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Collection Update for December 2021

0 new items were added in December

Hosted:

- No new ingests

Harvested:

- No new harvests

Additions to the Digital Commonwealth Collections are on hold while development work on the new repository is completed. Ingests are expected to resume by February 2022.

148,294 item views **925,417** total item-level records **356,640** total hosted items

News

Members' Votes Needed to Approve Changes to By-laws

The Board of Directors recently approved [changes to Digital Commonwealth's by-laws](#). **Members' votes are needed in order to officially adopt these changes!**

Active members can [register to vote](#) during a brief special meeting on Zoom on **Weds. Feb. 9 from 2:15-2:30 pm**.

Questions? Contact membership@digitalcommonwealth.org.

Conference Registration Opens on Feb. 14

The 2022 Digital Commonwealth Conference, "Users and Uses: Centering Communities in Digital Collections," featuring keynote speaker [Dr. Tonia Sutherland](#), will take place on Tues. Jun. 14. **Registration opens on Mon. Feb. 14**. Look for the link in our February newsletter.

Upcoming Events

User Perspectives on Digitizing Collections with Digital Commonwealth

When: Weds. Feb. 9, 1:30-3:30 pm EST

Where: Zoom

Learn from users who recently digitized their collections with Digital Commonwealth. **Anne Berard** (Milford Town Library), **Arthur Carlson** (George C. Gordon Library, Worcester Polytechnic Institute), and **Sharon Hawkes** (Nahant Public Library) will describe their projects and the materials they digitized, including town records, yearbooks, photographs, and a collection of pressed plants. [Read more and register >](#)

Can We Be Done Yet?: Trials and Tribulations of Merging Berklee College of Music and Boston Conservatory Archives

When: Weds. Mar. 16, 1:30-3:30 pm EST

Where: Zoom

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to wake up and find out your institution has merged with another institution, and your repositories need to be merged into one? This is what happened in 2016, when Berklee College of Music and Boston Conservatory merged. **Jenée Force** (Associate Director, Berklee Archives), **Ashley Gray** (Processing Assistant, Berklee Archives), and **Brendan Higgins** (Faculty Liaison and Outreach Librarian, Berklee College of Music) will share the history of the department, the steps taken to combine the two archives, and the work that still lies ahead. [Read more and register >](#)

Digital Public Library of America Events

Digital Commonwealth is the Massachusetts [service hub](#) for the [Digital Public Library of America \(DPLA\)](#). **All Digital Commonwealth members are automatically DPLA members, and Digital Commonwealth members can attend DPLA member events.** (Not sure if your institution is a Digital Commonwealth member? Check our [member directory](#).)

DPLA also hosts public events open to non-members. Visit DPLA's [full events calendar](#).

Pan Am Aviation Portal Launch Event

When: Weds. Jan. 26, 3 pm EST

Where: Zoom

Duke University, HistoryMiami Museum, University of Miami Libraries, and DPLA were awarded a “Digitizing Hidden Collections” grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) to digitize some of their holdings of Pan American World Airways. The project culminated in the creation of the first-ever commercial aviation portal in DPLA. [Read more and register >](#)

DPLA Member Event

Accessibility and Harmful Content Statements: Analyzing Lexile Levels

When: Weds. Jan. 26, 3 pm EST

Where: Zoom

Sheila McAlister, director of the Digital Library of Georgia (DLG), and Nicole Lawrence, DLG assistant director and co-chair of the DPLA Metadata Working Group, will discuss how the DLG crafted its harmful content statement to be easily understandable by the general public. [Read more and register >](#)

DPLA Member Event

Escaping Our Fishbowl: A Case Study on Expanding Participation by the Connecticut Digital Archive

When: Thurs. Feb. 10, 1 pm EST

Where: Zoom

The Connecticut Digital Archive recently conducted a self-examination and analysis of its peers in the Hub network to discover where we inadvertently limited our value to typically underrepresented groups. From our analysis we came up with a four-point program for change in ourselves, some parts of which may surprise you. [Read more and register >](#)

Past Event

DPLA Community + Open Board Meeting: The Future of Digital Access

DPLA's first Open Board + Community meeting of 2022 was held on January 10. It featured a conversation with library and education leaders about the future of digital access. Speakers included: Jean-Claude Brizard, President and CEO of Digital Promise; Alan Inouye, Senior Director of Public Policy and Government Relations for ALA; Michele Kimpton, Senior Global Director of The Palace Project; and Greg Lucas, California State Librarian.

[Watch the recording >](#)

DPLA Board Member Felton Thomas shared reflections on the gathering. [Read his post here.](#)

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Welcome New Member

Bridgewater Public Library

Welcome Back Returning Members

Bedford Public Library
Brookline Historical Society
Emmanuel College
Franklin Historical Museum
Historical Society of Old Yarmouth
John F. Kennedy Library & Museum
Leicester Public Library
Mashpee Public Library
Massachusetts Library System
Massasoit Community College
Monterey Library
Mount Washington Historical Society
Needham Free Public Library
Public Health Museum in Massachusetts
Sharon Public Library
Stoughton Public Library
The Trustees of Reservations
United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum
Watertown Free Public Library
Young Men's Library Association

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