



Calvin Coolidge

Presidential Library & Museum



Coolidge Museum News

November 2024



Today marks the centennial of the 1924 election

After becoming President in 1923 following President Harding's death, on November 4, 1924 Calvin Coolidge won re-election to his own term!

Photo of Grace Coolidge filling out her mail in ballot at a desk on the White House lawn in 1924 voting for her husband as President. In 1920 Mrs. Coolidge had voted in her first Federal election when her husband was on the ballot for Vice President.

Upcoming Events

100 Years Later, How Has The Immigration Act of 1924 Changed America?

Join us Thursday November 14 at 6:30 PM in person in the Coolidge Museum or live stream on YouTube. The Program will be recorded.

UMASS Amherst professors Dr. Rebecca Hamlin and Dr. Razvan "Raz" Sibii in conversation with Bill Scher will explore the history of immigration.

One hundred years ago, President Calvin Coolidge signed what was arguably the most controversial and consequential bill of his administration: "An Act To limit the immigration of aliens into the United States, and for other purposes," often referred to as "The Immigration Act of 1924."

For more information see the library calendar <https://forbeslibrary.libcal.com/event/13155278>

To join us on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/live/jkST4Z6Q--k>



Presidents Book Group

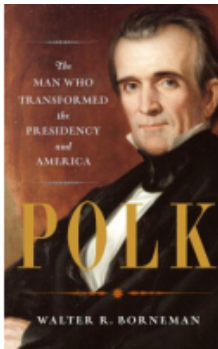
Presidents Book Group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM
This hybrid group meets in person in the Coolidge Museum or join via zoom

November 25 we will discuss President Polk

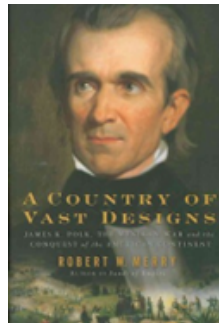
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In this group you will deepen your understanding of the American presidency as we trace the history of the presidency and follow how presidents, both celebrated and forgotten, grappled with slavery, economics, executive power and America's role in the world.

This group is moderated by Bill Scher, Vice President of the Coolidge Museum Committee
To join the email list, contact Coolidge@forbeslibrary.org.



[Polk: the Man Who Transformed the Presidency and America](#) by Walter R. Borneman runs about 360 pages and available in print and CD audio.



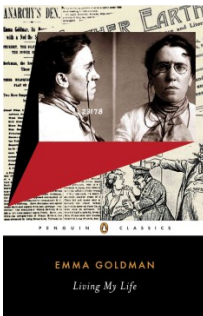
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Herstory Book Group

This book group meets on Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7-8:30 PM

This month's discussion will focus on Emma Goldman.

Please read one of the following titles:



[Living My Life, vol 1 by Emma Goldman](#)

[The World's Most Dangerous Woman](#) by Theresa Anne Moritz (available via ComCat)

[Love, Anarchy, & Emma Goldman](#) by Candace Falk

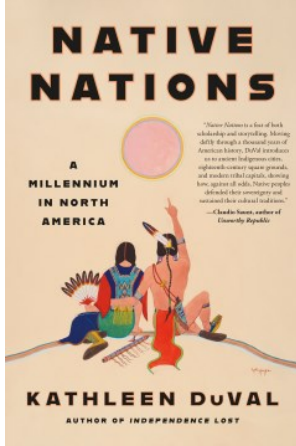
The inspiration for the club, *Herstory: Women in American History*, came from some members of the museum's Presidential Book Club, who expressed a desire to read more about the context of historical figures, and to hear from and about the women involved in the building of our nation.

This group is moderated by Coolidge Museum Committee members Leslie Skantz-Hodgson (Smith Vocational School Librarian) and Rob Weir (retired professor of history).

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Virtual - Q&A with Author and Historian Kathleen DuVal: Native Nations A Millennium in North America

2024 is the 100th anniversary of President Coolidge signing the Indian Citizenship Act. If you missed our program in March on the Legacy of that act check the [recording on our You Tube](#)



In Partnership with Ashland Public Library, join us for more on Native American history for a Q&A with Author and Historian Kathleen DuVal: "Native Nations A Millennium in North America"

We are joined by Professor, Historian, and Author Kathleen DuVal as she discusses her book, *Native Nations A Millennium in North America* that places the power of Native nations at its center, telling their story from the rise of ancient cities more than a thousand years ago to fights for sovereignty that continue today.

This program will take place on Zoom.

To register and receive the zoom link, go to

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6617254923409/WN_4rCgBLwRTNSBQg0dIEiFMQ

This program is presented by Ashland Public Library, in partnership with a collaboration of Massachusetts libraries. Registrants will receive a link to access the zoom webinar via email from Ashland Public Library.

This month in Coolidge History

Rebecca the Raccoon arrived at the White House



During the Coolidge years there was a pet raccoon named Rebecca in the White House. She was sent as a gift intended to be served for Thanksgiving Dinner in 1926 but instead was kept by the Coolidge family as a pet. She roamed the residential quarters of the White House, had an outdoor play house and was walked on a leash on the grounds. She appeared in Mrs. Coolidge arms and on a leash at the 1927 Easter Egg Roll and went to the Summer White House in Black Hills, South Dakota for the summer of 1927. In 1929 she did not return with the family to Northampton, Massachusetts and was sent to Rock Creek Park (National Zoo).

Photo of Grace Coolidge holding Rebecca at the 1927 Easter Egg Roll on the White House lawn.

Help Keep Coolidge Cool



We are currently [seeking funds](#) to hire an exhibits designer to re-imagine the Coolidge Museum with new exhibits, improved archival storage and program space. The revitalization effort will greatly strengthen the museum's mission to give its visitors a well-balanced historical account of Coolidge's political and family life. The Friends of Forbes Library will match gifts, up to \$10,000.

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Follow the Coolidge Museum on [facebook](#) where for the month of November we are participating in Museum 30. This is an international, month long social media event where museums across the world will share about museums through our collections, photographs, stories, and artifacts relating to a daily theme.

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