

JFK library opens 1st online presidential archive

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Caroline Kennedy speaks about the launch of the JFK Digital Archive, as part of the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy, at the National Archives in Washington, on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

(AP) -- Caroline Kennedy is helping to unveil the nation's first online digitized presidential archive, which includes President John F. Kennedy's most important papers, photographs and recordings.

On Thursday, Caroline Kennedy visited the National Archives and said online access to her father's official records, personal correspondence, telephone conversations and speeches would give a new generation access to the historical record.

The Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston has been working for four

years on the \$10 million project. Archivists have digitized over 200,000 pages, 1,200 recordings and 300 museum artifacts, as well as reels of film and hundreds of [photographs](#).

Library Director Tom Putnam says it's a resource for young students and the most serious scholars.

More information: John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum: <http://www.jfklibrary.org/>

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