing classroom strategies. Public events bring top policymakers, historians, and other experts together to inform the public about the past and present, while supporting the mission of the Library and Museum.

GALLERY MAP
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Southern Methodist University (SMU) is a vital partner. A gracious host to the Library and Museum on its beautiful Dallas campus, SMU is a world-class private university comprised of seven schools. Home to 11,000 students, SMU has positioned itself as a leader in teaching and research. The Library and Museum is committed to being a resource for SMU.
Our nation saw evil -- the very worst of human nature. And we responded with the best of America -- with the daring of our rescue workers, with the caring of strangers and neighbors who came to give blood and help in any small way they could.

Immediately following the first attack, I implemented our government’s emergency response plans. Our military is powerful and prepared. Our emergency teams are working in New York City and Washington to help with local rescue efforts.

Our first priority is to get help to those who have been injured -- and to take every precaution to protect our citizens at home and around the world from further attacks. The functions of our government continue without interruption. Federal agencies in Washington will continue to protect our country.

ARCHIVES: RECORDS AND RESEARCH

The 70 million pages of textual materials housed at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum include Presidential Records from the Executive Office of the President, as well as donated collections and the Bush Gubernatorial records (held in partnership with the State of Texas). The Library also holds more than 80 terabytes of electronic records, including over 200 million emails, and audiovisual materials, including over 4 million photographs.