

Collection Update for July 2018

11,043 new items were added in July including:

- ✓ Boston Public Library - Leslie Jones Collection (6 items)*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Stow Wengenroth (1906-1978). Prints and Drawings (372 items)
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Thomas Wentworth Higginson Correspondence (156 items)
- ✓ Lawrence Public Library - Art Work of Lawrence and Vicinity Photograph Collection (64 items)*
- ✓ Lawrence Public Library - James Regan (9 items)
- ✓ Medford Historical Society & Museum - Medford Historical Society Civil War Photograph Collection (826 items)*
- ✓ Massachusetts Historical Society (4,161 new items; 1 new collection)**
- ✓ Springfield College Archives and Special Collections (5,181 new items; 3 new collections)**
- ✓ Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute Library (64 new items)**

* Ingested items ** Reharvested items

124,768 Item views

643,085 Total item-level records

266,351 Total hosted items



SAVE THE DATE!

2019 Annual Conference

The 2019 Annual Conference will be held on Tuesday April 9th at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA from 8:00AM-4:00PM. The conference will focus on the theme of "Responsibilities in the Digital Age".

Topics of interest include: copyright; digital security and privacy; handling collections with sensitive materials; collections and underrepresented populations; and using digital asset management tools. Interested in speaking? Please submit an abstract less than 1 page in length, **no**

later than September 31, 2018 to:

conferencemanager@digitalcommonwealth.org

FY19 Officers & Board

The FY19 Officers and Board of Directors of Digital Commonwealth were elected in July. They are:

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Thank you to all of these individuals for their dedication in stepping up to run the organization for the next year!

Meet two of our new Board members...

Kate Boylan

Kate is the Director of Archives & Digital Initiatives at Wheaton College (Norton, MA), serving as both a technology specialist and teaching partner. She is responsible for conceiving, planning and implementing projects to digitize and preserve the unique materials of Wheaton. Kate and her team of student workers maintain the Wheaton College Digital Repository, and digitize collections exhibited on Artstor and JStor Forum for classes and academic communities at-large. Kate says, "I am thrilled to be a member of the Board first and foremost to learn more about all of the work Digital Commonwealth does so that Wheaton College can be a more active and contributing member. I'm also most interested in learning from colleagues from different institutions about their digitization and preservation practices; what started as image preservation about fifteen years ago, has blossomed into record and asset management in so many facets of our professional lives. I am excited to see how Digital Commonwealth both evolves and focuses its work and continues to support users."



Jodi Goodman

Jodi Goodman is head of Special Collections at the New Bedford Free Public Library where she oversees collection management and reference activities for the historical collection (graphics, manuscripts, printed works). With an interest in organizational records and member communities, she formerly worked as an archivist with The First Church of Christ, Scientist and the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends. Working as a librarian/archivist within a municipal environment shaped by limited resources and digital infrastructure, she recognizes the tremendous value that Digital Commonwealth provides to researchers and institutions alike, helping to put "small fish" in a "big [digital] sea" on the map within a sustainable activity. Supporting Digital Commonwealth's collaborative mission to make accessible Massachusetts' cultural heritage materials is important to her and she welcomes the opportunity to participate in strategic conversations as a new board member.



August 3, 95 years ago, Calvin Coolidge becomes President

Calvin Coolidge became the 30th US President upon the sudden death of Warren G. Harding in 1923 and was overwhelmingly re-elected in 1924. Born in Vermont, Coolidge attended Amherst College, set up a law practice in Northampton, became a State Senator, was elected mayor of Northampton, and became governor of Massachusetts in 1918. DC member, the Forbes Library, Northampton, MA, is home to the [Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum](#).



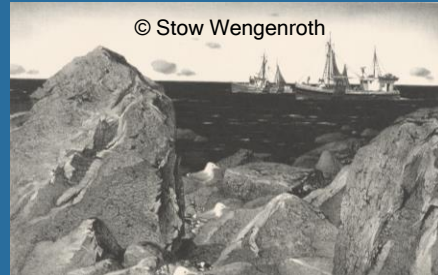
Mass Moments Rack Cards Available Free to Massachusetts Libraries

Rack cards for Mass Moments, a digital almanac of Massachusetts history, are now available to libraries at no cost. Every day of the year, Mass Moments brings readers a different story from the Bay State's rich past. Meet revolutionaries and writers, inventors and athletes, heroes and crooks! See the rack cards and place an order here: <http://masshumanities.org/programs/mass-moments/spread-the-news/>
For more information or to sign up to receive Mass Moments in your email every day, visit massmoments.org.

Lawrence Public Library: James Regan Collection



Boston Public Library: Stow Wengenroth Prints and Drawings



Selected Items Newly Added to the Collection

August 11, 1841, Frederick Douglass addresses white audience for first time

Douglass's speech on Nantucket marked the point at which he "became known to the anti-slavery world." The Douglasses lived in New Bedford for 3 years where Frederick tried unsuccessfully to get work as a ship's caulker due to such "strength of prejudice against color, among the white caulkers." They then moved to Lynn for four years until Frederick left his family for England out of fear that he would be captured and returned to Maryland. Check out all the amazing [Douglass documents](#) available online in the DC collection.

Membership News

Welcome back all our returning members!

- Brandeis University
- Wellesley Free Library
- Elms College, Alumnae Library
- Holyoke Community College
- Chicopee Public Library
- Wilbraham Public Library
- New Bedford Free Public Library
- Dyer Memorial Library
- Fay School
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- Sterling Francine Clark Art Institute
- Northeastern University Libraries
- Western New England University
- Wayland Historical Society
- Dyer Memorial Library
- Cape Ann Museum
- Boston City Archives
- Boston Children's Museum
- Medford High School Library
- West Bridgewater Public Library
- Project SAVE Armenian Photograph Archives
- Georgetown Peabody Library
- Eastham Public Library
- Brookline Public Library
- Westborough Public Library
- Provincetown History Project
- Wilmington Memorial Library
- Scituate Town Library
- Needham Free Public Library
- Fisher College
- Boston Latin School Library
- Leominster Public Library
- Topsfield Historical Society
- Boston City Archives
- Bridgewater State University
- Immigrant City Archives, Lawrence
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- Worcester Art Museum
- Lincoln Public Library
- Attleboro Public Library
- Historic Newton
- Thayer Memorial Library
- Boston University Libraries
- Boston Athenaeum
- Mansfield Public Library
- Silver Lake Regional High School
- Ventress Memorial Library
- Duxbury Free Library
- Springfield Technical Community College
- Concord Free Public Library
- Plainville Public Library
- Groton Historical Society
- Perkins School for the Blind
- The Trustees of Reservations
- Norwell Public Library
- Jones Library
- Griffin Museum of Photography
- Needham Free Public Library
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Fitchburg Public Library
- Dorchester Historical Society
- Hudson Historical Society

Summer Outings...

Looking for something special to do in the dog days of summer?

Take a trip to the New Bedford Whaling Museum to see the spectacular Russell-Purrington [1848 Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World](#). Restoration of this work was completed in fall 2017, and at 1275 feet long and 8-1/2 feet tall, it is believed to be the longest painting in the world. *On exhibit through October 8th, 2018.*

Or if you're willing to go farther afield, take in the [Salt and Silver: Early Photography, 1840-1860](#) exhibit at the Yale School for British Art, New Haven, CT. This exhibit features more than one hundred salt prints on loan from the Wilson Centre for Photography in London. These are some of the earliest photographs in the world and are seldom on public view. *On exhibit thru Sunday, September 9, 2018*