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*National Association of Secretaries of State  
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National Archives Foundation*

*National Archives 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence Programming*



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# Overview: 250th Commemoration



## Museum Transformation

This generational renovation of the permanent exhibit galleries will mix original records with interactive technology to create a **welcoming and personalized museum experience for visitors of all ages and backgrounds.**

## Civics

The Archives' civics initiative promotes civic literacy and engagement for educators and students. Coupled with public programs and exhibitions in D.C. and nationally, the **Archives aspires to engage the public in the country's democracy and history.**

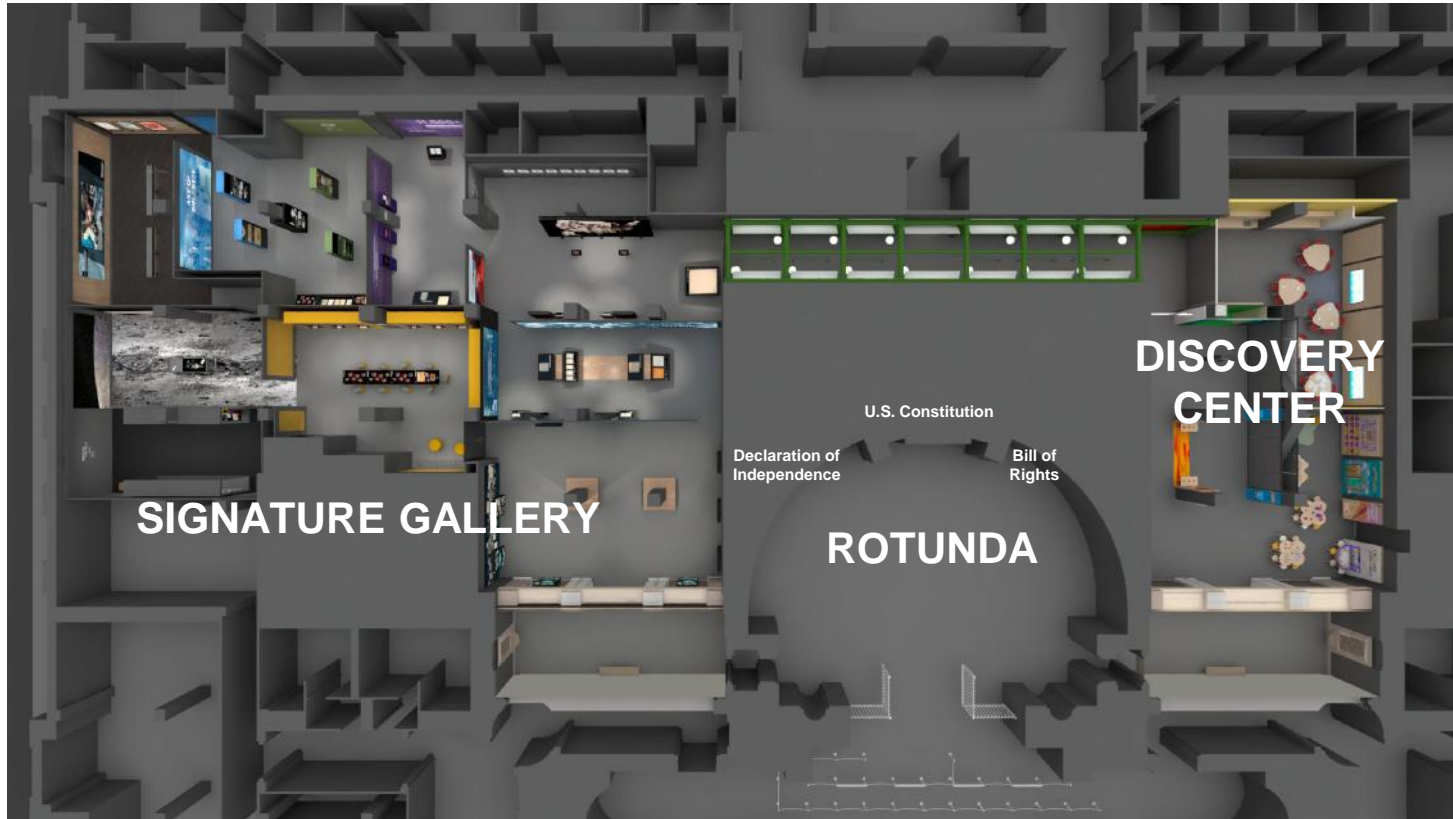
## Programming

2026 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Declaration of Independence*, and **all eyes will be on the Archives.** Leading a multi-year series of events and programs, the Archives will reflect and celebrate the unity and diversity of the nation with the *Promise of America*.



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# Reimagined Museum Spaces





## Examples of Featured Records on Display

- 1823 Declaration of Independence and the 1865 Emancipation Proclamation
- U.S. Treaties with American Indian Nations
- Records from all six branches of the U.S. military
- Surprising government projects around us
- A look at government films
- Petitions to the U.S. Government
- Presidential gifts
- Well-known and unknown patents
- Power of the Archives in our lives



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## Washington, D.C. Activities



### [Spirit of Independence Festival](#)

Three-day festival in June 2026 on Constitution Avenue. Activities will include musical performances, roaming receptions, seated dinner, pet-friendly events, and activities for the whole family.

### [National Archives Open 24-Hours](#)

In the week leading up to July 4, 2026, the National Archives Building will be open to visitors 24/7. Exhibits will be open and special activities will be scheduled.



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# National Treasure Hunt

## Virtual & D.C.



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## Nationwide Civics Initiatives

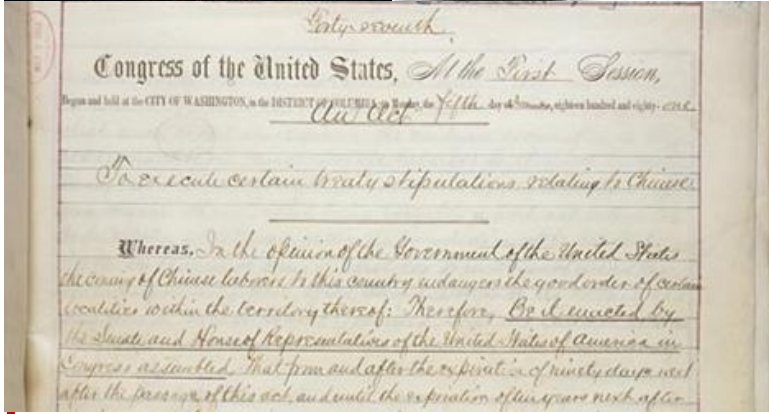
- **New Educator and Classroom Resources** - expanding teacher training workshops, bringing the authentic resources of the National Archives and its expertise to educators teaching history and civics in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- **Innovative Student Learning Experiences** - creating relatable learning pathways, using innovative technologies, delivering critical educational resources of the National Archives for students via media platforms and real-time classroom simulations.
- **Access to America's Story** - connecting more of the public to America's history, enhancing the public's connection to the documents and stories that inspire our future.





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## “100 for the 250th”



### 100 for 250th Project Goals



Get people excited about engaging with historical documents.



Spark curiosity and help folks understand how they can access.



Build stronger recognition for the National Archives.



Make the experience genuinely fun and memorable for users.





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## Nationwide Civics Engagement

# CIVIC SEASON

### Civic Season

Focused on reaching young Americans ages 18-30 (GenZ), **Civic Season** bridges America's newest federal holiday, Juneteenth, with our oldest, July 4. The National Archives Foundation is one of the organizations leading a national network of more than 570 museums, cultural institutions, and influencers invites young people to consider our nation's history and explore their role in shaping our future as part of more than 1,500 events.



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# Nationwide Available Programming

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Ensuring a national engagement with the Archives throughout the 250th anniversary, all live events at the Archives are recorded and virtually available, to provide important and thought-provoking programming to citizens nationwide.



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# Questions?

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