

## Collection Update for May 2019

28,823 new items were added in May including:

### Hosted

- ✓ Boston Public Library - Press Photography from the Brearley Collection (430 items)\*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Paul Gavarni (1804-1866). Lithographs and Other Works (2,389 items)
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Théophile Alexandre Steinlen (1859-1923). Lithographs, Etchings, and Other Works (139 items)
- ✓ Malden Catholic High School - Malden Catholic High School Class Photos/Yearbooks (73 items)

### Harvested

- ✓ American Archive of Public Broadcasting - 17,335 new items\*
- ✓ Boston TV News Digital Library - 5 collections, 1,632 items
- ✓ UMass Lowell - Paul Tsongas Digital Archives - 6,601 items
- ✓ UMass Lowell, Center for Lowell History - Southeast Asian Digital Archive - 6 collection, 224 items

\* items added to existing collection

\*\* re-harvest



125,614 Item views

732,734 Total item-level records

292,696 Total hosted items

### Featured New Collection

#### Lithographs, Etchings & Other Works, Théophile Alexandre Steinlen

Théophile Alexandre Steinlen was born in Lausanne, Switzerland and studied at the University of Lausanne. He is best known as an illustrator although he was also a printmaker, painter, and sculptor. He moved to Montmartre in Paris in the early 1880's and soon became a member of the artistic, literary, and musical circle that frequented the Chat Noir cabaret. The influence of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec on his work is evident. Steinlen's social and political sympathies for the dispossessed and working-class men and women of Montmartre heavily informed his work as evidenced by his covers and illustrations for socialist journals such as *Gil Blas illustré*, *Feuille*, and *L'Assiette au beurre*. He also created lithographs and etchings portraying and immortalizing the tragedies and hardships of World War I.

The Boston Public Library's collection of Steinlen's works includes etchings, lithographs, and a drawing, together with a bronze relief of a cat in repose. The latter is one of a number of small cat sculptures that Steinlen created during the early years of the 20th century. See the complete collection [here](#).



*Les cerises*



*Ballade en Mer*

## Upcoming Events...

**July 22**, "Getting Started with Digital Commonwealth", Brockton Public Library, 10 AM-12 PM, [Register here](#).

**Sept 25**, "VIP Tour of the BPL's Digitization Lab", Members Only\*.

**Oct 18**, "Getting Started with Digital Commonwealth" and Tour of Herman Melville's home [Arrowhead](#), Berkshire Historical Society\*.

**Dec 6**, "VIP Tour of the BPL's Digitization Lab", Members Only\*.

\*Registration will open late July.

## Getting Ready for Institutional Anniversaries...

On May 20, the Digital Commonwealth Membership Committee presented a workshop titled "Getting Ready for Institutional Anniversaries" at Brandeis University. The focus of the event were presentations by five panelists: Sarah Campbell (Assistant Archivist, College of the Holy Cross); Brendan Higgins (Public Services Librarian, Boston Conservatory at Berklee College of Music); Mary Bell (Assistant Director, Wilbraham Public Library); John Healey (Archives Librarian, Emmanuel College); and Heather Mumford (Archivist, T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Countway School of Medicine). They offered reflections on their experience planning, executing, and assessing recent anniversary events. Each of them touched upon the value of building partnerships with other departments, careful planning, and setting realistic goals and expectations. Audience members represented a wide variety of institutions, and asked questions about budgeting, publicity, and timelines. Attendees and presenters alike enjoyed hearing about other institutions' anniversaries and how different organizations celebrate these events.



*Panelists discuss their preparations for institutional anniversaries, from left to right: John Healey, Brendan Higgins, Heather Mumford, Sarah Campbell and Mary Bell*

## DPLA and BiblioBoard Partner to Make Indie Author Collection Free for the Summer...

DPLA has announced a partnership with BiblioBoard's [Indie Author Project](#), through which a collection of over thirty independently-published books are freely available for anyone to download and read now in the SimplyE app. BiblioBoard's Indie Author Project supports emerging, diverse, independent writers and promotes stronger relationships between self-published authors and local libraries. Through library partnerships across the country, the project provides programming that generate greater visibility and exposure for new and emerging writers and their works. The Summer Reading collection will be available until Labor Day (September 2).

Download the SimplyE app to your [iOS](#) or [Android](#) device. Use the library selector icon in the upper left corner, select Manage Accounts, then Add Library, and select Digital Public Library of America. Find the Indie Author Summer Reading collection in the top row.

## New Digital Commonwealth Blogposts...

### Focus on Context, Access, and Inequality: My Takeaway from the 2019 Digital Commonwealth Conference

Maxwell Lisanti is an MLIS student from Simmons who received a complimentary registration to the Annual Conference in April. Maxwell reported that the presentations "...energized me to continue to work towards using digitization as a tool to connect with marginalized communities and to create collections that are inclusive of new and necessary viewpoints." Read Maxwell's blogpost [here](#).

### Spotlight on...Peter Simon Collection

Anne Berard wrote a spotlight piece highlighting the very interesting Peter Simon collection. Simon was the son of Richard Simon of Simon and Schuster fame and the brother of Carly Simon of musical fame. Anne concisely traces his career and interests, nicely illustrated by photos representing his interest in Aquinnah, family, animals and politics. Read Anne's blogpost [here](#).

## Membership News

Welcome new members!

- Adventual Library, Berkshire Christian College
- Dyer Memorial Library
- Fort Devens Museum
- Lasell College, Winslow Archives
- Leominster Historical Society
- Sherborn Library

Welcome back all our returning members!

- Amherst Regional High School Library
- Attleboro Public Library
- Boston Latin School - Harry O'Keefe Library
- Bridgewater State University
- Brookline Historical Society
- Duxbury Free Library
- Fay School
- Groton Historical Society
- Hudson Historical Society
- Jones Library
- Massachusetts Library System
- Perkins School for the Blind
- Phillips Academy Andover, Archives
- Provincetown History Project
- Randolph Historical Commission
- Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology
- SAILS Library Network
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- West Bridgewater Public Library
- Worcester State University