



Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

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**THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
TO COMMEMORATE THE LIBRARY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY
WITH THREE DAYS OF FREE PUBLIC EVENTS
JUNE 30, 2016 – JULY 2, 2016
AND THE OPENING OF A NEW SPECIAL EXHIBITION ON PEARL HARBOR
"DAY OF INFAMY: 24 HOURS THAT CHANGED HISTORY"**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will commemorate the Library's 75th anniversary with three days of free public events from Thursday, June 30, 2016 through Saturday, July 2, 2016. On June 30, the Library will open a new special exhibition on Pearl Harbor entitled, "Day of Infamy: 24 Hours that Changed History," in the Library's vanden Heuvel Gallery (runs through December 31, 2016). Events are free to the public. Admission to the Library and Museum -- including the special exhibition -- is free of charge on June 30, 2016 and July 2, 2016.

For America and the world, 1941 was a pivotal year. Bookended by Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech in January and the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December, 1941 became democracy's moment to stand against totalitarianism.

On June 30, 1941, President Roosevelt created a national treasure -- America's first presidential library -- and gave it to the people of the United States, to be run by the National Archives and Records Administration. Making the papers of his presidency public documents in this way was an unprecedented act.

Since that day, more than 13 million people have walked through the Library's front doors and enjoyed its research facilities, exhibits, education programs and public events.

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On the occasion of its 75th anniversary, the Roosevelt Library will offer a series of free public events to thank the community, and the visiting public, for 75 years of support:

Thursday, June 30, 2016

11:00 a.m. 75th Anniversary Ceremony (Remarks by Michael Beschloss)
Noon Pearl Harbor Exhibition Opens
2:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: A History of the Roosevelt Library

Friday, July 1, 2016

3:00 p.m. Book Talk: William E. Leuchtenburg
The American President: From Teddy Roosevelt to Bill Clinton
7:00 p.m. Theatrical Performance: "In Their Own Words: The Roosevelts"

Saturday, July 2, 2016

10:00 a.m. Family Fun Festival on the Lawn (Circus, WWII Music, Food Trucks)
4:00 p.m. Theatrical Performance: "In Their Own Words: The Roosevelts"
7:00 p.m. Theatrical Performance: "In Their Own Words: The Roosevelts"

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the 75th anniversary events.

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Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. Every president since FDR has followed his example and established a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration to preserve and make accessible to the American people the records of their presidencies. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.org.

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