

## Collection Update for September 2018

6,077 new items were added in September including:

- ✓ Boston Public Library - Childe Hassam (1859-1935). Prints and Drawings (97 items)
- ✓ Boston Public Library - English Caricature and Political Satire, 18th and 19th Centuries (97 items)\*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - James Gillray (1756-1815). Prints and Drawings (164 items)
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Norman B. Leventhal Map Center Collection (672 items)\*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Press Photography from the Brearley Collection (1,138 items)
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Thomas Rowlandson (1756-1827). Prints and Drawings (641 items)
- ✓ Historical Society of Old Newbury - Historical Society of Old Newbury, Snow Historical Photograph Collection (1,279 items)
- ✓ Milford Town Library - Paul E. Curran Historical Collection (200 items)
- ✓ Thayer Memorial Library - Lancaster, Massachusetts. History 1643-1879 (4 items)
- ✓ City of Boston Archives - 7 collections, 1,785 items\*\*

\* Ingested items \*\* Reharvested items

**107,368** Item views  
**651,316** Total item-level records  
**272,328** Total hosted items

## BLOW YOUR OWN HORN

Mary Bell, Assistant Director at the Wilbraham Public Library answered our call with not one, but *two* blog entries! Thank you, Mary!!!

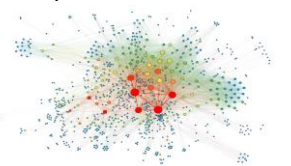


[A Closer Look: Pageant at Glendale, 150th anniversary of Wilbraham](#)

[Spotlight on...The Glendale Collection at the Wilbraham Public Library](#)

You can contribute too! Write a 250-500-word post and if you have 1 or 2 images you want to illustrate your post, include links. You also can include tags for your post. Send everything to [outreach@digitalcommonwealth.org](mailto:outreach@digitalcommonwealth.org). We'll edit it for formatting and upload it for you.

The Blogosphere is waiting for you!!



## Digital Commonwealth forms membership committee...

A new committee has been formed – the membership committee will be working together over the next few months to define its mission statement and goals, and its interface with other existing committees.

Alan Karass, Director of Library Services at the New England Conservatory, will be chairing the committee. He is also Vice President/President Elect of DC.



Thank you to everyone that stepped forward to participate in this important endeavor for DC!

- Danielle Sangalang, MassArt
- Melissa Fournier, Randall Library, Stow
- Molly O'Brien, UMass Dartmouth
- Deborah Breen, Regis College
- Paul Engle, Brockton Public Library
- Maryann E. Muhilly, St. John's Prep School, Danvers

**Stay tuned for more news!**

## Happy Fall



## Collections in the Classroom-Event Report

The Collections in the Classroom workshop with Michelle LeBlanc of the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library got a great response from attendees! They started off with a Library of Congress exercise on looking closely at and thinking about their response to a primary document, in this case each had selected a map. Later, attendees split into groups to try to categorize related primary source materials, e.g. photos, maps and documents. This was an excellent, and fun, exercise that could easily be used with students. Attendees complimented Michelle as a presenter and many wished for more time. Digital Commonwealth will consider their responses in planning future events.



## October 31 and George Washington

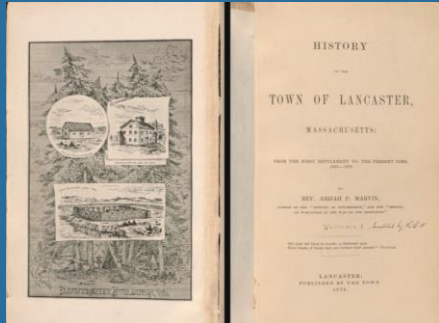
On October 31, 1789, Washington ended a ten-day presidential visit to Massachusetts. He was enthusiastically received everywhere. He traveled from Palmer out west through the Brookfields to Worcester, ending up in Cambridge and then to Boston. Many streets he traveled down were renamed in his honor. DC has several hosted items from the Mass History Society from his visit including the [Program for Boston](#) and a print of the [ceremonial arch and colonnade](#) that was erected in Boston. Mount Rushmore was completed on October 31, 1941. Leslie Jones was on hand to take photos as Washington was being carved into the Black Hills of South Dakota. Save this piece of information for future trivia quizzes...the sculptor was Gutzon Borglum.

[Carving George Washington on Mount Rushmore](#)

© Leslie Jones



[Thayer Library - History of the Town of Lancaster](#)  
(4 volumes, available to read online)



[Milford Town Library - Paul E. Curran Collection](#)  
(Arthur J. Dion With Military and Athletic Medals)



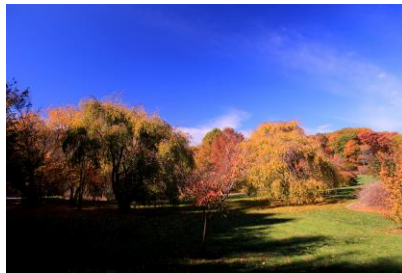
*Selected Items Newly Added to the Collection*

## October is "Go on a Field Trip" Month...

Here are a couple of our suggestions:

### [Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University](#)

Make the most of the remaining warm days of fall and enjoy beautiful foliage colors. The Arnold Arboretum is open every day from sunrise to sunset. Admission is free. The Visitor Center is open 10am-5pm every day except Wednesday and holidays.



### [Shelburne Falls](#)

Take in the last blooms of the year at the [Bridge of Flowers](#), visit the [Glacial Potholes](#), an incredible geological wonder. Over 50 glacial potholes are located in one of the largest known concentrations of these natural sculptures. They range in size from 6 inches in diameter to the largest pothole on record - 39 feet across! Also look for all the mosaics around town that depict the character of the neighboring towns. There are 12 altogether....see how many you can find!



## Membership News

Welcome new member!

Wheeler Memorial Library, Orange

Welcome back all our returning members!

- New England Historic Genealogical Society
- Sturgis Library
- WGBH Education Foundation
- College of the Holy Cross
- Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University
- Lenox Library
- Carver Public Library
- Lee Library Association
- Noble & Cooley Center for Historic Preservation
- Bourne Public Library
- Dennis Historical Society
- Brockton Public Library
- Westfield State University
- Salem Public Library
- Boston College
- Massachusetts Eye and Ear
- Billerica Public Library
- J. V. Fletcher Library
- Cape Cod Community College, Wilkens Library
- Tufts University
- Stoneham Public Library
- Berklee College of Music
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- State Library of Massachusetts
- New Bedford Free Public Library
- Waltham Public Library
- Upper Housatonic Valley NHA
- Plymouth Public Library