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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM SEEKS VOLUNTEER EDUCATORS

Throughout 2006 the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is expanding the **FDR Library Docent Program**. A docent is a volunteer guide who complements the staff in museums and other educational institutions. Docents are educators, trained to further the public's understanding of the cultural and historical collections of the institution and introduce visitors to particular parts of a museum. In keeping with the Historic Hyde Park theme, "Get Comfortable with History," docents are needed to guide visitors through the new exhibition, *Freedom From Fear: FDR Commander in Chief*.

Volunteers are also always welcome at the Library to assist the archives staff in projects that include collection maintenance, data entry, filing and typing; to work with the museum staff in tasks related to collection care and record keeping; and as "Official Greeters" to receive visitors during tourist season.

On May 2, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., members of the public who are interested in learning about becoming an FDR Library Docent or Volunteer are invited to an introductory program and a tour of the exhibition led by Herman Eberhardt, Supervisory Museum Curator. Experience in history, or teaching is helpful, but certainly not required. The volunteer schedule is very flexible, with docents working from as little as two hours every other week up to several hours each week. For more information, please call Laura

Boxer, Museum Docent Coordinator at (845) 266-0107, or Virginia Lewick, Library Volunteer Program Coordinator at (845) 486-7750.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is one of our nation's twelve presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. Designed by FDR himself, it is the first presidential library and the only one ever used by a sitting president. The Roosevelt Library archive is the premier research center in the world for study and research of the Roosevelt era. It contains more than 17 million pages of documents, photographs, books, and audiovisual materials, including the papers of President and Mrs. Roosevelt and more than 370 related collections.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.