

Presidential Libraries

1935	1945	1955	1965	1975	1985	1995	2005
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History of the Presidential Library and Museum System

- 1939 ▲ FDR donates papers to the federal government of privately erected and federally maintained libraries
- 1950 ▲ Truman spurs congressional action by deciding to build his own library
- 1955 ▲ Presidential Libraries Act establishes system
- 1978 ▲ Presidential Records Act officially establishes all Presidential records as U.S. property.
- 1986 ▲ Presidential Libraries Act of 1986 requires private endowments to offset NARA cost.
- 2007 ▲ Nixon Library now NARA

Current Presidential Libraries by Date of Dedication

- 1941 ▲ Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 1954 ▲ Harry S. Truman
- 1954 ▲ Dwight D. Eisenhower
- 1962 ▲ Herbert Hoover
- 1971 ▲ Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ)
- 1979 ▲ John F. Kennedy
- 1981 ▲ Gerald R. Ford
- 1986 ▲ Jimmy Carter
- 1990 ▲ Richard Nixon
- 1991 ▲ Ronald Reagan
- 1997 ▲ George Bush
- 2004 ▲ William J. Clinton

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