

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library was established to preserve the papers, books, and other historical materials relating to former President Eisenhower and to make them available to the people in a place designed for exhibit and research. It is administered by the National Archives and Records Administration as an integral part of the nation's record keeping system and is also a part of its system of presidential libraries.

The Library building was built and equipped, without cost to the United States government, through contributions from thousands of friends and admirers of President Eisenhower. The Library was dedicated on May 1, 1962. Designed as a research institution, the exterior is Kansas limestone, and provides a contrast to the extensive use of imported marble in the interior of the building. The walls of the lobby and

corridors are of bookmatched Loredo Chiaro marble from Italy. Floors in the public areas are Roman Travertine trimmed with Breche d'Alep and Rouge Fleur marble from France. The ornamental bronze work reflects the Great Plains environment by use of a motif of buffalo heads and native bluestem grass.

The Library includes a research room, archival stacks, offices for the staff, a photographic laboratory, and an auditorium. Scholars have come from all over the world to use these facilities. Researchers are required to register.

Gallery areas on the first and second floors of the Library usually contain temporary, traveling exhibits, and an exhibit on the Library and archives. These exhibits are the result of the efforts of the museum staff of the Library.