



Highlights

Collection Update for February 2018

3,131 new items were added in February including:

Hosted

- ✓ Boston Public Library - American Artists (23 items)*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Frank W. Benson (1862-1951). Prints and Drawings (677 items)
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Joseph Pennell (1857-1926). Prints and Drawings (529 items)
- ✓ Harvard Forest Archives - The Harvard Forest Map Collection (648 items)
- ✓ Holyoke Community College - Frank N. Fowler Postcard Collection (24 items)

* items added to existing collection

Harvested

- ✓ Wheaton College - Marion B. Gebbie Archives Image Collection (1,230 items)

136,052 Item views

698,423 Total item-level records

284,261 Total hosted items



Not registered for the 2019 Annual Conference yet? There's still time...

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

Join us on Tuesday April 9, 2019 from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.

The BPL Metadata Mob will be there to answer your metadata questions during exhibitor and vendor times throughout the day.

Got copyright questions? Plan on attending Attorney Mike Melford's session from 11:15am-12:15pm to get them answered.

The [schedule](#) for the day is now online.

For more information on the keynote addresses, click [here](#). Find more information on the breakout session speakers and their presentations [here](#).

Upcoming Digital Commonwealth events...sign up [here!](#)

May 1	Collections in the Classroom, with Michele LeBlanc, Canton Public Library, 10:30am – 12pm - OPEN
May 25	Getting Ready for Institutional Anniversaries, Brandeis University, 9am – 12pm - OPEN
July 22	Getting Started with Digital Commonwealth, Brockton Public Library, 10am – 12pm
September 25	Members Only VIP Tour of the BPL Digitization Lab, Boston Public Library, 10am – 12pm
October 18	Getting Started with Digital Commonwealth with tour of Herman Melville's home Arrow Head, Berkshire Historical Society, 10am – 1pm
December 6	Members Only VIP Tour of the BPL Digitization Lab, Boston Public Library, 10am – 12pm
TBA	SHRAB: A Meeting with Massachusetts' Roving Archivist

Digital Commonwealth goes to the State House...

VP/President Elect, Alan Karass, and Board Member, Julia Howington, represented Digital Commonwealth at Library Legislative Day at the State House on March 5. Our exhibit showcased Digital Commonwealth's mission with posters and a continuous loop slide show summarizing DC by the numbers and featuring items from the W. E. B. DuBois Papers harvested collection. Alan and Julia spoke with a number of legislators.

Please contact your State Representatives and ask them to support Line Item 7000-9401 "State Aid to Regional Libraries". This includes funding for "Library for the Commonwealth" which supports digitization services for Digital Commonwealth members. The other budget items relating to libraries are The Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program, and Line Items 7000-9101 Board of Library Commissioners and 7000-9501 State Aid to Public Libraries. We have placed a link on the [Legislative Support page](#) of the website so that you can [identify your state representatives](#) and also a [sample letter](#) that you can use to contact them. Click on the representative's name under the photo, to get their room number at the State House to insert in the letter.



Julia Howington, DC Board Member, at Library Legislative Day



Digital Commonwealth Membership & Programming has a new logo and website...

A significant effort has been put into a complete restructure of the Wild Apricot Membership and Programming website to make it easier for members to use. This is the first major overhaul of the website in more than a decade. If you haven't already done so, please check it out [here](https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/). The collections website remains at <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/>.

Digital Commonwealth Events...

Late February and early March were very busy, with three Digital Commonwealth events taking place.

"Getting Started with Digital Commonwealth"

Alan Karass, Digital Commonwealth VP, and Jake Sadow, Statewide digitization project archivist with the BPL, entertained a crowd of 30 people for our first event of the year on February 25th. The event was enthusiastically received. Following the event, we had several organizations sign up for membership, others who are in the process of joining and a new volunteer to serve on the Outreach & Education Committee! Thanks to everyone who joined us for this event!

"The Local History Hierarchy of Needs", by Matt Amory, Canton Public Library, DC Outreach & Education Committee

On March 7th, 2019 at the Westborough (MA) Public Library, the Outreach and Education Committee sponsored a presentation by Westborough* Local History Librarian Anthony Vaver. Vaver delivered a visually appealing presentation to 30 public librarians and representatives of local historical societies. The presentation applied Abraham Maslow's famous Hierarchy of Needs framework for fulfillment of psychological potential to the question of fulfillment of potential for library local history collections. Maslow's basic needs for food, shelter, safety and security were compared to a collection's fundamental needs for preservation and physical organization. Maslow's psychological needs for belonging and esteem were compared to digitization and the creation of digital tools. The highest expression of personal growth, self-actualization, was compared to education and programming dedicated to a 21st Century paradigm of usability, accessibility and vitality. Vaver shared the ongoing process of moving his own collection toward his ideal, mentioned the resources that he had found most useful along the way, and distributed a concise list of those resources to guide local history collection supervisors at each point in the development of their collection. A second presentation will be offered June 6th in Westborough. The session is already full, but you can join the waitlist [here](#).

Members-Only VIP Tour of the BPL Digitization Lab

The Membership Committee hosted its first members-only event on March 12th. BPL staff, Danny Pucci and Baha Kavlakli, conducted an amazing tour for 10 individuals from public libraries, community colleges and other cultural organizations. The next tour on June 6 is already full. You can join the waitlist [here](#). Keep an eye out in late July for an announcement about registration opening for the September and December tours.



DC Members VIP Tour of the BPL Digitization Lab

Membership News

Welcome new members!

- Berkshire Historical Society at Herman Melville's Arrowhead
- John F. Kennedy Library & Museum
- Old Sturbridge Village
- Phineas S. Newton Library
- Weston Historical Society

Welcome back all our returning members!

- Boston Athenaeum
- Emmanuel College
- Forbes Library
- Hingham Public Library
- Holbrook Jr Sr High School
- Mansfield Public Library
- Mashpee Public Library
- Sandy Island Family Camp Archives, Boston YMCA

Other Photos from the BPL VIP Tour



Book cradle for digitizing bound materials



Attendees got to see a photo of the amazing Leslie Jones, complete with all his paraphernalia!