



GEORGE W. BUSH
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
AND MUSEUM



Welcome to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum! I am very proud to serve as the Director of the 13th Presidential Library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. The Library and Museum offers many educational and entertaining resources that we hope you will use. First, we have truly amazing archives that includes roughly 70 million pages of documents and around 80 terabytes of electronic information, including over 200 million emails. We have an artifact collection numbering just over 43,000 objects, including a large number of foreign and domestic gifts given to the President and Mrs. Bush. And we house and make available a stunning audiovisual collection with many types of media, including nearly 4 million photographs.

Building on the foundation of these tremendous collections, we will present a very innovative and interactive museum in our facility now under construction on the campus of Southern Methodist University. This Museum tells the story of President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush in the framework of four themes that were always important to them: freedom, responsibility, opportunity, and compassion. Using artifacts, documents and photos from our collections, and including a host of interactive components, this exhibit will educate, entertain, and inspire.

We also are building on the great tradition of education at the Presidential Libraries and the National Archives. Already we are instituting programs here and further afield designed to assist teachers and students in the classroom. In addition, we have started public programming in an effort to be a resource to SMU, our community, and beyond.

Our permanent facility will open at SMU in the spring of 2013. The private George W. Bush Foundation raised the funding for this facility, and we are very grateful to them for their incredible support. We also are very happy to be part of the SMU family and appreciate the warm welcome we have received from SMU faculty, students and alumni. And, of course, none of this happens without the President and Mrs. Bush – we are tremendously appreciative of their support and their inspiration.

Presidential Libraries exist to preserve and make available historic archives, and to build on those archives with exhibits and educational and public programs. We are here to serve you. I certainly hope you find this website to be useful, and that you will visit us soon and often at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan C. Lowe".

Alan C. Lowe
Director
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