

FOR THE
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

America's first Presidential Library, fostering research and education on the life, times, and incredible, enduring legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Franklin D. Roosevelt



A message from the Library and Museum Director, William A. Harris, and Trustee Chair, Nancy Roosevelt Ireland

2023 was a year of expansion for the FDR Library and Museum. We were able to embark on exciting projects, host meaningful events, explore collaborations, and celebrate a highly anticipated exhibit opening. Not only were onsite activities lively, but virtual components of our work continued to forge connections around the world and broaden our audiences. The Library truly is an integral part of the global community. Each year we learn anew how Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt’s work continues to resonate, helping us engage with with people and organizations in far-reaching corners of the world. We even see them repeatedly highlighted in the news and pop culture. The legacy and ideals of the Roosevelts live on, and the Library and Museum strives to be the hub. As much as we accomplished in 2023, we have no plans of slowing down. As we continue to move forward and work toward a dynamic future, we hope you’ll continue to be a part of the Library and Museum’s work.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

With each annual report, the FDR Presidential Library and Museum has the opportunity to reflect on the highlights and themes that emerged over the past year. Looking back at 2023, it is apparent that the Library seized opportunities to expand, collaborate, and forge deeper connections. Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt remain strongly interwoven in the global landscape, and so too does the Library and Museum. Through programming, education, research, and exhibits, it offers an avenue for everyone to engage – near or far. Here’s a snapshot of what that looked like in 2023:

REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

27,431

Learners served through onsite field trips, distance learning sessions, online curriculum guides, civics education programs, and more!

SUPPORTING RESEARCH ON THE ROOSEVELT LEGACY:

1,603

Logged remote reference inquiries

10,827

Pages/items digitized on demand

473

Daily visits for in-person research

5,137

Items/containers pulled and refiled for in-person research

“SOCIALIZING” WITH PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD:

3,736,780

YouTube views

51,908

Tumblr followers

39,163

Twitter followers

28,120

Facebook likes

CONNECTING WITH A GLOBAL AUDIENCE

52

In-person and virtual programs

27,647

In-person and virtual program attendees

1,189,955

Visits to fdrlibrary.org

123,054

FDR Library visitors

HIGHLIGHTS

ONSITE



The Library and Museum partnered with the National Park Service to kickoff a **year-long celebration commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.**

After years of planning, the **Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962 exhibit opened** on June 3. Get a closer look on page 5.



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FOUR FREEDOMS AWARDS

On September 23, the **Roosevelt Institute held its annual Four Freedoms Awards** at the Library and Museum. Based on the principles President Roosevelt outlined as essential for democracy in his historic 1941 speech to Congress and in memory of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt’s legacies, the following medals were presented:

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION

Tracie D. Hall

Executive Director, American Library Association

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

Dr. Walter Earl Fluker

Distinguished Professor of the Howard Thurman Center at the Hartford International University for Religion and Peace

FREEDOM FROM WANT

Ady Barkan

Creator of the Fed Up Campaign and Founder & Co-executive Director of Be A Hero

FREEDOM FROM FEAR

The Honorable Bennie Thompson

US House Representative

FREEDOM MEDAL

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

Speaker Emerita of the US House of Representatives

NEWS & MEDIA

On January 1, **Governor Kathy Hochul was sworn in as New York’s first woman governor on two Bibles, one of which was a 1730 Dutch bible from the Library and Museum collection** that belonged to President Roosevelt’s great-grandfather, Jacobus.



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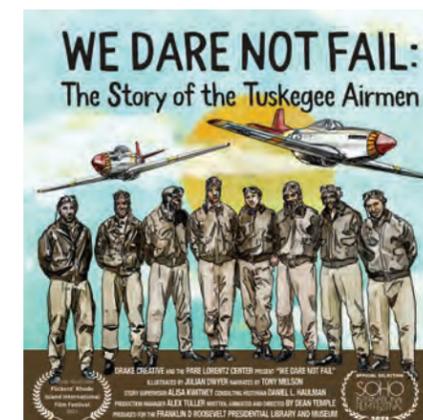
The Library and Museum **collaborated to support the “FDR” miniseries, a major Roosevelt-centered television program on The HISTORY Channel** in partnership with renowned historian and *New York Times* bestselling author Doris Kearns Goodwin.

The Library and Museum partnered to **host the launch of a new Eleanor Roosevelt quarter.** As part of the US Mint’s American Women Quarters Program, the new quarter celebrates her life and legacy as a first lady, author, civil liberties advocate, and chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights Commission.



Grammy Award-winning artist Cardi B made her love of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt known on her September 28 episode of “Hot Ones.”

Dutchess Tourism named the Library and Museum one of the **top 40 reasons to visit Dutchess County.**



The Library and Museum’s **animated film about the Tuskegee Airmen** was accepted into the Soho International Film Festival in New York City and was selected as a finalist at the New York Animated Film Festival.

BLACK AMERICANS, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND THE ROOSEVELTS, 1932-1962

On June 3, the Library and Museum opened a milestone exhibit years in the making. The exhibit received the Award for Excellence from the Greater Hudson Heritage Network (2023); Dutchess County Historical Society's annual award, the Dutchess Award (2024); the Archivist's Achievement Award from the Archivist of the United States for its development and launch (2024); along with the Dutchess County Executive's Dutchess Tourism Award of Distinction (2023) not only for the special exhibit, but for the Library and Museum's ongoing research, public, and education programs that advance tourism in the county and region as well. Additionally, the exhibit has received impressive reviews from *The New York Times* and *Mid Hudson News* with other reviews from publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*. We celebrated opening day with an engaging panel featuring Arva Rice, Basil A. Smikle Jr., and Jill Watts, exploring the themes and current connections of the exhibit. We were thrilled to be joined by New York Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, who gave poignant opening remarks.

In collaboration with a distinguished committee of scholars, *Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962* centers the historical voices of many Black community leaders, wartime service members, and ordinary citizens who engaged the Roosevelt administration directly and who pushed for progress. Within this context, the exhibit examines the political evolution of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt regarding racial justice.

From the Great Depression and New Deal, through World War II and the postwar Civil Rights movement, the exhibit offers critical perspectives on, and candid assessments of, the administration's policies and practices, and of the Roosevelts themselves. A compelling story emerges, one of Black Americans organizing and expanding national networks of political allies to create new opportunities for social justice, and to combat Jim Crow segregation, widespread discrimination, and the harsh and often violent realities of racism in America.

The exhibit features documents and artifacts – many on display for the first time – from the Library and Museum's rich holdings and from private collections nationwide. These materials evidence the unrelenting efforts of many key figures of the early civil rights movement, as well as Eleanor Roosevelt's interactions with Black leaders of the midcentury freedom struggle. They also document the racism and discrimination in American politics and culture of the era and highlight the contradictions inherent with fighting for democracy abroad while injustice persists at home. Showcasing some of the most riveting yet unheralded voices from its vast archives of personal letters, political pamphlets, petitions, artworks, photographs, and sound recordings, the Roosevelt Library hopes the exhibit will inspire further research into key aspects of this important history.



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Financial Overview:

The Roosevelt Institute and the FDR Library and Museum

Through a robust public/private partnership, the FDR Library and Museum receives support from the federal National Archives and Records Administration and the Roosevelt Institute. Supplementing core public funding from NARA, private funding raised through the Institute supports activities like special exhibits, civics education work, public and community events, and membership programming.

The 2023 budget for the Roosevelt Institute's Library and Museum programming was approximately \$1,361,650.

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