



# Jimmy Carter

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Good morning. NPR scanned the most-borrowed-books lists of 18 public libraries in the U.S. for 2024 and found that [many titles are](#)

[repeats from 2023](#). Here's the other news we're following today:

Today's Top Stories

**Jimmy Carter's life will be remembered with more than a week of events.**

The 39th president of the United States [died in his hometown of Plains, Ga.](#), yesterday at age 100. In an address to the nation, [President Biden said his predecessor](#) “lived a life measured not by words, but by his deeds.” Carter’s [single term in the White House](#) was remembered for inflation, international unrest and the seizure of American hostages in Iran. After leaving office, he founded the Carter Center, which promoted health care and monitored elections internationally.

 **Carter will receive a state funeral and Biden has set Jan. 9 as a national day of mourning**, NPR’s Stephen Fowler tells *Up First*. Carter’s journey to the national stage included his joining the Navy, leaving the service to run his family’s peanut farm, becoming a state senator

and then governor of Georgia. His presidential inauguration came after the Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal. Fowler says Carter’s [post-presidential life will be remembered for its impact](#) more than his time in office. He effectively [eradicated the Guinea worm](#), a crippling parasitic disease in Africa. He also was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 for his work forging peaceful solutions to international conflict.

➔ **Carter served as president from 1977 to 1981** with a focus on human rights-centered politics. Check out [photos from his time in office](#).

➔ **Carter wrote books about his life and beliefs**, as did other writers and historians who re-examined his impact. Here are [10 of the best-known titles by or about him](#).