

## Virtual Adult Storytime

Theme: Inauguration

The purpose of the Virtual Adult Storytime is to provide older adults in the Wadsworth Community with content to facilitate sharing and reminiscing during a time we cannot meet in person.

**Story/ Book/ Folktale** (People of all ages benefit from hearing stories read aloud. For older adults it can be a chance to stir memories and use their imagination)

### Inauguration Facts:

- George Washington's was the shortest inaugural address at 135 words. (1793)
- Thomas Jefferson was the only president to walk to and from his inaugural. He was also the first to be inaugurated at the Capitol. (1801)
- William H. Harrison's was the longest inaugural address at 8,445 words. (1841)
- The first inauguration to be photographed was James Buchanan's. (1857)
- Abraham Lincoln was the first to include African-Americans in his parade. (1865)
- Women were included for the first time in Woodrow Wilson's second inaugural parade. (1917)
- Ronald Reagan's second inaugural had to compete with Super Bowl Sunday. (1985)

**Video Link to Books to be Read:** <https://youtu.be/duDtnzbsdRo>

Joey: The Story of Joe Biden by Jill Biden

Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice by Nikki Grimes

**“Tell Me a Story” Pictures** (A picture can truly say a thousand words; the pictures included here can spur older adults to remember and even be creative in describing a story from the image. After prompting them, let them become the storytellers.)

Use leading statements and questions such as:

“What is happening in this photo?”

“Who has seen this before?”

“Tell me if you had one of these?”

“This one is funny.”

Etc.

**Video Links** (These are provided for supplementing the theme. Music, dance, etc. enrich auditory, visual, and memory in older adults. Entertainment and engagement are enhanced with these tools)

**JFK Inauguration:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syWo\\_gzGSoY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syWo_gzGSoY)

**Trump Inauguration Ball with Lord of the Dance:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW5MEhXvAzk&list=PL5YocWsbBVdG2Ywi2P1kOHY8jN\\_4JQjIY&index=191](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW5MEhXvAzk&list=PL5YocWsbBVdG2Ywi2P1kOHY8jN_4JQjIY&index=191)

**Eisenhower Inauguration Parade:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTUv3P6aHS0>

**Theme-related Activities** (Continued enrichment of the theme provided)

Inauguration Quiz:

<https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/inaugural-quiz>

**Library Resources** (If anyone is interested in this topic, here are some resources that can be provided to you. Please contact the outreach team at [outreach@wadsworthlibrary.com](mailto:outreach@wadsworthlibrary.com) and the items can be placed on hold or delivered to you.)

**Books:**

- Every Drop of Blood: Hatred and Healing at Lincoln's Second Inauguration by Edward Achorn
- Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford by Clint Hill
- The Reagan Diaries by Ronald Reagan
- Shade: A Tale of Two Presidents by Pete Souza
- \*Many more biographies and topical books available

**CD Books:**

- The Lincoln Conspiracy by Brad Meltzer
- The Oath: The Obama White House vs the Supreme Court by Jeffrey Toobin
- Together we Rise by Robin Miles

**DVDs:**

- FDR, a Presidency Revealed
- Lincoln
- JFK, The Private President
- Landslide: a Portrait of President Herbert Hoover
- The Presidents Collection
- \*Many biographical and history DVDs available



**Capitol Building**

**President Reagan's sworn into office**

**President Obama's Inauguration Ball**



**Academy Cadets during Inauguration Parade**