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Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum
<http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/mainga13.html>
Franklin D. Roosevelt Home
<http://www.nps.gov/hofr/hofrhome.html>
4079 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY 12538

Hours: Museum: Daily 9AM-5PM November-April, 9AM-6PM May-October
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day
Library: 8:45AM-5PM Monday-Friday
There is an admission charge for a combination ticket to the Museum and Library. There is no fee for performing research in the Library.
Home: Every day 9AM-5PM, Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day

Phone: (845) 486-7770

Historical Description:

President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Library to ensure the preservation of valuable historic documents, books, and memorabilia that he had accumulated during his lifetime. The Library was built in 1939 with the Museum section of the building being opened in June of 1941. The Library's grand opening was delayed as a result of World War II. President Roosevelt, serving his third term and voted into a fourth frequently visited the Library to sort his records. This is also where he delivered some of his famous "fire-side" chats.

The Site:

The Museum offers seven exhibits on a variety of themes, including the New Deal and World War II. Others include "The First Fifty Years," a history of Franklin Roosevelt from his childhood to his service as Governor. The "Presidential Years" exhibit showcases President Roosevelt's challenges and accomplishments throughout his years in office. The museum also hosts a gallery on the life of Eleanor Roosevelt. The Library is open for research and contains more than 17 million pages of documents as well as sound recordings, photographs, motion picture films and videos. President Roosevelt's home, Springwood, is also on the property. Springwood has a variety of exhibits as well as the Rose Garden and gravesite of FDR. Tours of the home are available.

Directions:

From Manhattan: Take the Henry Hudson Parkway to the Taconic Parkway then proceed to Route 84 west. Follow 84 to Route 9 north...or take the New York State Thruway to exit 18 at New Paltz. Follow Route 299 east to Route 9W south. Cross the Mid-Hudson Bridge to Route 9 north. The Library is on the left side of Route 9, 4 miles north of Poughkeepsie.

From Albany: Take the New York State Thruway south to exit 18 at New Paltz. Follow Route 299 east to Route 9W south. Cross the Mid-Hudson Bridge to Route 9 north. The Library is on the left side of Route 9, 4 miles north of Poughkeepsie.

Driving south on Route 9: The Library is located on the right, 2 miles after the Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park.