

Collection Update for February 2020

4,263 new items were added in February

Hosted:

- Boston Public Library - Colonial and Revolutionary Boston (2 items)* Boston Public Library - Early, Rare, and Exceptional Items from Special Collections, Rare Books (3 items)*
- Boston Public Library - French Artists (1 item)*
- Boston Public Library - Incunabula (9 items)*
- Boston Public Library - Leon Abdalian Collection (2,618 items)*
- Boston Public Library - Medieval and Early Renaissance Manuscripts (5 items)*
- Boston Public Library - Norman B. Leventhal Map Center Collection (5 items)*
- Coast Guard Heritage Museum - D.M. Rowland Collection (40 items)
- Lawrence Public Library - Lawrence School Photographs (9 items)*
- Lawrence Public Library - Lawrence, Mass. Engineering Department (62 items)*
- Massachusetts Archives - Eastern Lands papers Land Office correspondence, 1783-1859 (1,347 items)
- Massachusetts Archives - Massachusetts Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission, Quabbin Reservoir, Photographs of Real Estate in the Swift River Valley, and of General Engineering of Quabbin Reservoir, 1927-1950 (162 items)*

Harvested:

- No harvests in February

* items added to existing collection

163,156 Item views 796,096 Total item-level records 316,626 Total hosted items



Contextual Conversations: Representation and Digital Practice

Our first Virtual Conference was a success!

Thank you to the more than 500 people that joined us for our first virtual conference and to our amazing speakers. Conference presentations are available at the link below. Videos of the presentations will be available soon - we have a dedicated team working hard to edit the transcript that accompanies the Zoom recording. This is no mean task with all the proper names in some of the presentations! Thanks for your patience....we'll let everyone know when they're available.

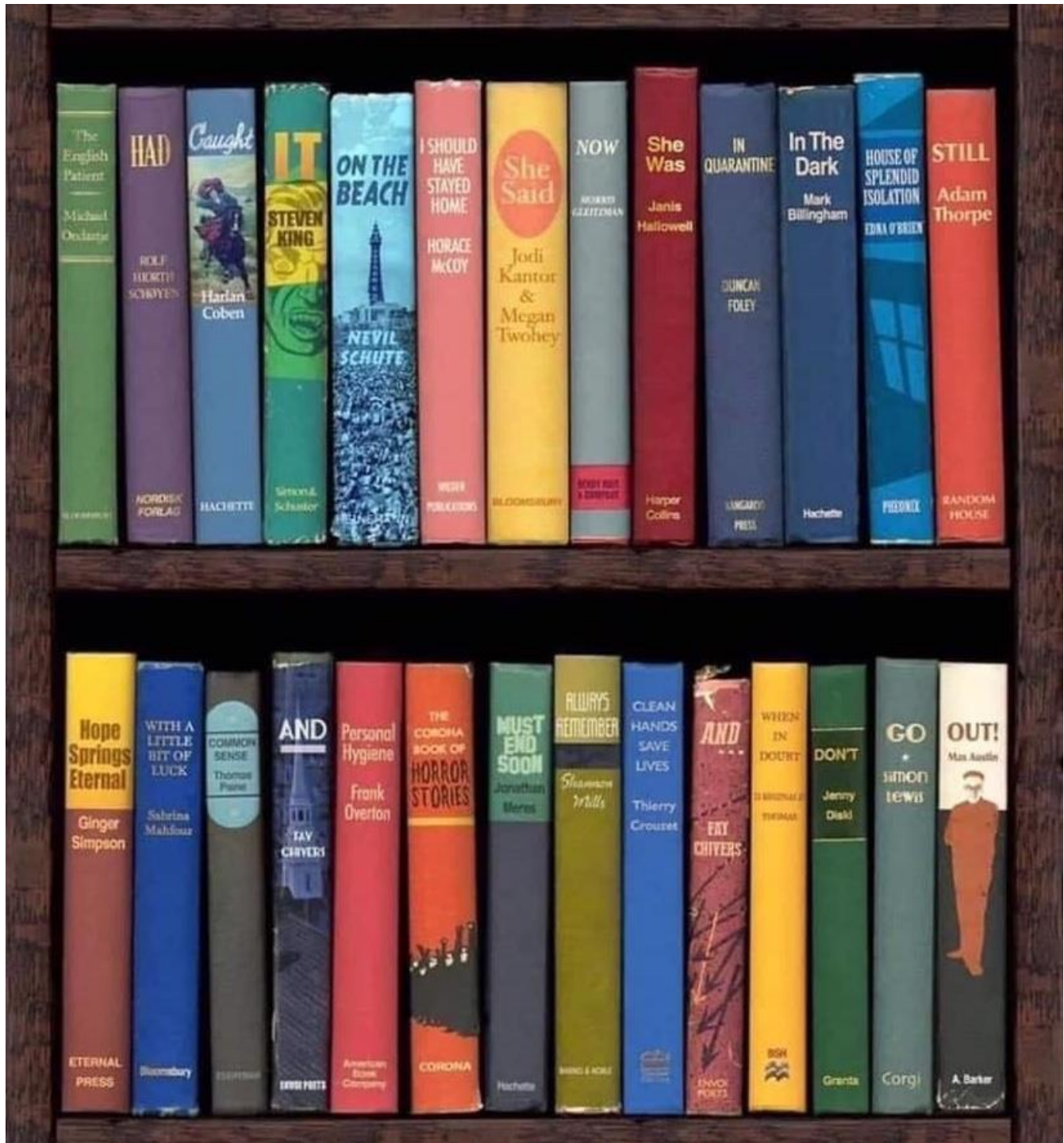
[Conference Presentations](#)

Thank you also to our conference sponsors - we greatly appreciate your continued support as we transitioned from an in-person to a virtual event:

- [Backstage Library Works](#)
- [Massachusetts Library System](#)
- [New England Document Systems](#)
- [Preservica](#)
- [Quartex by Adam Matthew](#)

A Creative Group of Librarians....

This popped up on my FB feed a couple of weeks ago, so I thought I'd share it. If you were going to create something similar using book titles, what would you come up with? Send your ideas to digitalcommonwealth@gmail.com and share them next month. Could you create a haiku using book titles?



If you're having trouble reading it, click [here](#)

Featured New Collection

Coast Guard Heritage Museum D.M. Rowland Collection

This collection is housed in the archive at the Coast Guard Heritage Museum in Barnstable, MA. It consists of B&W photographs from an album maintained by Petty Officer D. M. Rowland during his Coast Guard career in the 1920s and 1930s. He apparently took most of the photos himself while stationed on board or working with various Coast Guard Cutters in the vicinity of Norfolk, VA and while on International Ice Patrol off Newfoundland. Of the 40 items in the collection, I think this one of a four-masted ship is my favorite. There are other wonderful photos of the sea too.

[Four-Masted Sailing Ship, Photo, Coast Guard Heritage Museum, D. M. Rowland Collection](#)



[View the Complete Collection](#)

News from the Digital Public Library of America

DPLA's core mission is to make knowledge freely accessible to all, and that mission has never been more important than during the current crisis.

A [brand new web catalog](#) is available that allows anyone to browse and directly download any of the more than 6,300 ebook titles available on DPLA's Open Bookshelf. Free, and no login or library card needed! These books can also be read for free via the SimplyE app which can be downloaded from the app store on iOS or Android devices, then choose "Digital Public Library of America" as your library.

A **SimplyE webinar** is being hosted on Wednesday, April 29th, at 1:30 pm ET, in collaboration with Brian Bannon, Merryl and James Tisch Director of the New York Public Library; Lyasis; and the DPLA Community Advisory Council. The 1-hour webinar will provide libraries with an overview of the SimplyE platform and explore why libraries across the country are introducing SimplyE to their patrons. Free, but pre-registration is required.

[Register for SimplyE Webinar](#)

CARES Act Grant Applications Through Mass Humanities Open May 4th

Through a new funding opportunity made possible by the CARES Act, Mass Humanities will offer grants to museums, libraries, archives and other nonprofit organizations across Massachusetts. The [National Endowment for the Humanities \(NEH\)](#) received \$75 million from the \$2 trillion CARES Act legislation. As the state affiliate of NEH, Mass Humanities received funds to provide grants for unrestricted operating support to the smallest and most vulnerable institutions. Applications for CARES Act grants will open on May 4. Interested organizations can visit MassHumanities.org/Cares-Act to preview the application, learn more about eligibility, and find additional resources. Mass Humanities will award grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000, depending on the size of the organization's operating budget. Eligible organizations will be evaluated on the audiences they serve, the centrality of the humanities to their mission, and the financial losses incurred by COVID-19. Priority will be given to organizations with annual budgets of less than \$300,000.

Save the Dates for 2020!

We are hoping that by July we may be able to run some in-person events. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will adjust our programming accordingly. Our first priority is everyone's safety and health. The Membership Committee is also evaluating opportunities for other virtual events.

Members Only VIP Tours of BPL Digitization Lab

Wednesday, September 23, 10am – 12pm, Boston Public Library.

Tuesday, December 8, 10am – 12pm, Boston Public Library.

Members Only Behind the Scenes Tour of the Peabody Essex Museum Library

July 13, 2020, 10am-12pm, Peabody Essex Museum.

"Getting Started with Digital Commonwealth"

October 16, 2020, 10am-12pm, Canton Public Library.

"What to Digitize"

November 2020, date TBA, Beverly Public Library.

Member News

Welcome New Friends

Carla Bywaters
Heather Kisilywicz
Miranda Rectenwald

Welcome New Members

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands.
Storrs Library of Longmeadow
Uxbridge Historical Society
Young Men's Library Association

Welcome Back Returning Members

Bourne Archives
Dyer Memorial Library
Emmanuel College
Fay School
John F. Kennedy Library & Museum
Jones Library
Lawrence Public Library
Mount Washington Historical Society
SAILS Library Network
The Walden Woods Project's Thoreau Institute
Williams College
Winchester Public Library
Worcester Academy
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