

HISTORY

Roundtable

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

January's Topic: First Ladies

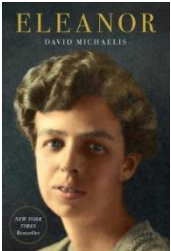
Meeting Date: Thursday, January 12th at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by emailing sjerger@greenwoodlibrary.us.

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

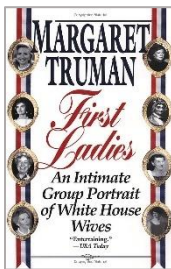
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to First Ladies of the United States. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, attend the roundtable prepared to summarize your source material. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:



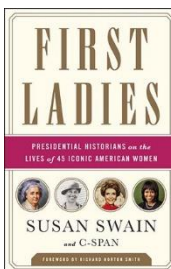
Eleanor by David Michaelis – BIOGRAPHY Roosevelt; eBook via [Hoopla](#)* and [Libby](#)*, eAudio via [Hoopla](#)* and [Libby](#)*

Prizewinning bestselling author David Michaelis presents a breakthrough portrait of Eleanor Roosevelt, America's longest-serving First Lady, an avatar of democracy whose ever-expanding agency as diplomat, activist, and humanitarian made her one of the world's most widely admired and influential women.



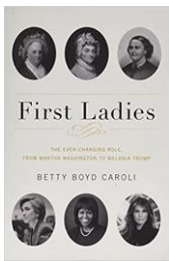
First Ladies: An Intimate Group Portrait of White House Wives by Margaret Truman – HISTORY UNITED STATES 20th CENTURY Truman

This well-informed, intimate look at 29 women whose lives were intertwined with those who lead and have led this country presents forthright interviews with Lady Bird Johnson, Hillary Clinton, Nancy Reagan, and others, while warmly recalling Pat Nixon and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Ms. Truman's legendary frankness is present but so, too, is a generosity of spirit.



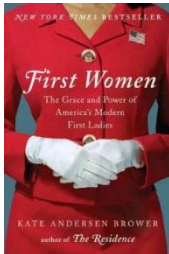
First Ladies: Presidential Historians on the Lives of 45 Iconic American Women by Susan Swain via Evergreen*; eBook via [Libby](#)*

This book provides an up-close historical look at these fascinating women who survived the scrutiny of the White House, sometimes at great personal cost, while supporting their families and famous husbands-and sometimes-changing history. Complete with illustrations and essential biographical details, it is an illuminating, entertaining, and ultimately inspiring read.



[First Ladies: The Ever-Changing Role, from Martha Washington to Melania Trump](#) by Betty Boyd Caroli (multiple older editions in Evergreen) – eAudio via [Hoopla](#)*

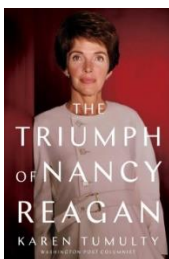
Betty Boyd Caroli's engrossing and informative First Ladies is an essential resource for anyone interested in the role of America's First Ladies. Caroli observes the role as it has shifted and evolved from ceremonial backdrop to substantive world figure. This expanded and updated fifth edition presents Caroli's keen political analysis and astute observations of recent developments in First Lady history, including Melania Trump's reluctance to take on the mantle and former First Lady Hillary Clinton's recent run for president.



[First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies](#)

by Kate Andersen Brower – HISTORY UNITED STATES Brower; eBook via [Hoopla](#)* and [Libby](#)*, eAudio via [Hoopla](#)* and [Libby](#)*

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the groundbreaking backstairs look at the White House, *The Residence*, comes an intimate, news-making look at the true modern power brokers at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue: the First Ladies, from Jackie Kennedy to Michelle Obama.



[The Triumph of Nancy Reagan](#) by Karen Tumulty – BIOGRAPHY Reagan; eBook via [Libby](#)*

The definitive biography of the fiercely vigilant and politically astute First Lady who shaped one of the most consequential presidencies of the 20th century.

Online:

[The First Ladies](#) by the White House Historical Association

Explore the online collection which features biographies and portraits of the First Ladies.

Videos:



[Eleanor Roosevelt: A Restless Spirit](#) on Kanopy*

An intimate portrait of the beloved humanitarian and former First Lady who was reviled by political opponents during her lifetime.

Podcasts:



[Ladies, First](#) with Natalia Gonnella-Platts via the George W. Bush Presidential Center

There is so much more to the elite sorority of First Ladies than fashion and state dinners. The *Ladies, First* podcast mini-series takes an informative and entertaining look at our first ladies' legacies and how their leadership has shaped our nation and the international community.



[Firsts](#) First Ladies Portraits with Cokie Roberts via the Smithsonian

Journalist Cokie Roberts wished some of the presidents' wives had been painted when they were young and vivacious, before they had grey hair. Perhaps then we might think of them as the trailblazing, politically engaged women they actually were. She described four portraits of four First Ladies who have influenced the United States far beyond their preferences in tableware and drapes.

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