

# HISTORY

## Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### September's Topic: Presidential Elections

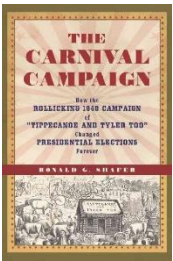
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm [will be meeting online]

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by emailing [sjerger@greenwoodlibrary.us](mailto:sjerger@greenwoodlibrary.us).

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

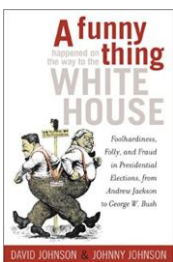
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to presidential elections in the United States. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, attend the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

### Books:



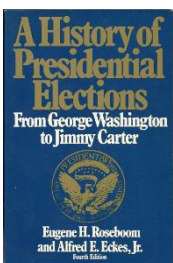
[The Carnival Campaign: How the Rollicking 1840 Campaign of "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too" Changed Presidential Elections Forever](#) by Ronald Shafer – 324.973 SHA; eIndiana\* eBook; hoopla\* eBook & audio

Pulitzer Prize-nominated former *Wall Street Journal* reporter Ronald G. Shafer tells the colorful story of the election battle between sitting president Martin Van Buren, a professional Democratic politician from New York, and Whig Party upstart William Henry Harrison, a military hero who was nicknamed "Old Tippecanoe" after a battlefield where he fought and won in 1811. Shafer shows how the pivotal campaign of "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too" marked a series of firsts that changed presidential politicking forever.



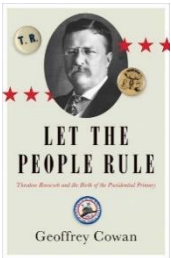
[A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the White House](#) by David Johnson & Johnny Johnson – 973.09 JOH

While many have regarded politics in America as a noble calling to public service, that doesn't mean that those same people have considered themselves above throwing about as much mud as possible when an election is at stake. The pomp and circumstance of elected life in the White House stands in stark contrast to what professors David and Johnny Johnson refer to as the "foolhardiness, folly, and fraud" that characterizes most presidential elections.



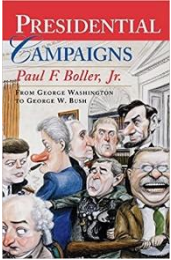
[A History of Presidential Elections, from George Washington to Jimmy Carter](#) by Eugene H. Roseboom and Alfred E. Eckes, Jr. – 329.023 ROS

A survey of the issues, candidates, and campaigns of each presidential election and an evaluation of each president and his administration.



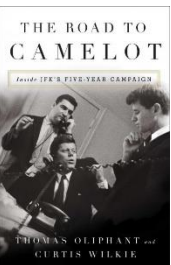
[Let the People Rule: Theodore Roosevelt and the Birth of the Presidential Primary](#) by Geoffrey Cowan – 324.973 COW; hoopla\* [audio](#)

A portrait of Theodore Roosevelt's controversial 1912 campaign describes how he unsuccessfully challenged close friend William Howard Taft for the nomination, established key practices in primary elections, and created a new political party.



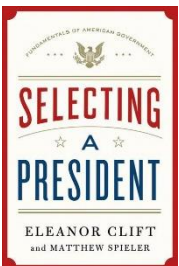
[Presidential Campaigns](#) by Paul Boller, Jr. – 324.973 BOL

A history of the American presidential elections from 1789 to 1980, highlighting the hoopla, diversity, mudslinging, oratory, and serious issues of the campaigns.



[The Road to Camelot: Inside JFK's Five-Year Campaign](#) by Thomas Oliphant and Curtis Wilkie – 973.922 OLI

A behind-the-scenes, revelatory account of John F. Kennedy's wily campaign to the White House, beginning with his bold, failed attempt to win the vice presidential nomination in 1956.



[Selecting a President](#) by Eleanor Clift and Matthew Spielman – 324.973 CLI

*Selecting a President* explains the nuts and bolts of our presidential electoral system while drawing on rich historical anecdotes from past campaigns. Among the world's many democracies, U.S. presidential elections are unique, where presidential contenders embark on a grueling, spectacular two-year journey that begins in Iowa and New Hampshire, and ends at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

## Videos:



[The JFK-Nixon Presidential Debates 1960](#) – on [Kanopy](#) \*

On September 26, 1960, the first-ever televised Presidential debate occurred between Senator John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard Nixon. These debates had a huge impact on politics because it provided the American people with the opportunity to watch their candidate go head-to-head on important issues, such as international affairs and education. *Might need to log into Kanopy first*

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\*=requires GPL Evergreen Indiana card