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PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES CELEBRATED ON STAMP THROUGH SPECIAL DEDICATION CEREMONIES AT ALL LOCATIONS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Postal Service honored our Presidential Libraries with a commemorative postage stamp to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Presidential Libraries Act of 1955. The dedication ceremonies took place today at all of the nation's Presidential Libraries and Museums under the direction of the National Archives.

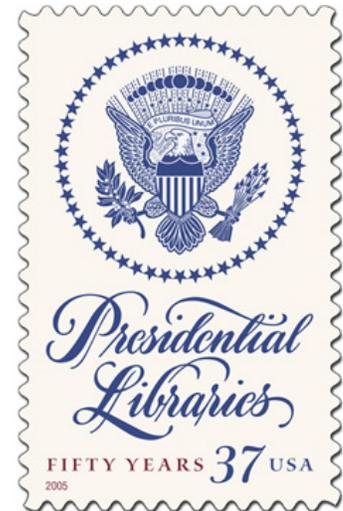
The Presidential Libraries stamp will be available at Post Offices and Philatelic Centers nationwide Fri., Aug. 5.

“The U.S. Postal Service is proud to conduct these First-Day-of-Issue dedication ceremonies at all of the nation's Presidential Libraries and Museums. These are truly national treasures,” said Postmaster General John E. Potter. “The new stamp will help honor the libraries' unique role in preserving and extending access to Presidential materials while recounting the lives and times of many of our nation's Presidents.”

Archivist of the United States, Allen Weinstein said, “The National Archives is delighted the Postal Service recognizes the importance of Presidential Libraries to the American people by honoring the 50th anniversary of the institution with a commemorative postage stamp. At Presidential Libraries, visitors can learn about the past by examining the critical documents of an administration, by visiting our museums to view exhibits that illuminate the life and times of the President, or by participating in document-based learning programs that enrich school curricula.”

The Presidential Libraries under the direction of the National Archives (http://www.archives.gov/presidential_libraries) include the:

- George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, College Station, TX, <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/>;
- Jimmy Carter Library & Museum, Atlanta, GA, <http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.org>;
- William J. Clinton Presidential Center, Little Rock, AR <http://www.clinton.archives.gov>;
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum, Abilene, KS, <http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov>;
- Gerald R. Ford Library, Ann Arbor, MI, and the Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids, MI, <http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov>;
- Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, West Branch, IA, <http://www.hoover.archives.gov>;
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin, TX, <http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu>;
- John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Boston, MA, <http://www.jfklibrary.org>;
- Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, Simi Valley, CA, <http://www.reagan.utexas.edu>;
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, Hyde Park, NY, <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu>; the
- Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, Independence, MO, <http://www.trumanlibrary.org>; and, the
- Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace, Yorba Linda, CA, <http://www.nixonfoundation.org>, which is scheduled to become the nation's 12th Presidential library and museum next year.



The American Philatelic Society Stamp Show in Grand Rapids also hosted a First-Day-of-issuance ceremony at STAMPSHOW2005, www.stamps.org. The stamp, designed by Howard E. Paine, bears an image of the Presidential seal reproduced in blue against a crème colored background. The type, produced in hand calligraphy by Julian Waters, reads: "Presidential Libraries Fifty Years 37 USA."

From California to Massachusetts, Texas to Michigan, Presidential Libraries span the lower 48 states and offer great destinations for family vacations. In addition to finding out about the responsibilities of the nation's chief executive office, children and adults can identify with our nation's presidents as they learn about their childhoods and their lives before the White House years. Rich photographic archives show the Presidents with family members in the context of their times, helping visitors to understand the era in which each President lived.

Each library is a working archive of presidential papers, enhanced by a museum, which offers public programs on topics ranging from Caroline Kennedy's doll collection to World War II.

Articulating the need for a safe, accessible archive for the materials of each administration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that a repository was needed to "bring together the records of the past and to house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men and women in the future..." In 1939, Roosevelt pledged part of his Hyde Park, NY, estate for the construction of a library and museum for his own Presidential papers. Roosevelt observed that the lessons of the past would allow the citizenry to, "...gain in judgment in creating [the] future."

Since then, Presidential libraries have been established in the home state of each President. Funds to build the libraries come from private sources, while the National Archives and Records Administration—as part of the federal government—provides for their maintenance and operation.

Inspired by Roosevelt's example, the Presidential Libraries Act of 1955 enabled Presidents to donate their materials to the federal government for preservation and public access. Presidents, however, were still considered the sole owners of the materials generated during their Presidencies and were not required to turn over their records.

The Presidential Records Act of 1978 went further and defined as the property of the United States Government all statutory, constitutional, and ceremonial papers generated during a President's completed term in office and placed the records under the custody of the Archivist of the United States. The 1978 act further established that the Presidential Library System should continue as the repository for subsequent Presidential records.

There are four philatelic products available for this stamp issue:

- First Day Cover (Random Single) \$0.75 (Item 458261)
- First Day Cover (Set of 13 Covers) \$9.75, (Item 458263)
- Uncut Press Sheet \$66.60, (Item 458284)
- Cancellation Keepsake (Full Pane with First-Day Random Single) \$8.15, (Item 458293)

These products will be available while supplies last at postal stores, online at www.usps.com, and by telephone at 800 STAMP-24. To see the Presidential Libraries stamp and other images from the 2005 Commemorative Stamp Program, visit the Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collector's Corner.

A wide selection of stamps and other philatelic items is also available at the Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop. Beautifully framed prints of original stamp art for delivery straight to the home or office are available at www.postalartgallery.com.

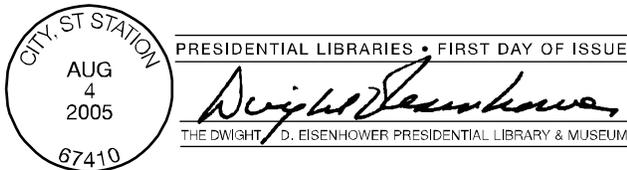
Since 1775, the Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. An independent federal agency, the Postal Service makes deliveries to more than 142 million addresses every

day and is the only service provider to deliver to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of \$69 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mail and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. Moreover, today's postage rates will remain stable until at least 2006. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume—some 206 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves seven million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide.

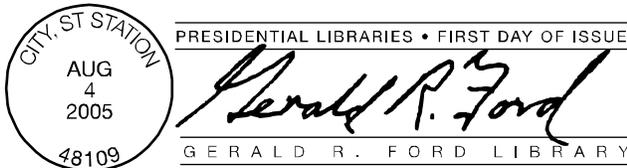
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How to Order the First-Day-of-Issue Postmark

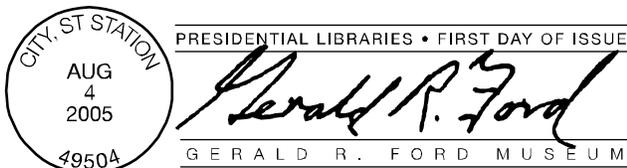
Customers have 30 days to obtain the first day of issue postmark by mail. They may purchase new stamps at their local Post Office, by telephone at 800-STAMP-24, and at the Postal Store Web site at www.usps.com/shop. They should affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others), and place them in a larger envelope addressed to:



(Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
217 N BUCKEYE AVE
ABILENE KS 67410-9998



(Gerald R. Ford Library postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
2075 W STADIUM BLVD
ANN ARBOR MI 48106-9998



(Gerald R. Ford Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
PO BOX 9998
GRAND RAPIDS MI 49599-9998



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Jimmy Carter
JIMMY CARTER LIBRARY & MUSEUM

(Jimmy Carter Library & Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
3900 CROWN RD RM 2400
ATLANTA GA 30304-9998



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Lyndon Baines Johnson
LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

(Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
8225 CROSS PARK DR
AUSTIN TX 78710-9998



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

John F. Kennedy
JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

(John F. Kennedy Library and Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
PO BOX 9996
BOSTON MA 02205-9996



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

George W. Bush
GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

(George Bush Presidential Library and Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
COLLEGE STATION MPO
2130 HARVEY MITCHELL PKWY S
COLLEGE STATION TX 77840-9998



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Franklin D. Roosevelt
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

(Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
1 E MARKET ST
HYDE PARK NY 12538-9998



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
Harry S. Truman
HARRY S. TRUMAN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

(Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
301 W LEXINGTON
INDEPENDENCE MO 64050-9998



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
Bill Clinton
WILLIAM J. CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

(William J. Clinton Presidential Center postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
600 E CAPITOL AVE
LITTLE ROCK AR 72202-9998



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
Ronald Reagan
THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

(Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
2551 N GALENA AVE
SIMI VALLEY CA 93065-9998



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
Herbert Hoover
HERBERT HOOVER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY-MUSEUM

(Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
PO BOX 9998
WEST BRANCH IA 52358-9998



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES • FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
Richard Nixon
THE RICHARD NIXON LIBRARY & BIRTHPLACE

(Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace postmark)
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES COMMEMORATIVE STAMP
POSTMASTER
4770 EUREKA AVE
YORBA LINDA CA 92885-9998

After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by September 3, 2005. How to Order First-Day Covers Stamp Fulfillment Services also offers first-day covers for new stamp issues and Postal Service stationery items postmarked with the official first-day-of-issue cancellation. Each item has an individual catalog number and is offered in the quarterly USA Philatelic catalog. Customers may request a free catalog by calling 800-STAMP-24 or writing to:

INFORMATION FULFILLMENT
DEPT 6270
US POSTAL SERVICE
PO BOX 219014
KANSAS CITY MO 64121-9014

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES: AN AMERICAN ARCHIVE

Acknowledging the critical importance to a democracy of an open government and an informed public, the U.S. Postal Service issues this 2005 commemorative stamp celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Presidential Libraries Act of 1955. There are currently 11 libraries in the Presidential Library system; they house the materials generated during the administrations of Presidents Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and Bill Clinton. In late 2005, a 12th library will be added when the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, California, is scheduled to become part of the Presidential Library system.

Presidential Libraries have been established in the home state of each President after he has left office. In addition to being an accessible archive, each library features a museum and offers an ongoing series of public programs on a variety of cultural and historical topics. Only one museum is located apart from its associated library: The Gerald R. Ford Library is in Ann Arbor, Michigan; the museum is in Grand Rapids.



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES SPAN THE UNITED STATES

- 1** **Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum**
West Branch, IA 52358-0488
- 2** **Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum**
Hyde Park, NY 12538-1999
- 3** **Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum**
Independence, MO 64050-1798
- 4** **Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum**
Abilene, KS 67410-2900
- 5** **John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum**
Boston, MA 02125-3398
- 6** **Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum**
Austin, TX 78705-5702
- 7** **Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library**
Yorba Linda, CA 92886-3903
- 8** **Gerald R. Ford Library**
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2114
- 9** **Gerald R. Ford Museum**
Grand Rapids, MI 49504-5353
- 10** **Carter Presidential Library & Museum**
Atlanta, GA 30307-1498
- 11** **Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum**
Simi Valley, CA 93065-0600
- 12** **George Bush Presidential Library and Museum**
College Station, TX 77845-3906
- 13** **William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum**
Little Rock, AR 72201-1213

To contact the libraries online, go to www.archives.gov and click on the link for each library.

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