Digital Collections – As a Tool for Community Engagement

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Why Digitize?

- Preservation
- Access
- Community Engagement
- Community Building
2006 Provincetown Advocate Live!

- Preservation-Microfilm Project
- Partners-LSTA, MBLC, Town, Newspaper
- Credibility
- Access
- Trust

http://advocate.provincetown-ma.gov
2007 Provincetown History Preservation Project

- Heritage Museum Closed
- Collection at risk
- Library/Museum Swap Failed
- New Library

http://www.provincetownhistoryproject.com
http://www.provincetownhistoryproject.com/browse/view?browseCollection=15
2007 Provincetown History Preservation Project

Partners:
- Doug Johnstone, Town Clerk
- Museum
- Historical Commission
- Selectmen
- Library/Library Trustees
- Town Meeting
- Volunteers/Donors
- Collection Stakeholders

http://www.provincetownhistoryproject.com/browse
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2011 Halifax, MA
Partners: Halifax Museum, BPL, SAILS

Reference Services

- Link of the Month
- Online Resources
- Genealogy
- Halifax Links

Catalog Search

Digital Books on Halifax History | The Torch: Silver Lake Regional High School Yearbooks | Halifax Historical Society & Museum's Inaugural Collection | Halifax Postcards | SAILS Digital History Collection

Digital Books on Halifax History

Most of these files are hosted by the Internet Archive, a global internet library with backup files in locations around the world dedicated to offering permanent electronic access to historical collections as a means of cultural preservation.

History of Halifax, Massachusetts by Guy S. Baker.


Records of the Church of Christ in Halifax, 1734

The history of the Halifax Congregational Church of Halifax, Massachusetts : with notes and references concerning the inhabitants, environs, and lifestyles of the Halifax town and wider community by Joseph A. C. Wadsworth, III.

Supplement to the history of the Halifax Congregational Church of Halifax, Massachusetts (excel file): Containing early membership records based on Church Record books from the earliest records to 1900, Town of Halifax Records during the era that the church and town were comimgled (1730-1800), original documents, artifacts such as marriage records and marriage intentions, correspondence with families (Sturtevant, Bosworth, Waterman, and others), Halifax Museum artifacts and numerous online family history sources.Compiled by Joseph A. C. Wadsworth, III.


Children of Old Park's Tavern: A Story of the South Shore by Frances A. Humphrey. Harper & Brothers, 1886

The Torch, Silver Lake Regional High School Yearbooks

http://holmespubliclibrary.org/HalifaxHistory.html
Halifax Partnerships

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HOLMES PUBLIC LIBRARY (HALIFAX) HALIFAX HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM'S INAUGURAL COLLECTION

Description
This digital representation of the Halifax Historical Society and Museum's Inaugural collection consists of more than 100 photographs and maps from the collection of Guy S. Baker.

The Holmes Public Library and Halifax Historical Society and Museum work closely together to provide interpretation and access to the collections.

View the items in Holmes Public Library (Halifax) Halifax Historical Society & Museum's Inaugural Collection

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Central School, Halifax, Massachusetts

Central School was the first centralized school in Halifax. Prior to that, Halifax was a five district one-room schoolhouses to one central school

Route 58 and Route 106, looking south, Halifax, Massachusetts

http://sailsinc.omeka.net/collections/show/20
Jonathan Bourne Public Library, BPL & the Internet Archive

Welcome to Jonathan Bourne Public Library
Books contributed by the Jonathan Bourne Public Library.
Browse Collection
Browse by Subject / Keywords

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Fuel Spill 2011 Summary Letter Report / Prepared for AFCEE, prepared by CH2M Hill, 59 days ago
Ashumet Valley 2011 Summary Letter Report / Prepared for AFCEE, prepared by CH2M Hill, 59 days ago
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CS 10 2011 Summary Letter Report / Prepared for AFCEE, prepared by CH2M Hill, 59 days ago
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About the Internet Archive
Background
Frequently Asked Questions

Most Downloaded Item
1. 2006 Final Ashumet Phosphorus Barrier Technical Memorandum
   5 downloads
2. Final 3rd Five-Year Revprt, 2002-2007, Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR) Superfund Site, Otis Air Nation Guard Base, MA
   5 downloads
3. LF 1 CS 23 2011 Summary Letter Report
   3 downloads
   2 downloads
5. CS 10 2011 Summary Letter Report / Prepared for AFCEE prepared by CH2M Hill.
   2 downloads

http://archive.org/details/jonathanbournepubliclibrary
Bourne Partnerships

- Boston Public Library
- Internet Archives
- Bourne Archives
- Bourne Historical Society
- Bourne Historical Commission
- Massachusetts Military Reservation
- Digital Commonwealth
- MBLC/LSTA

http://mmr-iagwsp.org
http://states.ng.mil/sites/MA/MMR/afcee.htm
The Future?

- How much money and hours have we spent developing these digital collections?

- How are we going to preserve them so that they do not go the way of all our lost treasures (from broken glass plate negatives to unplayable oral histories on audio tape)??????
Data curation is the active and ongoing management of data through its lifecycle of interest and usefulness to scholarship, science, and education. Data curation enables data discovery and retrieval, maintains data quality, adds value, and provides for re-use over time through activities including authentication, archiving, management, preservation, and representation.
Digital Data Curation – Our Responsibility

- Each of us cannot do it on our own
- We need the resources being developed by the Boston Public Library and the Digital Commonwealth

http://dp.la
http://projecthydra.org
http://digitalcommonwealth.org/blog/?p=32
http://fedora-commons.org