

## Collection Update for May 2021

83 new items were added in May

### Hosted:

- Boston Public Library - Press Photography from the Brearley Collection (83 items)\*

\* items added to existing collection

### Harvested:

- No new harvests

152,340 Item views 925,417 Total item-level records 356,640 Total hosted items

## "Expanding Your Digital Horizons"

### Online Event Series

### A Living Archives for a Living Memorial:

### Behind the Scenes at the Kennedy Center Archives

Join us for a unique behind-the-scenes look at the process of establishing an institutional archives at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts ahead of its 50th anniversary season later this year. The Kennedy Center opened in 1971 as a living memorial to President Kennedy in recognition of his devotion to the advancement of the performing arts in the United States. To fulfill its mission as the nation's cultural center, the Kennedy Center presents world-class art by the artists that define our culture today, delivers powerful arts education opportunities nationwide, and embodies the ideals of President Kennedy in all the Center's activities provided throughout the living memorial.

The goal of the nascent Kennedy Center Archives is to ensure the organization's creative and operational records of enduring historic value are preserved and made accessible in perpetuity. As such, this presentation will include a sneak peek at artifacts of note, discussion of challenges and opportunities inherent to establishing an institutional archives leading up to an anniversary in the midst of a pandemic, and strategies for virtual outreach with limited resources, scenarios that are especially applicable to small repositories, lone arrangers, and other under-resourced collections with great potential.

There is no charge for this event, but pre-registration is required.

[Register for "A Living Archives for a Living Memorial"](#)

*Sofia Becerra-Licha* is the Lead Archivist at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, serving as the Center's first professional archivist. In her previous role at Berklee College of Music, she similarly established the College's archives and records management program and was active in the Society of American Archivists, New England Archivists, the Music Library Association, and the New England Music Library Association in various capacities. Sofia holds an M.S.L.S. with a concentration in Archives and Records management from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an A.M. in music with a concentration in ethnomusicology from Harvard University, and a B.A. in music and Spanish from Agnes Scott College.

### Upcoming Events....

**August 24**, A Behind the Scenes Tour of the American Antiquarian Society

**Also in late August/early September....**Digital Commonwealth Primary Source Sets

**October 29**, presentation by Francesca Giannetti, Rutgers University, who will be speaking on working with students to enrich data and metadata associated with existing digitized archival collections.

## DPLA News

### DPLA Book Talk, June 17, 2021 at 1 pm ET

Join DPLA for a Book Talk featuring theoretical physicist **Dr. Chanda Prescod-Weinstein**, author of **The Disordered Cosmos: A Journey into Dark Matter, Spacetime, and *Dreams Deferred***.

In *The Disordered Cosmos*, Dr. Chanda Prescod-Weinstein shares her love for physics, from the Standard Model of Particle Physics and what lies beyond it, to the physics of melanin in skin, to the latest theories of dark matter — all with a new spin informed by history, politics, and the wisdom of *Star Trek*.

One of the leading physicists of her generation, Dr. Chanda Prescod-Weinstein is also one of fewer than one hundred Black American women to earn a PhD from a department of physics. Her vision of the cosmos is vibrant, buoyantly non-traditional, and grounded in Black feminist traditions.

[Register here](#)

## Armchair Traveling....

### Interesting Bibliographic Related Images



Crosswalk outside the Amesbury Public Library, MA

## Digital Commonwealth Blogposts

### [Knapp Family Financial Records](#)

by Anne Berard, Reference & Outreach Librarian, Milford Town Library,  
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## Member News

### Welcome Back Returning Members!

Bourne Archives  
Duxbury Free Library  
Groton Historical Society  
Harvard University Botany Libraries  
Haverhill Public Library  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
Pilgrim Hall Museum  
Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology  
Weston Historical Society

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