



Highlights

Collection Update for June 2019

7030 new items were added in June including:

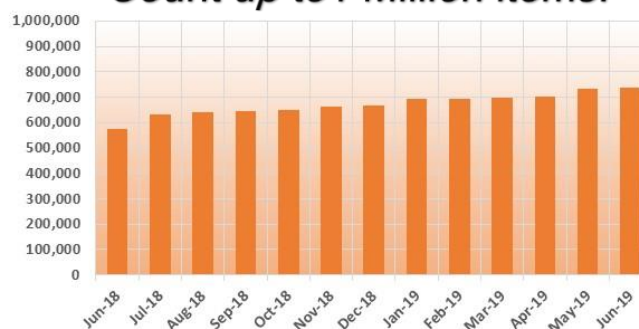
Hosted

- ✓ Boston Public Library - Leon Abdalian Collection (2,065 items)*
- ✓ Massachusetts Archives - Massachusetts Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission, Quabbin Reservoir, Photographs of Cemeteries, 1928-1945 (2,109 items)
- ✓ Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation - Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Paintings (1 item)
- ✓ Phillips Academy Andover - Ralph Finos Map Collection at Phillips Academy (105 items)
- ✓ Phillips Library at the Peabody Essex Museum - Frank Cousins Collection of Glass Plate Negatives, 1890-1920 (2,669 items)
- ✓ Phillips Library at the Peabody Essex Museum - Herman Parker Collection of Glass Plate Negatives, 1885-1913 (81 items)

* items added to existing collection

131,475 Item views
739,763 Total item-level records
299,725 Total hosted items

Count up to 1 Million items!



Upcoming Events...

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.

DPLA Updates...

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) recently announced a new \$622,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to strengthen and expand its national cultural heritage network and platform. DPLA's cultural heritage aggregation program has been its signature achievement since launching in 2013, making over 34 million items—photographs, maps, news footage, oral histories, manuscript documents, artwork, and more—from 4,000 libraries, museums, and archives across the country freely discoverable to all.

On May 21, DPLA announced the release of its ebook of the "Report On The Investigation Into Russian Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election", aka the Mueller Report. DPLA has released an improved version of the report that includes links to more than 750 of the original documents referenced in footnotes and format and tagging enhancements to make the document more accessible to those with text impairments. Instructions for accessing the report are as follows:

Option 1: Download on the web and read in your preferred EPUB reader - Visit <https://muellerreport.dp.la>

Option 2: Read in SimplyE app on your phone or tablet:

1. Download the SimplyE app to your iOS or Android device.
2. 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 Mueller Report in the second row.

Board Updates & Committee Changes...

The new slate of Board Officers was unanimously voted into office effective July 1 and will serve for one year until June 30, 2020. Danielle Sangalang from the Mass College of Art and Design will be President; Sadie Roosa (WGBH) will become Past President; Tegan Kehoe (Paul S. Russell MD Museum of Medical History & Innovation, Massachusetts General Hospital) will remain as Treasurer; and Jennifer Hanson (Worcester Academy) will become Board Secretary. The Board welcomes new members: Johannes Bergmann (Mount Washington Historical Society); Tiffeni Fontno (Boston College, Lynch School of Education); Anton Smith (Massachusetts Maritime Academy); and Justin Snow (Salem State University).

The Board says goodbye to and thanks the following individuals for their contributions and service: Alan Karass, formerly of the New England Conservatory, who will be leaving the New England area to assume the position of Dean of Libraries at Columbus State University, Columbus, GA; Rebecca Morin (Worcester Art Museum); Julia Howington (Suffolk University); and Gianna Gifford who has served as an ex officio representative of the BPL. Gianna will be replaced by Eben English.

Co-chairs of the Outreach and Education Committee, Jodi Goodman (New Bedford Free Public Library) and Patricia Feeley (BPL) are stepping down after two years leading this committee. Matt Amory (Canton Public Library) and Andrew Begley (National Archives at Boston) will be taking up the reins of this committee. We thank Jodi and Patricia for their work in promoting Digital Commonwealth's mission. They will remain as members of the committee.

New Digital Commonwealth Blogposts...

Restoring the story: Granville Public Library's local history collection

Read Trisha's blogposts here: [Part I](#) and [Part II](#).

A Closer Look: Cape Verdean Beneficent Association, New Bedford

Jodi Goodman of the New Bedford Free Public Library posted an article on a photo of the Cape Verdean Beneficent Association in New Bedford, from the recently added Oliveira Photograph Collection. Established in 1916, the Cape Verdean Beneficent Association in New Bedford, Massachusetts is the oldest Cape Verdean organization in the United States. Read Jodi's blogpost [here](#).

Featured New Collection

Ralph Finos Map Collection, Phillips Academy

Phillips Academy alumnus Ralph Finos donated this small, eclectic, and beautiful map collection to Phillips Academy in 2018. An analyst of the technology market, he saw maps as an excellent metaphor for the technology market--often poorly understood and imperfect guides for what will happen next.

Finos started collecting maps while browsing through an antique nautical shop in Chatham, Massachusetts and found 16th- and 17th-century atlases and maps to be especially interesting. The oldest maps in this collection are cityscapes and some maps are more like guidebooks for getting from here to there. Many of the items in this collection are tied to places with a family, work, or other personal connection for Ralph Finos: northeast Italy, Japan, and the Maine coast. View the full collection [here](#).



Map of Ancient Britain II,
J&C Walker, 1834

Membership News

Welcome new members!

- Mount Auburn Cemetery
- Mount Washington Historical Society

Welcome back all our returning members!

- Berklee College of Music
- Billerica Public Library
- Brandeis University, Archives & Special Collections, Goldfarb Library
- Dorchester Historical Society
- Fisher College
- Fitchburg Public Library
- Governor's Academy, Pescosolido Library
- Grafton Public Library
- Hamilton Historical Society
- Harvard Forest Archives
- Historic New England
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Lancaster Historical Society
- Lawrence Public Library
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- New England Conservatory
- Northeast Document Conservation Center
- Plainville Public Library
- Salem State University
- Scituate Town Library
- Simmons University
- Springfield College
- Suffolk University
- The Trustees of Reservations
- Tower Hill Botanic Garden Library
- UMass Dartmouth Library
- Westborough Public Library
- Wheaton College (Norton, Massachusetts)