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Carter Presidential Museum Closes for Redesign

Re-Opening on October 1, 2009



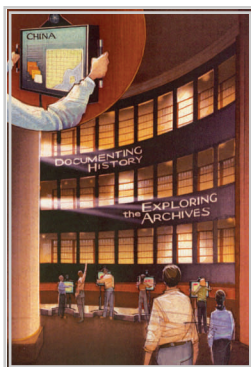
Atlanta, GA.— The Jimmy Carter Presidential Museum closed its doors Sunday afternoon in preparation for a \$10 million redesign of the museum.



Carter Library director Jay Hakes and the head of the redesign project, Dan Lee were on hand as security guard Mica Harlon closed the doors to the public.

“We have been working on the museum redesign for a long time,” Hakes said. “Its exciting to be getting ready to start the actual work in the museum.”

Large crowds visited the museum during its final weekend to get a last look at the exhibits. The Carter museum, which opened in 1986, will be closed for five months. During that time, the entire museum will be transformed into one of the top museums in the country. The \$10 million building project, designed by Patrick Gallagher and fabricated by Design and Production (D&P), will chronicle the life of the 39th president from his birth in 1924 through the post-presidency.



Except for the existing replica of the Oval Office, the museum will have a brand-new look, which will include history-making scenes from around the world. It will allow the public to discover the multi-faceted work of The Carter Center, the nonprofit organization which the former president and his wife, founded in 1982 after leaving the White House. The Carter Center is internationally recognized for the bold initiatives to resolve conflicts, advance democracy and human rights, and prevent diseases in more than 70 countries.

An exhibit also will feature election-monitoring in some 30 countries around the world. This area will be continually updated as the work continues in the coming years.

The museum will re-open on October 1, 2009, which is President Carter’s 85th birthday. Keep up to date with the changes at www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.



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