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The American Library Association honors AmericanPresident.org

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA - The American Library Association (ALA) has recognized the Miller Center of Public Affairs' website AmericanPresident.org as one of the top free reference sites of 2005.

The ALA committee only considered free ready reference websites that were of value to all types of libraries. In selecting AmericanPresident.org, the ALA considered a number of criteria, including: quality, depth, and usefulness of content; ease of use; and authority of producer. AmericanPresident.org will be listed in the fall issue of *Reference & User Services Quarterly*. The site is also listed on the ALA Website, with the other 2005 selections. "We're very excited about this recognition and hope that our listing on the ALA site will allow us to reach an even wider audience" said Marc Selverstone, Executive Editor of AmericanPresident.org.

AmericanPresident.org was developed in 2000, as a companion to the PBS miniseries "The American Presidency." Acquired by the Miller Center in 2001, the site was revised and re-launched in 2003. The site is divided into two sections, the Presidency in History and the Presidency in Action. The Presidency in History section contains biographies and timelines for each president, first lady, cabinet, staff as well as a list of key events and images. The Presidency in Action section contains organizational charts of administrative units and office holders, as well as essays on key areas of presidential decision making such as domestic policy, national security and legislative affairs.

AmericanPresident.org regularly receives over 1 million hits each month and has become a standard web resource on the American presidency for teachers, students and the general public. AmericanPresident.org's recognition by the ALA represents the second such honor bestowed on a Miller Center website in recent weeks; in November the NEH recognized the Miller Center's WhiteHouseTapes.org as one of the best online resources for education in the humanities.

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