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## Collection Update for July 2022

**1,295** new items were added in July

### Hosted:

- **Boston Public Library – Carte de Visite Collection** (809 items; photographs of military officers, politicians, writers, and actors from the late 19th century)\*
- **Nahant Public Library – Art and Artifacts Collection** (52 items; paintings, photographs, and artifacts documenting Nahant's history from the pre-colonial era to the present)
- **New Bedford Free Public Library – Map and Chart Collection** (173 items; maps, nautical charts, and surveys from the greater New Bedford area and the world)
- **New Bedford Free Public Library – U.S. Geological Survey Collection** (261 items; maps of Massachusetts produced between 1915 and 1998)

\* Items added to an existing collection

### Harvested:

- No new harvests in July

**154,584** item views **955,769** total item-level records **388,444** total hosted items

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## News

### Members vote on 2022-2023 Digital Commonwealth Officers and Plan of Service

Digital Commonwealth member organizations will receive an email this week with a link to their ballot for 2022-2023 Officers and Plan of Service. One person from each member organization is eligible to vote. Please take part in the vote! Questions? Contact [membership@digitalcommonwealth.org](mailto:membership@digitalcommonwealth.org).

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### Digital Commonwealth Conference Recordings Now Online

Recordings and slide presentations from the 2022 Digital Commonwealth Conference are now available online. View sessions such as "Local History at All Levels: Making Collections Relatable and Accessible", "Responsible Metadata", and more. [Watch the recordings >](#)

## Upcoming Events



### Educators' Workshop

## Visualizing Change in Boston: Using Digital Commonwealth Collections to Tell Stories of Places and Activism

**When:** Wed Sep 28, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET

**Where:** Zoom

Educators from the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library will discuss “Activism in Boston Over Time,” a new primary source set and an accompanying lesson they created for Digital Commonwealth. In this lesson, students use maps, photos and other resources to construct a narrative of how different locations in Boston changed over time and the role of activism in the change. This lesson can serve as a model for any educators across the Commonwealth considering how to teach about the role of citizen action in their local communities.

Come prepared to participate as we'll be trying out the lesson together!

The workshop is free of charge. Register by Tue Sep 27. You will receive the Zoom link when you register.

**Register**

Header image: Three Boston public high school students participate in a Maptivists Initiative program at the Leventhal Map & Education Center. Credit: Leventhal Map & Education Center.



## Identifying 19th Century Photographic Processes

**When:** Thu Oct 13, 1:30 – 3:00 pm ET

**Where:** Zoom

This session will explore techniques used to identify 19th century photographic processes such as tintypes, albumen prints, and salted paper prints, among others. Similar to identifying a tree or other plants, there are key identifying features that make up each process. Many of these processes have common traits and it can be difficult to distinguish the differences. However, by using a method that examines the photograph by the object view, the surface view, and the magnification view, you can narrow down your choices. It is a subjective process that takes practice, but over time you will begin to identify the different traits of each process.

The workshop will be led by photographer and archivist James Gehrt, who will use multiple cameras and a microscope with streaming capabilities so attendees can see these identifying techniques firsthand. If you have a small handheld microscope and sample images, you can follow along with your materials, but it is not necessary to have these items in order to learn from the workshop. Participants will receive a recommendation for an affordable microscope.

The workshop is free of charge. Register by Wed Oct 12. You will receive the Zoom link when you register.

[Register](#)

Header image: Examples of 19th century photographic processes. From left to right: tintype, wet plate collodion, albumen print, and gelatin dry plate. Image credit: Graphics Atlas (Image Permanence Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology).

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## Digital Public Library of America Events

Public Event

***Buy Now: How Amazon Branded Convenience and Normalized Monopoly with author Emily West***

**When:** Wed Sep 14, 1:00 pm ET

**Where:** Zoom

In the third of our Book Talks with the MIT Press, we'll talk with author Emily West about *Buy Now*, which explores how Amazon combined branding and relationship marketing with massive distribution infrastructure to become the ultimate service brand in the digital economy. [Read more and register >](#)

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## Public Event

### **Collaborating for Access: The Outlook for Library Ebook Legislation, presented by COSLA, DPLA, and ReadersFirst**

When: Tue Sep 27, 1:00 pm ET

Where: Zoom

In this fourth in our Collaborating for Access series of webinars hosted by COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies), DPLA, and ReadersFirst, we'll look at the recent push for ebook legislation, and what it could mean for patron access to digital content. We'll bring together a panel of librarians and thought leaders to discuss the progress of various legislation efforts, potential ramifications, and what might come next. [Read more and register >](#)

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**View DPLA's [full events calendar](#).**

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## Digital Commonwealth Member News

### Welcome New Member

- Tyngsborough Public Library
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### Welcome Back Returning Members

- African American Cambridge Community Archive
  - Amherst College
  - Assumption College Library
  - Bolton Public Library
  - Boston College
  - Boston Symphony Orchestra
  - Brooks Free Library
  - Cape Cod Community College, Wilkens Library
  - Carver Public Library
  - Chicopee Public Library
  - Dennis Historical Society
  - Eastham Public Library
  - Harvard Forest Archives
  - J. V. Fletcher Library
  - Massachusetts Eye & Ear
  - Massachusetts Water Resource Authority
  - McCann Technical School
  - McLean Hospital
  - Needham Free Public Library
  - New Bedford Free Public Library
  - Noble & Cooley Center for Historic Preservation (NCCHP)
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- Oak Bluffs Library
  - Palmer Public Library
  - Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation at Massachusetts General Hospital
  - Peabody Institute Library
  - Plymouth Public Library
  - Reading Public Library
  - Salem Public Library
  - Sharon MA Historical Society
  - South Hadley Public Library
  - Sturgis Library
  - The Trustees of Reservations
  - University of Massachusetts Amherst
  - University of Massachusetts Boston
  - Ventress Memorial Library
  - Waltham Public Library
  - Wellesley College
  - Wellesley Free Library
  - West Bridgewater Public Library
  - Western New England University
  - Weston Public Library
  - GBH Education Foundation
  - Wilbraham Public Library

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