

All the Presidents' Libraries: The US System of Presidential Library/Museums (Fall Semester 2024)

Course Topics:

- Overview
- Chronology
- Legislative Basis
- How Presidential Library/Museums are developed
- Items in the *Libraries* – “Presidential ‘Papers’” -- Archives
- *Museum* Design – Viewpoints, Biases, and Limitations. “Spin” and “Happy Meals.”
- Interesting (hopefully) information about each of the 14 (+2) current Libraries.
- Sites (locations) and “papers” associated with *selected* presidents *prior* to Hoover

Selected Sources of Additional Information

Books:

Clark, Anthony, *The Last Campaign: How Presidents Rewrite History, Run for Posterity, and Enshrine Their Legacies*, Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015.

Clotworthy, William G., *Homes and Libraries of the Presidents*, McDonald and Woodward Publishing Company, 3rd Edition, 2008.

Hufbauer, Benjamin, *Presidential Temples: How Memorials and Libraries Shape Public Memory*, University of Kansas, 2006.

Nappo, Christian A., *Presidential Libraries and Museums*, Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.

Websites:

<https://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries> (This National Archives web site contains enormous amounts of information, much of it stashed away in the section covering Frequently Asked Questions. This site includes links to the website of each individual NARA library/museum.)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presidential_library_system (Another large web site with sources cited and many links to other websites).