Collection Update for August 2018

2,154 new items were added in August including:

- Atwood House Museum of the Chatham Historical Society - Nautical Chart Collection of the Chatham Historical Society (39 items)*
- Boston Public Library - Celia Thaxter correspondence with Annie Fields, 1869-1893 (289 items)
- Canton Public Library - Canton Historical Commission Photos of Canton (170 items)
- Harvard Law School Library - Sacco-Vanzetti Collections - Harvard Law School Library (80 items)*
- Lawrence Public Library - Engineering Department. City Sewers (724 items)
- Malden Public Library - Local History Digital Collection (2 items)
- South Hadley Public Library - Canal Park Committee Collection (295 items)
- South Hadley Public Library - Scott Family Photographs (86 items)
- New England Historic Genealogical Society - 6 collections (469 items)**

* Ingested items ** Harvested items

121,769 Item views
645,239 Total item-level records
268,036 Total hosted items

September 11... NY Voices, Stories of Inspiration

From the American Archive of Public Broadcasting (a collaboration between WGBH and the Library of Congress), WNET’s Rafael Pi Roman hosts this 2002 program featuring 9/11 Stories of Inspiration.

Construction workers discuss their final days at Ground Zero. Artists at DC comics create a tribute to victims of September 11th. Brooklynite Marianna Koval brings her community together to plant seeds of hope, in the form of daffodil bulbs, discovering New York’s inner strength. Click here to watch.

Meet two more of our new Board members...

Danielle Sangalang has been the Archivist and Records Manager at Massachusetts College of Art and Design since January 2016. She has been focusing on increasing the digital collections and improving the overall usability of the unprocessed collections. Danielle helps to ensure that the college’s history is effectively documented and understood by providing access to archival collections to researchers, she makes rare materials available for teaching and learning including two collections of social justice posters held in the Archive and creates exhibits to highlight the Archive’s unique holdings. Danielle is extremely thankful to have had the college’s yearbooks, student handbooks and course catalogs digitized by the Digital Commonwealth (DC), which will help the college prepare for its upcoming 150th anniversary in 2023. Danielle says, “I’m excited to be a part of the DC Board and to help recruit prospective members by promoting the benefits of membership. DC is a great resource for lone arrangers and institutions that want to have their materials digitized but do not have the staff, money or time.”

Jennifer Hanson is Director of Library Services at Worcester Academy, Worcester, MA and has over a decade of experience working in college, special, and school libraries. Jennifer was also the Librarian at Primary Source, a nonprofit professional development organization in Watertown, Massachusetts. She has also worked in the libraries at Emerson College, Indiana University, and the Art Institute of Chicago. Jennifer facilitates online courses for the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Project at Waynesburg University and writes for School Library Journal. She holds an MLS from Indiana University. Jennifer says “I am thrilled to join the Digital Commonwealth board as I am particularly interested in how the organization can create content for and work with school libraries. The collections are such a wealth of primary sources and school libraries can benefit tremendously from those materials.”

BLOW YOUR OWN HORN

Want everyone to know about your favorite digital collection? Have you just uploaded a long-neglected collection that people should know about? Have you completed (or are just starting) a new project involving your digital collection? Write it up!

The Digital Commonwealth blog welcomes contributions from members. It’s simple – write a 250-500-word post. If you have one or two images you want to illustrate your post, include links. You also can include tags for your post. Send it all to outreach@digitalcommonwealth.org. We’ll edit it for formatting and upload it for you.

Soon you’ll be the talk of the blogosphere!
Looking for an interesting discussion?
Science, Democracy, and Climate Change: Finding the Tools to Save our Biosphere

The interrelation of climate change, science, democracy and the humanities will be explored at this forum event, with panelists Gina McCarthy (EPA Administrator under President Barack Obama), Evelyn Fox Keller (MIT), and Rev. Mariama White-Hammond (AME Church in Jamaica Plain). Steve Curwood of NPR’s Living on Earth will be the moderator. To be held at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, Sunday October 28th, 2018, 3:30-5:00PM. Symposium is free, but registration is required. Click here to register.

September 1, 1897…Boston’s Park St is First US Subway Station

What a construction nightmare. And Bostonians thought that an underground transit system would relieve the city’s traffic congestion….little did they know!! This pioneering system was the precursor for today’s ‘T’ which transports over 1 million passengers every day.

Digital Commonwealth reaches the world through the Digital Public Library of America...

Digital Commonwealth became a full member of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) in July 2018. DC collections are being continuously ingested by DPLA. Analytics for the past quarter show that DC collections have been accessed from every US state and from many countries around the world (all countries shown in blue) including 1 user from Nepal and 1 from Tunisia!! The most viewed item with 21 views is Boston Common from the City of Boston Archives.

Check out this online exhibition about the shoe industry in Massachusetts!

Membership News

Welcome new member!

- Boylston Historical Society

Welcome back all our returning members!

- University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Kingston Public Library
- d’Alzon Library, Assumption College
- Thomas Crane Public Library
- Hamilton Historical Society
- Georgetown Peabody Library
- Massachusetts Historical Society
- Simmons University
- Bay Path University, Hatch Library
- Milford Town library
- Harvard Forest Archives
- Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation at Massachusetts General Hospital
- Wayland Public Library
- Palmer Public Library
- Bancroft Memorial Library & General William F. Draper Library
- Brooks Free Library
- Grafton Public Library
- Boston CSJ Archives
- New Bedford Whaling Museum

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