

Collection Update for June 2020

342 new items were added in June

Hosted

- Boston Public Library - Boston Pictorial Archive (Collection of Distinction) (310 items)*
- Boston Public Library – Norman B. Leventhal Map Center Collection (12 items)*

Harvested

- No harvests in June

166,901 Item views **822,954** Total item-level records **342,319** Total hosted items

"Expanding Your Digital Horizons" Online Event Series

With our first priority being everyone's safety and health, the Digital Commonwealth Committees are planning a series of online events entitled "Expanding Your Digital Horizons" that will take place between now and the end of the year. We kicked off the series on July 13th with a wonderful "Behind the Scenes at the Peabody Essex Museum Library" virtual tour with Angela Segalla, Director of the Collection Center, and Dan Lipcan, Head Librarian of the Phillips Library. A big thank you to Angela and Dan, and also to Lauren Fairweather, Director of Events and Development, at the Peabody Essex Museum for organizing this. The event was originally scheduled as an in-person event for maybe 15 people....we had close to 300 attend the virtual event!! We were treated to a video walk through of all areas of their outstanding facility that houses manuscripts, books, textiles, and an extraordinary range of ephemera. The Phillips Library's collection of Frank Cousins and Herman Parker glass negatives were digitized by DC and are hosted in the repository. PEM plans to next focus on Samuel Chamberlain's glass negatives in partnership with DC. PEM has a great collection of online manuscripts and books available.

[PEM Phillips Library Online Collections](#)

Series events in the works include "Getting Started with Digital Genealogical Resources" with Jean Maguire of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and "Who is Little Joe, Photodating" with Maureen Taylor. Keep an eye out for further announcements on these and other events we are working on.

2021 Conference News

We know it's only July, but the Conference Committee has been hard at work beginning planning for DC's 15th Annual Conference in 2021. The conference title will be "The Politics of Our Collections" and the keynote speaker will be Virginia Steel, Norman and Armena Powell University Librarian, UCLA. We are thrilled to have Virginia join us for the conference. Stay tuned for more details and a Call for Speakers.

New Board and Committee Members...

Digital Commonwealth is pleased to welcome Rachel Jirka, Amherst College and Sonia Pacheco, UMass Dartmouth, to the Board.

The Conference Committee welcomes Alex London of the Worcester Public Library, and May Lee Tom of the Leominster Public Library.

The Membership Committee is pleased to have Indira Leisba of the North Shore Community College join their team. The new committee co-chairs are Jennifer Belcher of the Brockton Public Library and Helen Charbonneau.

Outreach and Education is delighted to welcome Leah Niederstadt, Associate Professor in Museum Studies and Curator of the Permanent Collection, Wheaton College, and Hedda Monaghan, Student Success and Assessment Librarian at Framingham State University to their committee.

Don't forget to vote.....

We hope you'll vote in November, but right now we need you to complete the Survey Monkey election ballot for the Digital Commonwealth officers and Plan of Service for fiscal year 2021. The ballot was sent out on Friday July 10th....please check your spam and junk folders if you didn't receive it.

Special Collections Symposium for Smaller Libraries:

Thursday July 23, 9am-12pm

Free statewide program on strategic and technical issues in collecting and maintaining 'special' collections

Hosted by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Library System.

Local public memory collections provide important, unique, and sustainable opportunities to interpret a community's contemporary experiences as they change over time. Yet there are many challenges in building, preserving, and sharing these collections, especially among smaller libraries. Renowned experts in the book trade, academic libraries, and library special collections will convene for a morning symposium of sharing and dialogue about these topics, tailored specifically for library workers, librarians, archivists, and collections volunteers with various levels of experience. See the program and register below.

[Register for Special Collections Symposium](#)

Happy 10th Birthday to the Massachusetts Library System!!



Member News

Welcome Back Returning Members!

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Goldfarb Library
Governor's Academy, Pescosolido Library
Harvard Forest Archives
Madeleine Clark Wallace Library, Wheaton College
(Norton, Massachusetts)
Massachusetts Library System
Springfield College
The Trustees of Reservations

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