

Collection Update for December 2018

2,319 new items were added in December including:

Hosted

- ✓ Annisquam Historical Society - Annisquam Historical Society's Collection of Historical Documents (2 items)*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Early, Rare, and Exceptional Items from Special Collections, Rare Books (1 item)*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Medieval and Early Renaissance Manuscripts (Collection of Distinction) (9 items)*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Norman B. Leventhal Map Center Collection (762 items)*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Press Photography from the Brearley Collection (474 items)*
- ✓ Boston Public Library - Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee (Collection of Distinction) (2,127 items)*
- ✓ Lincoln Public Library - Isabelle Peirce Collection, 1766-1994, bulk 1840-1920 (170 items)
- ✓ Massachusetts Archives - Massachusetts Metropolitan Park Commission, Founders and Commissioners, Photographic Portraits, ca. 1892 to ca. 1907 (15 items)
- ✓ Paul S. Russell, MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation at Massachusetts General Hospital - Massachusetts General Hospital World War I Collection (7 items)*

* items added to existing collection

Harvested

- ✓ SAILS Library Network - 47 new items*
- ✓ University of Massachusetts Amherst Libraries - 39 new collections, 21,161 new items*

* re-harvest

118,626 Item views

692,385 Total item-level records

279,452 Total hosted items

A Closer Look: Zoom Feature...

Trisha Feeley's latest blogpost entitled [A Closer Look: Minnie Avery & bicycle on road between Lenox Dale and New Lenox](#) reminds us about Digital Commonwealth's wonderful zoom utility. You can click on the magnifying glass symbol and get a closer look at hosted photos without losing resolution. I found a [photo](#) of the mosaic ceiling in the BPL's McKim Building that when zoomed shows Longfellow's name. Other names are visible in this photo...see if you can find them.



If you have a favorite photo as deserving of A Closer Look as Minnie Avery and her bicycle, please let us know. Send your Closer Look or a link to your photo to outreach@digitalcommonwealth.org



Conference Update

We have a terrific line up of speakers for this year's Annual Conference. Featured in this newsletter is **Dr. Whitney Battle-Baptiste**. Whitney is the Director of the W. E. B. Du Bois Center and an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at UMass Amherst.

Whitney's presentation will talk about how the W. E. B. Du Bois papers and related collections, which are part of the Digital Commonwealth collection, resonate with current times and therefore continue to have great value. She will address how the archive is engaging a new generation of researchers and scholars through the development of a Virtual Reality tour of the W. E. B. Du Bois Boyhood Homesite. Visitors virtually walk inside Du Bois's boyhood home, hear his voice, look at the Housatonic River as he would have seen it, and view three-dimensional objects found in archaeological excavations.

Save the Date: Tuesday April 9, 2019

January is

National Oatmeal Month...

As I've expressed in the past, I'm always amazed by the breadth of items in the Digital Commonwealth connection, and like pomegranates in November, I didn't really expect to find anything on "oatmeal", but thanks to a varied collection of items from the US Army's Natick Soldier Center, there are several pictures of oatmeal in their collection of photographs of military rations. This one includes maple and brown sugar and apples and cinnamon instant oatmeal.



Check out some of the other photographs from their collection [here](#).

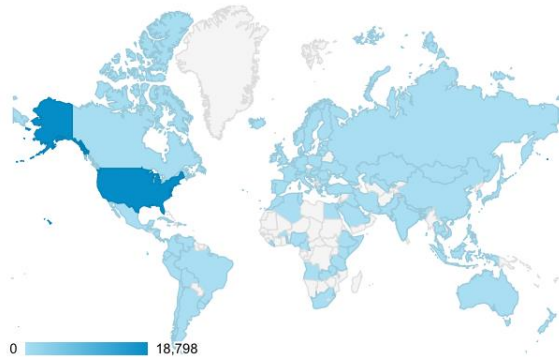
Digital Commonwealth reaches the world, update...

Between Sep. 1 & Dec. 31, 2018, people worldwide viewed 58,762 DC items through the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), including 6 from Kazakhstan and 2 from Cambodia. Use of DC material through DPLA is significantly up for this period compared to June-August 2018 where item views were 18,549. The most viewed item was "Southern Chivalry – Argument vs. Club's. Three days after his speech "The crimes against Kansas" in the Senate, Charles Sumner of Massachusetts was attacked by Representative Preston Brooks of South Carolina and severely beaten with a heavy cane. Sumner was forced to withdraw for several years while Brooks, who resigned from his office, was immediately re-elected and continued to serve!

DC Website Views thru DPLA: Sep.-Dec. 2018

Website use

Item views	58762
o Digital library catalog	12835
o Exhibition	29021
o Primary source set	16906
Click throughs	7840
Users	20725
Sessions	31369



[Most viewed item, 328 views](#)

News from the

Digital Public Library of America

DPLA receives \$1.5 million grant from Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has awarded DPLA a \$1.5 million grant to enable DPLA to expand its efforts to provide an improved ebook experience for patrons through their libraries, building on its cultural heritage aggregation program. [Read more.](#)

New Hub Digital Virginias brings Virginia and West Virginia materials to DPLA

DPLA's newest service hub Digital Virginias launched this month with more than 58,000 items now discoverable in DPLA. Originally a content hub, the University of Virginia has now joined with regional partners George Mason University, William & Mary, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech, and West Virginia University to create a combined set of historical materials for the region. [Learn more and view content highlights.](#)

New Speakers Announced for DPLAfest 2019

Dr. Louise Bernard, Director of the Museum of the Obama Presidential Center, and Elaine Westbrook, University Librarian and Vice Provost for University Libraries, will join Chicago Public Library Commissioner and CEO Brian Bannon and Data & Society Founder danah boyd as DPLAfest featured speakers. Taking place at Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center on April 17-18, 2019, DPLAfest will explore how libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural organizations across the country leverage technology to serve, inform, and empower communities. Learn more and register at dplafest2019.dp.la.

Save the dates: Upcoming Webinars on Ebooks and Crowdfunding

DPLA's Member Webinar Series continues this spring with two new learning opportunities. On February 6, join DPLA staff and partners for an overview of DPLA's ebooks initiatives. On February 28, Kickstarter Director of Publishing Margot Atwell will share tips and best practices for using crowdfunding platforms for fundraising and community engagement. More details and registration information will be announced on DPLA's [workshops](#) page.

Membership News

Welcome new members!

- Longmeadow Historical Society

Welcome back all our returning members!

- Beaman Memorial Public Library
- Boston Symphony Orchestra
- Dana Hall School
- Erving Public Library
- Falmouth Public Library
- Grace Hall Memorial Library
- Jacob Edwards Library
- MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, DCR Archives
- National Park Service
- New Bedford Whaling Museum
- Newburyport Public Library
- North Adams Public Library
- Somerville Public Library
- South Hadley Public Library
- The Walden Woods Project's Thoreau Institute
- USS Constitution Museum
- Worcester Public Library

