

Collection Update for October 2021

0 new items were added in October

Hosted:

- No new ingests

Harvested:

- No new harvests

156,457 Item views 925,417 Total item-level records 356,640 Total hosted items

Digital Commonwealth Board Update

As part of the Digital Commonwealth Board's June 2020 [Statement in Support of the Black Lives Matter Movement](#), we committed to periodic updates on the organization's work supporting the dismantling of oppression and injustice. The most recent update we provided to the membership was part of the April 2021 conference, so this update covers the period from the conference to October 2021, including the work of the board and the committees.

The board created an [organizational values statement](#) approved on October 19, 2021, that includes a commitment to equitable, accurate, diverse, and inclusive processes and recognizing historical and present injustices.

Work guided by this statement so far has included the development of the organization's personnel policy (necessitated by the fact that the organization is hiring its first employee) and the process of adapting the land acknowledgement statement developed for the 2021 conference into a standing acknowledgement for all of Digital Commonwealth's work.

The Membership and Outreach & Education committees have organized the following workshops which are related in part to advancing racial equity in collections and their use. These workshops are in line with the results of the DEAI survey and interviews of the membership, discussed at the 2021 conference, which indicated that members are interested in guidance on usage of primary resources and workshops highlighting institutions that do DEAI work well.

- Teaching Black and LGBTQ+ Inclusive Histories with Primary Sources (September 23)
- Building Bridges of Inclusion: Creating Dynamic Learning Relationships (October 20)
- Intercultural Competency Workshop (November 17)

The Membership committee created a current [Member Recruitment and Retention Plan](#), approved by the board in September 2021, including specific and measurable goals for reaching out to groups that represent historically and presently marginalized cultures, histories and voices.



"Expanding Your Digital Horizons"

Online Event Series

Coming up tomorrow.....there's still time to sign up!!

Intercultural Competency Workshop

Dr. Tiffany Magnolia, Professor of English, North Shore Community College

When: Wednesday 17 November 2021, 1:00-2:30PM

Where: Zoom

The majority of today's working, teaching, and social environments call for interaction with people from a wide range of cultures. Many of us are either unaware or unskilled in managing these interactions in a competent manner. Intercultural Competency is a skill set that allows individuals to connect to experiences outside their own, in order to understand and effectively communicate with people from other cultures. These skills can then be directly translated into our working, teaching and social environments. This workshop will delve into what intercultural competency is, explain the process by which one engages with it, and give suggestions on how to incorporate it into our daily interactions. Intercultural competency is a means to equity in our professional and everyday lives - a tool in progress!



Dr. Tiffany Magnolia is a Professor of English and the Coordinator of the Honors Program at North Shore CC. She teaches Native American and Latin American literatures and Composition and provides training to her colleagues at NSCC and members of the wider community in Anti-Racism practices. Dr. Magnolia has been involved with community organizing, labor organizing, and LGBT advocacy for over 30 years. Her professional life has been a combination of traditional higher educational pursuits in her chosen field: Literature of the African Diaspora, and organizing/leading union activities in an educational context. She has been engaged in union activism since 2000 with the United Auto Workers and continues that tradition today with the Massachusetts Teacher's Association. While at UMass Boston, she designed and taught a literature, cultural, and writing seminar for an exchange program with Chukyo University in Nagoya, Japan. The four-week program taught Japanese English majors about the expectations of American culture and of students in the

American university system. She has published academic articles, taught a variety of college level English courses, and trained colleagues in organizing and Intercultural Competency, an area of research interest. She lives in Lynn, MA. Dr. Magnolia holds a B.A. in English and Secondary Education from St. Michael's College, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in English Literature from Tufts University.

Registration is \$10 for Digital Commonwealth members, \$20 for non-members.

Not sure if your organization is a member? Check [here](#).

Register for "Intercultural Competency Workshop"

Please note that throughout the pandemic Digital Commonwealth has offered many events at no charge. The Digital Commonwealth Board strongly supports reimbursing speakers for their time and expertise and is therefore asking for a nominal registration fee for selected events to help cover speaker expenses.

Upcoming Events....

January 2022, date TBA, "Digital Commonwealth, User Perspectives on Getting Your Collections Digitized".



DPLA News

Book Talk: Subprime Attention Crisis, with Tim Hwang

On Thursday, December 9, at 11 am ET, Digital Public Library of America will partner with [Unfinished](#), a new organization dedicated to strengthening civic life in the digital age, for a live, virtual book club event. [Author Tim Hwang](#) will join us for an engaging conversation about his book [Subprime Attention Crisis: Advertising and the Time Bomb at the Heart of the Internet](#), which investigates the Wild West that is the online ad industry. Hwang calls it the “beating heart of the internet”—one that’s liable to fail at any moment thanks to a fundamental instability that calls to mind the housing bubble of 2008.

How has the digital marketing economy shaped our experience of the internet today—from harmful surveillance practices to the proliferation of toxic, inflammatory content—and how might we chart a better path forward? We’ll explore these urgent topics and more.

The conversation will be led by Unfinished Media Editor in Chief Damon Beres, with an introduction by DPLA Executive Director John Bracken. We invite audience members to participate in the conversation and share their thoughts and questions ahead of time. Follow our organizations on Twitter ([@dpla](#) and [@byUnfinished](#)) for updates and visit our websites (DPLA and Unfinished) to sign up for our newsletters, which will offer exclusive content related to this virtual book club event.

All are welcome to join via Zoom on December 9 at 11am EST / 10am CST / 8am PST. Please consider getting your copy of Subprime Attention Crisis from a local library or bookseller.

[Register here for DPLA Book Talk with Tim Hwang](#)

Please note, the above event is not affiliated with Digital Commonwealth and any questions regarding it should be addressed to the Digital Public Library of America.

Member News

Welcome New Member!

Tufts University

Welcome Back Returning Friends!

Paul Engle
Heather Kisilywicz

Welcome Back Returning Members!

Amherst Regional High School Library
Annisquam Historical Society
Bishop Fenwick High School
Boston Children's Museum
Bridgewater State University
Canton Public Library
Dana Hall School
Dorchester Historical Society
Erving Public Library
Falmouth Public Library

Fort Devens Museum
Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands.
Grace Hall Memorial Library
Hatfield Historical Society
Jacob Edwards Library
Lee Library Association
Longmeadow Historical Society
Lowell Historical Society
Massachusetts Horticultural Society Library
Massachusetts Water Resource Authority
North Adams Public Library
North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE)
Northeastern University Libraries
Springfield City Library
USS Constitution Museum

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