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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum  
launches a bilingual (English and Spanish)  
Audio Description (AD) Guide  
for museum visitors who are blind or have low vision  
For information visit: [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu)**

HYDE PARK, NY -- On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum launched a bilingual Audio Description (AD) Guide for museum visitors who are blind or have low vision. The Guide is accessible on handheld Tour-Mate devices available for loan, at no charge, from the Museum's New Deal Store (located in the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center). It can also be downloaded at no charge from the Library's web site: [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

The Audio Description Guide includes bilingual narration -- available in English and Spanish -- of the Museum's permanent exhibit text as well as verbal illustrations of exhibit spaces, documents, artifacts, and interactives. It was made possible by a generous grant from the Dyson Foundation. To learn more about the Guide visit [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

According to Roosevelt Library Acting Director Bob Clark, "Because FDR was the nation's only disabled President, the Roosevelt Library is committed to ensuring that our museum exhibits are fully accessible to all of our visitors. We are grateful to the Dyson Foundation for helping us achieve this goal through the Audio Description Guide."

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### **Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum**

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

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