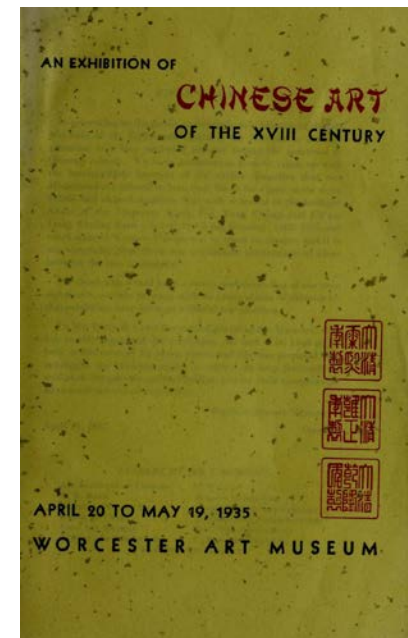
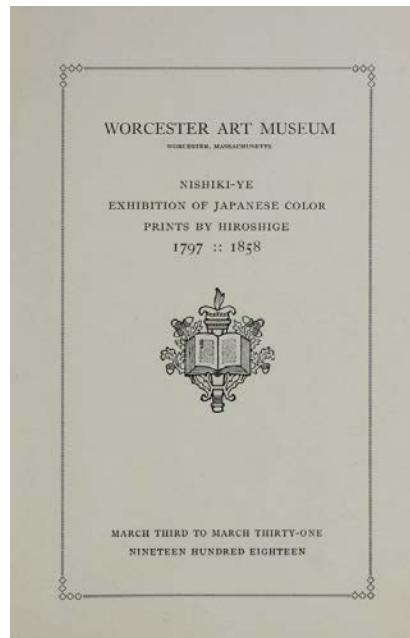
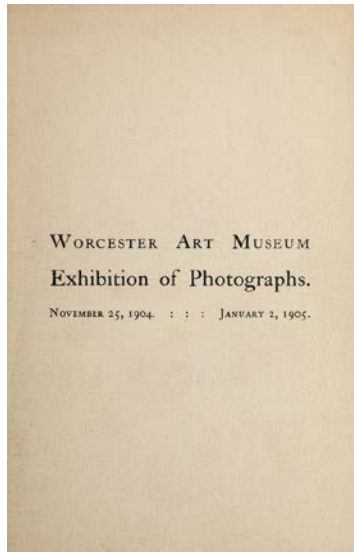


# Digitization Grant for the Worcester Art Museum Library: Early Exhibition Catalogs (1898–1940)

# Digitization Grant

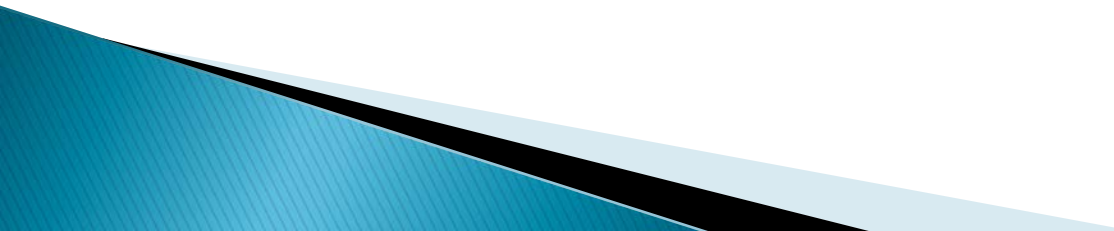
- ▶ The library provides on-line access to over 260 early Worcester Art Museum exhibition catalogs.



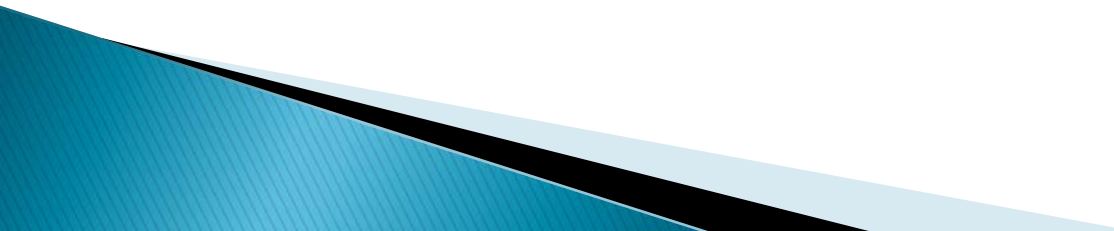
# Digitization Grant

- ▶ The digitization of the catalogs was provided by the Digital Commonwealth and Boston Public Library and funded by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

# Benefits for WAM

- ▶ FREE digitization services: no purchase of equipment or software
  - ▶ Higher visibility and larger audience for WAM on the internet
  - ▶ Protection of fragile library materials
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# More Benefits for WAM

- ▶ Saves staff time (reduce copying and ILL requests)
  - ▶ Digitized publications can be leveraged (integrated in bibliographic database; future mash-ups?)
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# Responsibilities of WAM

- ▶ Provide free on-line access to materials
- ▶ Provide metadata

# Digital Commonwealth and BPL

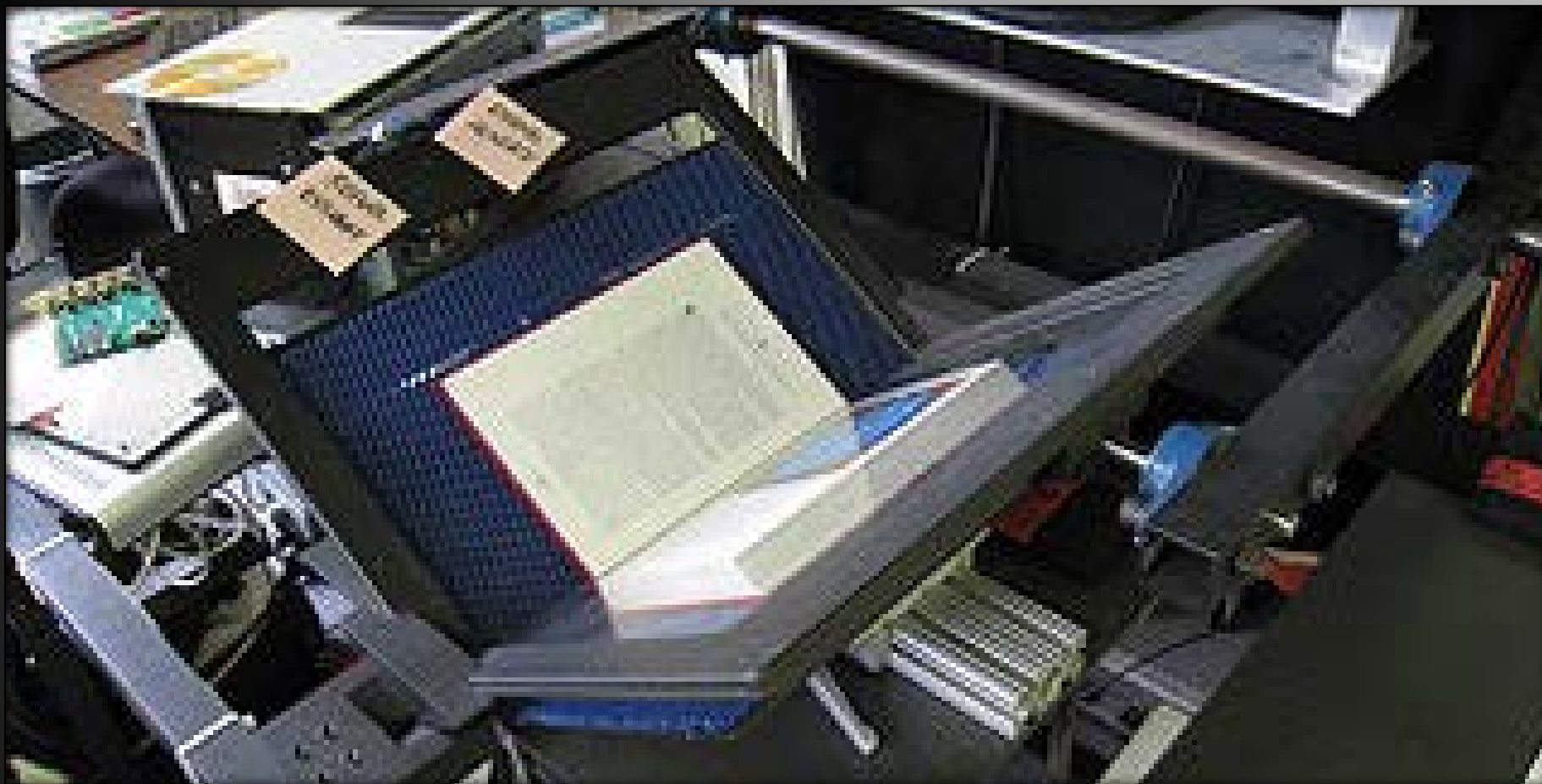
- ▶ Digital Commonwealth: Massachusetts Collections Online (50 member institutions)
- ▶ BPL Digitization Services Team: digitizes “everything that fits through the door” (maps, manuscripts, photographs etc.), even [Helen Keller’s bathing suit](#)



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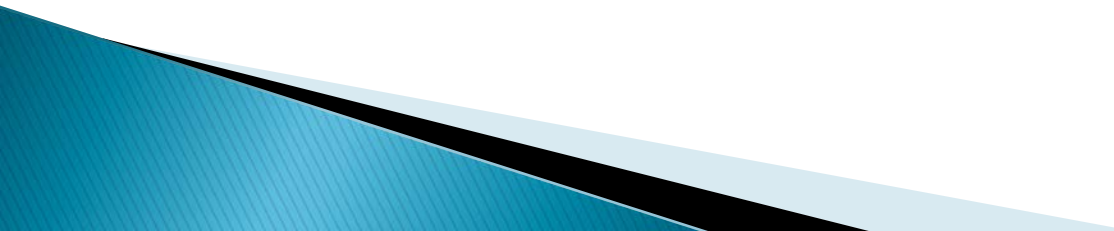
Digital Commonwealth collaborates with the Internet Archive to digitize books





Internet Archive book scanner >>

# Digital Collections of WAM Library

- ▶ The Internet Archive digitized WAM's early exhibition catalogs
  - ▶ Available on Internet Archive's [website](#) and
  - ▶ WAM Library's [webpage](#)
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# WAM Library Catalog

Examples:

- ▶ Catalogue of the first exhibition of the Worcester Art Museum
  - ▶ Catalogue of summer exhibition, 1909
  - ▶ Exhibition of European Arms and Armor from the John W. Higgins Collection (1928)
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QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU!

