

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library
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The Jimmy Carter Presidential Museum is following CDC and National Archives guidelines for the health and safety of our visitors and staff. Please check our reopening status here.

You can wish President Carter Happy 97th Birthday here**.**



From Our Director

President Carter was the first US president to be born in a hospital. He was born on October 1, 1924 at the Wise Sanitarium in Pains, Georgia, where his mother Ms. Lillian served as a registered nurse. The building still exists as a nursing home in her name. Normally, we celebrate President Carter's birthday with a special rate for admissions (this year it would have been $0.97) and a huge card for visitors to sign. Two years ago, we celebrated his birthday with a lunchtime performance by Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet in the Museum lobby. Next year, we hope to be together again. In the meantime, like so many of us, we will be congratulating him virtually for another year of life and accomplishments. I am confident he will receive several calls that will bring him joy and maybe even a bit of his favorite peanut butter pie or hearty pound cake.

On October 5th I'll be speaking for the Archives Foundation giving a glimpse into our illustrious museum and archival records sharing a few fun facts about President and Mrs. Carter. I hope you'll join us.

Birthdays Through the Years
Happy 97th Birthday
President Carter

October 1, 1979

The White House staff threw a 55th birthday party for President Carter in the Roosevelt Room.



October 1, 1986

President and Mrs. Carter were joined by President and Mrs. Reagan for the dedication and grand opening of the Carter Presidential Library and Museum. President Carter turned 62 that day.







October 1, 2004

President Carter's 80th Birthday celebrated with pianist Roger Williams. Williams played throughout the day and night and the Carters danced.







October 1, 2009

President Carter celebrated his 85th birthday with a big celebration for the redesigned Carter Presidential Museum. Friends and family were on hand, including Vice President and Joan Mondale, Civil Rights icon Dr. Joseph Lowery, Governor Purdue, Mayor Franklin and a number of people from the Carter Administration.







October 1, 2014

For his 90th birthday, the staffs of The Carter Center and the Carter Presidential Library joined in a big celebration. There was cake, singing and testimonials about the impact he has had on others throughout his life. In honor of his birthday, a pollinator garden was created and dedicated at The Carter Center.







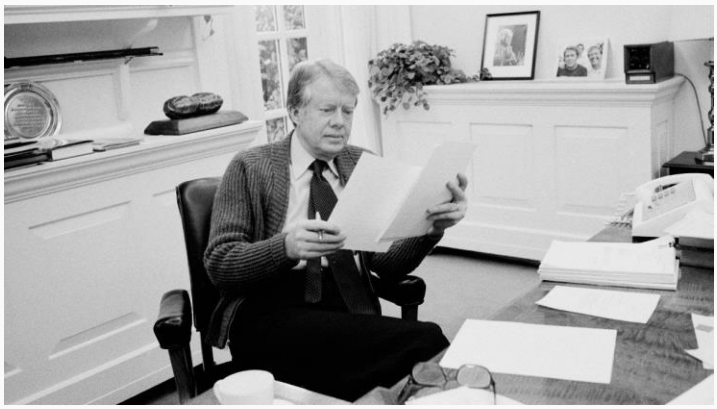
October 1, 2020

The Carters' hometown of Plains, Georgia organized a drive-by parade in celebration of his 96th birthday.





The Carter Years:
A Conversation with the Jimmy Carter Library

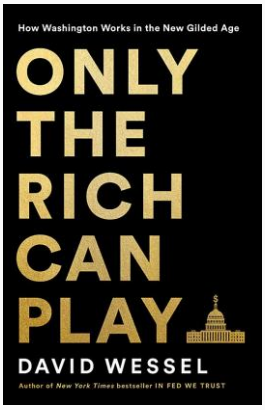


Tuesday, October 5th at 5:00pm (ET)

Our Presidential Library series continues! Join Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum Director **Dr. Meredith Evans** and National Archives Foundation Executive Director **Patrick Madden** for a conversation on the life and legacy of the 39th President of the United States.

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Upcoming Online Author Programs





Wed., Oct. 20th **Wed., Oct 27th**

Only the Rich Can Play

In a "Winners Take All" meets "This Town" narrative, a New York Times

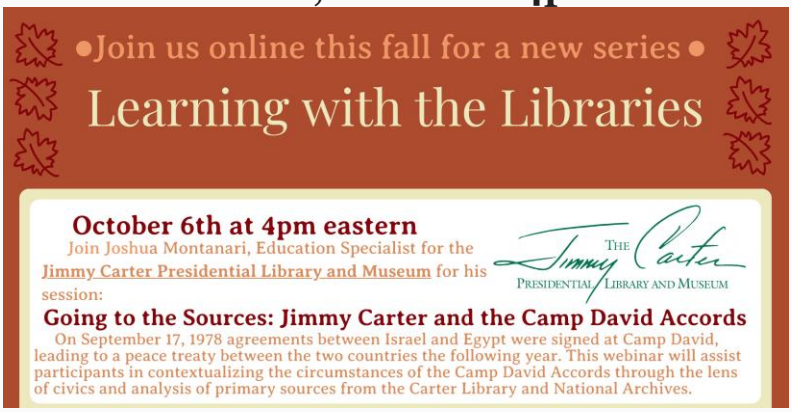
bestselling author tells the story of the creation of a massive tax break, in which political and economic elites attend to the care and feeding of the super-rich, and inequality compounds. Author David Wessel is in conversation with David Rubenstein. Details and link at **Only the Rich Can Play**.

Becoming Abolitionists

Lawyer/author Derecka Purnell details how multi-racial social movements rooted in rebellion, risk-taking, and revolutionary love pushed her and a generation of activists toward abolition. Details and link at **Becoming Abolitionists**.

Online Education Program

Thurs., Oct 6th at 4pm



The Carter Library joins the University of Central Florida Lou Frey Institute for its Professional Learning With the Presidential Libraries series. Joshua Montanari, Education Specialist at the Carter Library will present "Going to the Sources: Jimmy Carter and the Camp David Accords." This webinar will help students and teachers better understand the issues President Carter faced as he tried bring peace to Egypt and Israel using primary sources. **Register Here**

Helping Researchers During A Pandemic

By Archives Staff Member, Ceri McCarron



Special Assistant to the President for Information Management Richard Harden working on a Computer (NAID 6783222)

Interacting directly with researchers brings me a great deal of enjoyment. Helping them find the right material, hearing an exclamation of joy when they found something for which they were searching, or helping a new researcher figure out how to feel more at ease is one of my favorite aspects of my job.

Our temporary suspension of in-person services during the pandemic has meant a shift in how we can help. It's no longer as easy as finding the right collection or document box. You have to figure out what online resources might be helpful during this time? Different considerations require thinking outside the box, so let's take a closer look at some of our online options!

Our scanned, or partially scanned collections include:

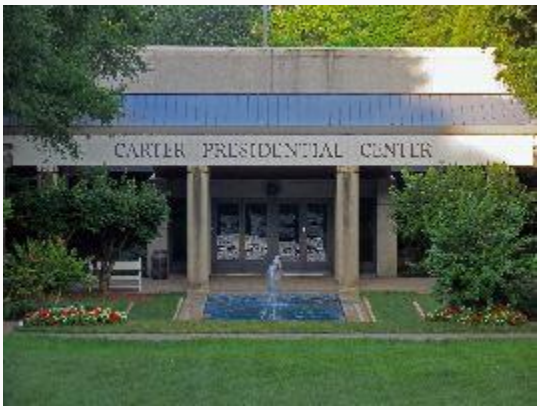
- **The Office of the Staff Secretary**: We like to think of it as President Carter's inbox. It contains memos preparing him for meetings or trips, as well background information on the issues of the day. It is organized chronologically so best to search the dates (and surrounding dates) of interest to see the workflow around a given topic.
- **The Presidential Daily Diary**: This is a great place to confirm where President Carter was on any given day during his presidency as well as with whom he met.
- **Office of the Chief of Staff**. Per the **finding aid**: "This series consists of reports, notes, correspondence, memoranda and clippings. The material relates to every major issue of the Carter presidency including foreign affairs and domestic policy. Since Jordan had the most important and the least structured of jobs, this series best represents his role in the Carter White House as Presidential adviser and confidant."

In addition to our scanned materials, several published **Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) volumes of the Carter Administration** are available online and are a great resource for researchers of foreign policy. Through the FRUS volumes, researchers

can find the text of many declassified records documenting significant foreign policy topics--many of these records originate from our holdings.

Another great resource is the **Central Foreign Policy File**, which contains telegrams from the Department of State, including cables from the Carter administration. For more resources like these, see NARA's **Access to Archival Databases webpage**. Another resource is **History Hub**, where you can post questions and have them answered by NARA staff. We look forward to when we can serve our researchers in-person again--in the meantime, we're happy to connect with you all virtually!

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library



The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is part of the National Archives and Records Administration and is dedicated to providing research information and educational materials about the life, career and presidency of Jimmy Carter.

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