

## Collection Update for November 2021

**0** new items were added in November

### Hosted:

- No new ingests

### Harvested:

- No new harvests

**159,725** Item views   **925,417** Total item-level records   **356,640** Total hosted items



## Passing of the Torch.... A New Operations Manager Arrives at Digital Commonwealth

### Farewell from Outgoing Membership and Conference Manager, Glynda Benham



After a 40 plus year career in the high-tech world (I am actually an engineer by training and designed antennas for the majority of my career), the world of Digital Commonwealth was a complete change for me. I became Conference Manager in December 2018. Organizing in person conferences was, relatively speaking, a breeze. Until, in March 2020, three weeks before the scheduled date, everything was all set for another conference when the dreaded news came that Holy Cross was closing and we had a full-blown pandemic on our hands. Enter the new world of living on Zoom....after two in-person conferences, managing a two-week change from an in-person to virtual event in 2020, and another virtual conference this year, I've decided I am finally ready to hang up my conference manager gloves and drift into retirement, with more time for art (I am a contemporary mosaic artist and also love exploring different mediums and art forms), playing music (I'm an early music recorder player) and enjoying life in the southern US!

I also took over the Membership Manager responsibilities for Digital Commonwealth in early 2019. During my tenure I've seen the organization grow from around 160 to 245 members. I want to sincerely thank all Digital Commonwealth's members for their support of the organization's mission. The 1 million item milestone for the collection will soon be here – what an achievement for the Digital Partners Team at the BPL and to all of you who have contributed your valuable items to the repository! To those of you I was able to meet face to face at those in person conferences, and to the many members I've spoken to on the phone, either answering your questions or with those friendly reminders about your membership renewal, it's been a great pleasure.

I'd also like to extend my thanks to the generous sponsors of the conference, to the past conference and event speakers, to the Board and committee members I've worked with over the past 4 years, to the Digital Partners team at the BPL, and to the most recent chairs of the Membership and Outreach & Education Committees, Jenn Belcher, Helen Charbonneau, Andrew Begley and Matt Amory, who have patiently put up with me badgering them about keeping on track with planning and executing the online "Expanding Your Digital Horizons" event series! As I take my leave, I wish Digital Commonwealth and everyone associated with it, all the best for continued success, and ask you to join me in welcoming Anne Callahan as the new Operations Manager.

## Hello from New Operations Manager, Anne Callahan



Hello, Digital Commonwealth Members! I am excited to step into the role of Digital Commonwealth Operations Manager this month. This position supports membership services, conference planning, and the day-to-day work of the Board and the Committees. I'm grateful to Glynda for her exceptional work in these areas and to Glynda and the Board for their support as I learn the ropes.

My background includes digitization and public access projects at institutions large and small.

Most recently I was part of a team digitizing over 500,000 astronomical glass plate negatives at the Harvard College Observatory. I also coordinated membership organizations including the Global Architectural History Teaching Collaborative and, as a volunteer, the Boston Ujima Timebank.

As a student of 20th-century American history, I love exploring items in Digital Commonwealth's collections that document politics, art, and everyday life of the last century. I'm fully committed to Digital Commonwealth's mission to expand access to historical collections and help build an inclusive environment for knowledge-sharing. I'm eager to learn from members, and look forward to meeting many of you in the coming year.

## "Expanding Your Digital Horizons"

### Online Event Series

Users' Perspective on Digital Commonwealth

Date TBD late January or early February.

The Membership and Outreach & Education Committees are hard at work planning additional events for next year....stay tuned!

## Thank You to All Our Committee Members!

As we reach the end of another year, let's give a shout out to all the individuals that serve on Digital Commonwealth's committees - Conference, Membership, Outreach & Education, and Repository.

More information on the mission of each of the committees is available below, and if you'd like to serve on a committee, please use the email provided to reach out to the relevant committee chair(s).

### Committee Missions and Contact Information



## DPLA News

### VIRTUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

DPLA is inviting all members of the community to join DPLA staff for their second annual holiday open house on Thursday, December 16th at 4 pm ET. This will be an informal gathering to catch up with friends and toast to collective accomplishments in 2021. RSVP requested.

[Register here for DPLA Virtual Holiday Open House](#)

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!

Dedham Public Library

### Welcome Back Returning Members!

Beaman Memorial Public Library

Canton Public Library

CLAMS

Eastern Nazarene College

Griffin Museum of Photography

Harvard University, Ernst Mayr Library, Museum of Comparative Zoology

National Archives, Boston

Northfield Mount Hermon

Somerville Public Library

Springfield City Library

Town of Concord Archives

Washington Historical Commission

Worcester Public Library

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