READING ROOM

In July 2010, the Museum opened the Reading Room—a reflective environment for anyone seeking information and understanding about the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. Overlooking Dealey Plaza, the Reading Room provides researchers, educators and students with access to an extensive library which includes books, magazines and newspapers and covers topics ranging from Kennedy's life and legacy to conspiracy theories and 1960s pop culture. Also available for research are items from the Museum’s collections of photographs, film and video footage, documents and artifacts related to the assassination.

Materials available for research in the Reading Room include primary sources and are continually expanded with the foremost studies and resources on the assassination today.

Staffed by a librarian who can assist researchers with identifying primary sources, the Reading Room accommodates researchers with media stations and headphones. Additional highlights include rare and out of print items, a collection of juvenile literature and nearly 1,100 interviews from the Museum’s Oral History Collection.

As part of its commitment to providing access to its growing historical collections, the Museum has created the JFK Resource Consortium, designed to facilitate access to JFK-related historical materials for scholarly researchers, students, educators, journalists and the general public. The online resource guide provides a link to 24 institutions, including The Sixth Floor Museum, that hold materials relating to President Kennedy. The website (http://www.jfk.org/go/reading-room/consortium) describes the collections and provides contact information for museums, universities, libraries, city archives, national archives and historical societies across Texas. More collecting institutions will be added as available.

The Museum also offers The JFK Assassination Timeline. The Timeline was created to foster a better understanding of the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. The timeline begins in 1917 with his birth and ends in 2017 with the possible release of new assassination-related materials by the government. This multi-media research tool is enhanced with photographs, film and video footage, documents and artifacts from the Museum’s collections. You can also listen to oral histories, view video clips, and examine photographs and documents. The Timeline can be found at: http://www.jfk.org/content/pdf/reading-room/timeline/timeline.html

Adjacent to the Reading Room, the Media Room is specially equipped for audiovisual recordings, media interviews and other activities. The space contains acoustical blackout curtains and tailored lighting to accommodate most production requirements.

The Reading Room is open Monday – Friday, by advance appointment only. For more information visit www.jfk.org, call 214.747.6660 ext. 6646 or email readingroom@jfk.org.