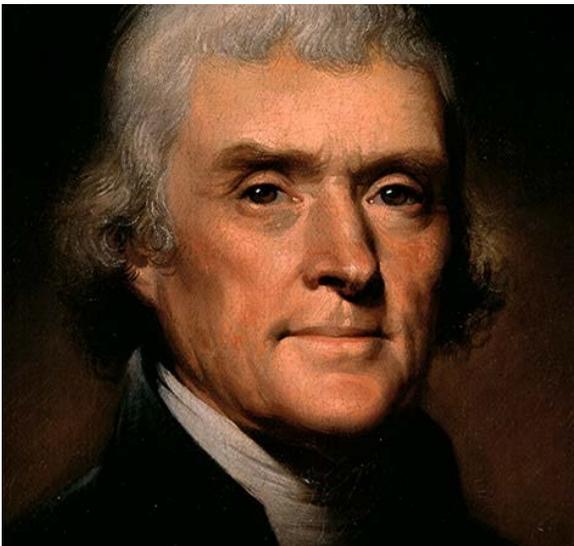


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## Thomas Jefferson - Did NOT Sleep Here



Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the U.S.

On Saturday, April 11th noted author, illustrator and designer Maira Kalman is coming to the 1787 Court House to talk about her book, *Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Everything*. Although President Jefferson never slept here, there is a connection to Bedford because his Vice President, Aaron Burr argued cases in Bedford at the very Court House where Ms. Kalman will talk and sign books.

During Thomas Jefferson's presidency from 1801 - 1809, Historical Hall and the Bedford Free Library were built in Bedford, New Jersey abolished slavery, Ohio became the 17th state, Ralph Waldo Emerson was born in Boston and Aaron Burr fatally wounded Alexander Hamilton in a duel.

Join us at the talk on the 11th and you'll discover surprising facts about one of our Founding Fathers, learn more about Ms. Kalman's creative process and enjoy the whimsical illustrations in her many books and magazine covers.

[To learn more about the event and Ms. Kalman, or to purchase tickets, click here.](#)

[You can also read today's story about Ms. Kalman in the New York Times, by visiting here.](#)

# Ten Facts About Thomas Jefferson

He would have totally had an iPad

10. Jefferson loved science, technology and innovation. One of his favorite devices was a rotating bookstand that could hold five books at once. He was also obsessed with fossils and has a mammoth named after him.

9. He was a great grandfather. He had 12 grandchildren, and many of them lived with him at the same time. He would organize races for the kids on the enormous lawn of Monticello. He also taught them how to play chess and a game called Goose, one of the first board games in the United States; it's a bit like today's game of Chutes and Ladders.

8. He was an oenophile. Jefferson brought his love of French wine to America, had two vineyards at Monticello and encouraged people to drink wine instead of whiskey and cider.

7. He was an agriculturalist. He believed farming would make the U.S. independent from other nations. He was one of the first American farmers to rotate his crops and Jefferson redesigned the plow to make it more efficient.

6. He really loved books. In 1814, the original Library of Congress was attacked by British troops and all the books were burned. Jefferson offered his personal library as a replacement. In 1815, the Library of Congress was restocked - with Jefferson's 6,487 books.

5. He wouldn't have liked twitter. Jefferson wrote about 19,000 letters during his lifetime. He also used a machine called a polygraph that made copies as he wrote.

4. He liked vanilla ice cream and was a foodie. On his return from France, Jefferson brought his love for French food with him. James Hemings, his cook, went to France as his slave and was freed when they returned because he learned to make French cuisine. Jefferson loved vanilla ice cream and brought home a recipe for it, which is now in the Library of Congress and reprinted below.

3. He would have enjoyed HGTV. "Putting up and pulling down, one of my favourite amusements," Jefferson said about the building of Monticello. It took him more than 40 years to complete the house's 33 rooms on four floors. Many of

the rooms are octagonal, because he loved the shape. He also designed the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond and the rotunda for the University of Virginia.

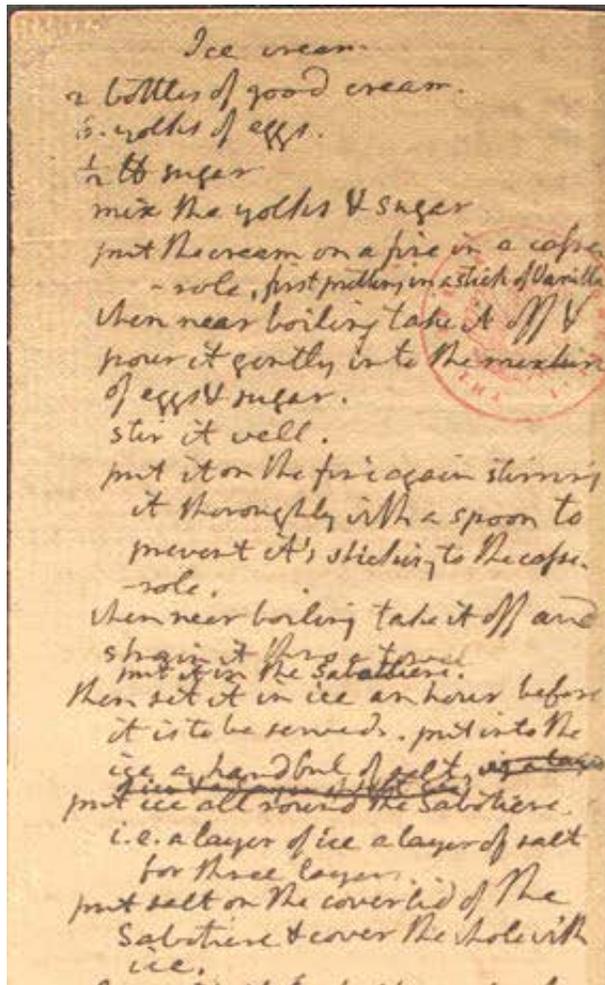
2. He was a stargazer. Jefferson enjoyed astronomy and made sure it was taught at the University of Virginia and he designed what may have been the first observatory in the United States.

1. His greatest accomplishment: Of all his achievements, this is what Jefferson had inscribed at his grave: "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, Author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom and Father of the University of Virginia."

\* Do you know on what currency Thomas Jefferson appears?  
(hint: it's not the \$20)

Compiled from the websites of the Washington Post and Monticello.

## Vanilla Ice Cream a la Thomas Jefferson



2 bottles of good cream.  
6 yolks of eggs.  
1/2 lb. sugar

mix the yolks & sugar  
put the cream on a fire  
in a casserole, first  
putting in a stick of  
Vanilla. when near  
boiling take it off &  
pour it gently into the  
mixture of eggs & sugar.  
stir it well. put it on  
the fire again stirring  
it thoroughly with a  
spoon to prevent it's  
sticking to the  
casserole.

when near boiling take it  
off and strain it thro' a  
towel. put it in the  
Sabottiere then set it in  
ice an hour before it is  
to be served. put into  
the ice a handful of

leave it still half a quarter of an hour.  
then turn the Sabottiere in the ice 10 minutes  
open it to loosen with a spatula the ice from the inner sides of the Sabottiere.  
shut it & replace it in the ice. open it from time to time to detach the ice from the sides.  
when well taken (prise) stir it well with the Spatula.  
put it in moulds, justling it well down on the knee.  
then put the mould into the same bucket of ice, leave it there to the moment of serving it.  
to withdraw it, immerse the mould in warm water, turning it well till it will come out & turn it into a plate.

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salt. Put ice all round the Sabottiere, i.e. a layer of ice a layer of salt for three layers.

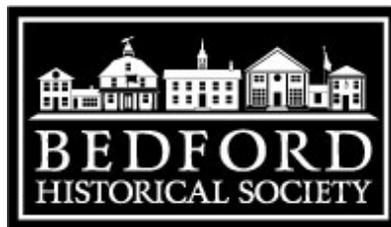
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From the Monticello website.

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