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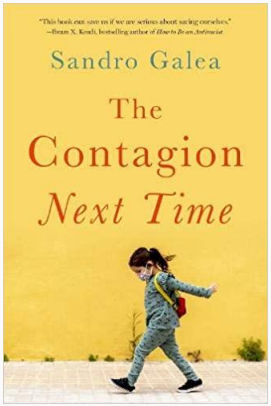
The Jimmy Carter Presidential Museum is following CDC and National Archives guidelines for the health and safety of our visitors and staff. The museum is **CURRENTLY OPEN** with limited capacity and advance ticketing. Please check our reopening status and other details here.



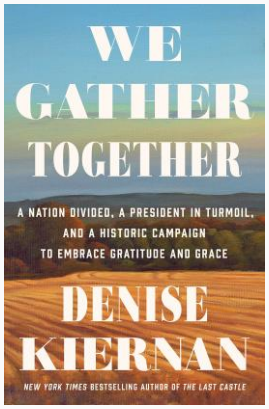
From Our Director

This past week, the Museum reopened to the public. The weather here in Atlanta couldn't be better for a leisurely walk on our grounds and through the museum. For the time being, we're operating on a limited schedule (Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm) with timed ticketing (available online at jimmycarterlibrary.gov). We have been surprised and heartened by the response and look forward to welcoming you all back.

Upcoming Online Author Programs



Wed., Nov 3



Mon., Nov. 8

The Contagion Next Time

In *The Contagion Next Time*, Sandro Galea (physician, epidemiologist, and dean at Boston University School of Public Health) calls for improving public health—including the public's understanding of public health—following the revelations brought about by Covid-19.
Details and link at ***The Contagion Next Time.***

We Gather Together
Tracking how the myths and traditions of Thanksgiving have evolved (and sparked controversy) over the decades, author Denise Kiernan contends that the holiday should symbolize "one element above all": gratitude. Packed with vivid character sketches, intriguing historical tidbits, and lucid meditations on the psychology of giving thanks, this unique chronicle casts the holiday in a new light. (Publishers Weekly)
Details and Link at ***We Gather Together*.**

From Our Youtube Channel
Jimmy Carter and Women's Rights

President Jimmy Carter had a strong record of appointing women to key government positions and working for equal rights for women. Check out our Youtube channel videos from the 1980 Presidential Campaign produced by Gerald Rafshoon. One highlights President Carter's record on **women's rights**. The other features **Mary Tyler Moore.**

Carter Library Film Club
By Museum Registrar Carla Ledgerwood



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When the Covid-19 pandemic shut down NARA facilities in March 2020, the small staff of the Carter Presidential Library started looking for ways to connect with one another on a personal and professional level to keep some normalcy in our lives.

Gone were the days of passing people in the hall saying. “Hey there, Sunshine,” catching up on weekend shenanigans in the break room, and planning potlucks to celebrate the kick-off to college football season. The quest to make an online gathering fun, entertaining, and educational was on!

After tossing around a few ideas, we settled on the Carter Film Club! Much like a book club, this club has an interesting caveat that keeps us close to our roots: we only watch movies President Carter watched in the White House or Camp David theaters. We watch movies on our own time (not on Uncle Sam's dime) and meet over lunch.

President Carter watched more movies than any other President in his four years in office, so we had to find a way to narrow down the list to make choosing from 400 movies manageable.
Our inaugural event was a no-brainer. We watched *All the President’s Men* since that was the first movie President Carter watched in the White

House. Fitting, don't you think?

Each quarter, we focus on one year. The staff nominates a movie or two, and from that list and we all vote. It's a very democratic process that has garnered some interesting choices so far. Another great thing about the voting process is that you get to know your coworkers a little better. Who knew we had two horror movie buffs on staff? And from the unlikeliest of suspects!

In 2019, the museum curated an exhibit on the film industry in Georgia, something made possible by legislation signed by then-Governor Jimmy Carter in 1972 creating the state's film office. While doing research for the exhibit, it became apparent that President Carter not only understood the economic impact of the movie industry on the state, he had a genuine love of film and the arts. One of President Carter's best quotes on movies is printed of each of our Carter Film Club posters announcing the next installment. It reads,
"***The movies have touched all our lives—mine as a farm boy. It gave me a vision of the outside world. I'm sure the first time I saw the White House was in the back seat of a movie theater.***"
-President Carter, reception for the American Film Institute 10th Anniversary Gala, East Room, The White House, Nov. 17, 1977

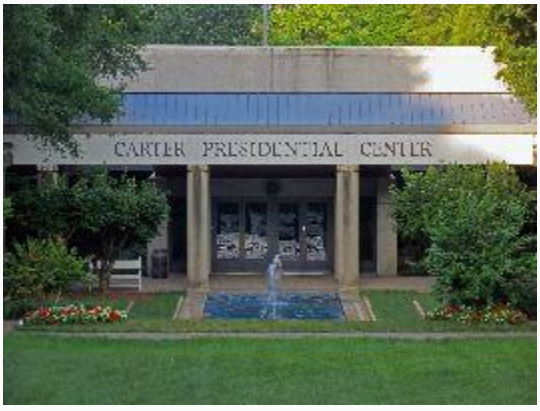
The quote is a reminder that not only are films entertaining, they teach us something each time we enter a new world created on screen. We gain new perspectives, better insight, and empathy for others, while we cheer for our heroes.

It's fun to compare President Carter's movie choices with his Daily Diary. What happened that day? Who was he with? Did that influence his film

choice for that night? Did the movie he watched one night affect how he approached a topic the next day? Of course, it's all speculation, but it’s fun to find connections, whether they were intentional or not.

So far, the library staff has discussed *All the President’s Men, The Bad News Bears, Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings, Jaws, and Alien*. Before the end of the year, we plan on holding a Halloween edition and a Holiday edition of film club. Next year, the club will break down choices by genre to mix it up a bit. Lucky for us, there are over 400 movies on the list, so the Carter Film Club could go on for years!

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library



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