

Collection Update for November 2019

1,496 new items were added in November

Hosted

- Boston Children's Museum - Boston Children's Museum Lantern Slides (350 items)
- Boston Public Library - Paintings and Fine Arts Collection at the Boston Public Library (5 items)*
- Harvard Law School Library - Sacco-Vanzetti Collections (153 items)*
- The Medford Historical Society & Museum - The Medford Historical Society Civil War Collection (320 items)
- The Medford Historical Society & Museum - The Medford Historical Society Civil War Photograph Collection (95 items)*
- Washington Historical Commission - Washington Historical Commission Collection (573 items)

Harvested

- Southeast Asian Digital Archive (4 collections, 337 items)**
- Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute Library (80 items)**

* items added to existing collection ** re-harvest

141,099 Item views 765,602 Total item-level records 309,187 Total hosted items

DPLA News...

To make artifacts from cultural heritage institutions more accessible to all, DPLA and the Wikimedia Foundation are collaborating to incorporate DPLA's cultural artifacts into Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects. This collaboration is funded by a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and will expand the availability of artifacts such as books, maps, government documents, photos, and more from U.S. cultural heritage institutions across the web. Artifacts from DPLA's Black Women and the Suffrage Movement collection will be the first added to Wikimedia project. Read the full announcement [here](#).

Other News...

In case you missed this.... ALA and Creative Commons have released their book, *Creative Commons for Educators and Librarians*. It can be downloaded [here](#) or purchased in print from the [ALA Store](#).

Membership Committee update...

Thank you to the five individuals who heeded our call to volunteer their time and services to the Membership Committee.

- Jennifer Belcher, Brockton Public Library
- Kim DeWall, Falmouth Public Library
- Kathleen Kenny, Nevins Library, Methuen
- Jinny Nathans, American Meteorological Society
- Lisa Ryan, Beverly Public Library

If anyone else is willing to help or has questions, please contact committee co-chair, Alan Karass, at alanmkarass@gmail.com.



Contextual Conversations: Representation and Digital Practice

2020 Conference Update...

Registration will be opening for the Conference in just a few short weeks. We have made some changes to the conference format.... following the Keynote Address from Elaine Westbrook, Vice Provost of University Libraries & University Librarian, UNC, Chapel Hill, we will have some vendor and demo time, then there will be three panel discussions. We introduced you to the speakers for the panel who'll be discussing "Politics, Ethics and Context in Digital Collections" last month. Our second panel will be discussing "LGBTQ+ Collections in Context: The Politics of Representation". The panel will be led by Stephanie Yuhl, Professor, History Department, College of the Holy Cross, who specializes in Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies, and Peace and Conflict Studies. The panelists will be Andrew Elder, UMass Boston, K.J. Rawson, College of the Holy Cross, and Laura Peimer, Schlesinger Library on History of Women in America, Harvard University. This panel will begin with each of the three panelists responding to a shared question: What does LGBTQ+ collection-building, outreach, and digitization look like at your institution? The panelists will share their experiences in a range of archives that include LGBTQ+ materials—a university-based special collections library focused on women's history, a community-based non-profit documenting LGBTQ New England, and a transgender-themed digital collection. The discussion will also touch upon questions of access and accessibility, erasure versus visibility, privacy concerns and ethics, and navigating volunteer-run digitization efforts.

Featured New Collection...

This month features the Boston Children's Museum "[Lantern Slide](#)" collection. The magic lantern was an early form of projection device that was popular from the 18th to early 20th century. The Boston Children's Museum Collection features slides from the museum's founding in 1913 to 1960 and document the institution's history.

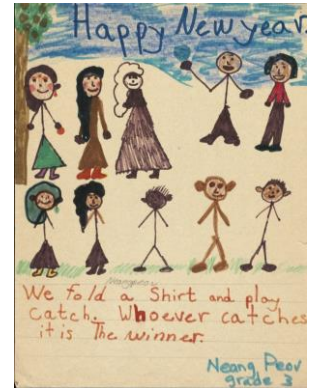


Three selected slides from the collection

Left: "The Marionette Lady"; Center: Eskimo Case and Children;
Right: Winter Feeding Station

New Year's Stories from [The Memories of Cambodia Collection](#)

As we head for 2020, I wondered what the DC Repository would yield for a search on "New Year" and thought I would share this wonderful collection with you. In the late 1980s to early 1990s, ESL teacher in the Lowell Public Schools, Dorothea Tsapatsaris, was one of the first educators to gather stories and artworks of her students' lives and memories of Cambodia. Dorothea donated her wonderful collection to the UMass Lowell, Center for Lowell History.



[New Year's memory Neang Peov](#),
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New Digital Commonwealth Blogs...

[Preserving Local Landmarks](#)

Thoughts from the Outreach Committee about preserving local landmarks before they disappear or the material about them disappears into the ether. Out in Sterling in Central Massachusetts, we have a lamb on the town green that commemorates "Mary Had a Little Lamb"....I remember the old white plaster lamb but I can't find any online photos of it. The now not-so-new copper verdigris lamb was not well received when it was originally installed! Maybe I should take a ride down to the historical society and remind them to digitize any material they have on the original lamb.



[Snow](#)

Yes, it's that time of year, and out here in Central Mass, we were dumped on with 20 inches of snow from the first storm over Thanksgiving weekend. The Outreach Committee sends a reminder to be safe and slow down, a good one for all of us. One thing we can be sure of, there is much more to come!

Save the dates for 2020!!

"The Past Goes 'Modern': Digital History Projects at UMass Lowell"
Wednesday January 15, 2020, UMass Lowell. [Register here](#).

"Getting Started with Digital Commonwealth"
Wednesday February 12, 2020, 1-3pm, Wilbraham Public Library.

"Digitization Open Forum"
March 11, 2020, 10am-12pm, Thayer Memorial Library, Lancaster.

"2020 Annual Conference", Tuesday April 7, 2020, 8-4pm, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. [Registration will open in January](#).

[Members Only VIP Tours of BPL Digitization Lab](#)

Monday, June 8, 10am – 12pm

Wednesday, September 23, 10am – 12pm

Tuesday, December 8, 10am – 12pm

[Members Only Tour of the Peabody Essex Museum Library](#)

July 2020, 10am-12pm, date to be confirmed.

Membership News

Welcome new members!

- McCann Technical School
- Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, Archives Department

Welcome back all our returning members!

- American Congregational Association Archive
- Boston Children's Hospital Archives
- Dana Hall School
- Falmouth Public Library
- Grace Hall Memorial Library
- Harvard University, Ernst Mayr Library, Museum of Comparative Zoology
- Monterey Library
- National Archives, Boston
- National Park Service
- Northfield Mount Hermon
- State Library of Massachusetts
- Tufts University

Not a Member? [Join here](#)

