

## Collection Update for February 2021

**2,581** new items were added in February

### Hosted

- Boston Public Library - Giovanni Battista Piranesi (1720-1778). Etchings (195 items)\*
- Boston Public Library - Tichnor Brothers Postcard Collection (1 item)\*
- Boston Public Library - Travel Photography (46 items)
- Cape Cod Community College - Barnstable Patriot Photograph Collection, 1931-1978 (1,223 items)\*
- Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Archives - Commonwealth v. Sacco and Vanzetti (763 items)
- Wilbraham Public Library - Wilbraham Library Trustees Minutes (353 items)

\* items added to existing collection

### Harvested

- No harvests in February.

**201,264** Item views   **907,317** Total item-level records   **353,430** Total hosted items

## The Politics of Collections



### Digital Commonwealth 2021 Conference

**Online on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 9:00am-4:15pm**

Support the Conference Committee and register for the Annual Conference which will take place online on Tuesday April 13 from 9:00am-4:15pm. The lineup includes distinguished speakers from all over the US. This will be Digital Commonwealth's 15th conference! The schedule for the day can be viewed online from the button below (and may be subject to minor changes before April), along with the session abstracts and speaker bios.

**[View Conference Schedule](#)**

**[Register for 2021 Annual Conference](#)**

Registration is \$10 for individuals from Digital Commonwealth member organizations; \$20 for non-members.

Not sure if your organization is a member.... check [here](#).

**CONFERENCE WILL BE LIVE CLOSED-CAPTIONED!**

#### **IMPORTANT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND ZOOM INFORMATION...**

Please make sure you are running the current version of Zoom. To check for updates, click on your profile picture, then select "Check for updates".

You will be registering through the Digital Commonwealth Membership & Programming website. We will send you your unique Zoom login information to the Conference Webinar along with a link to the e-program approximately one week before the conference date. Please watch for this email!!

We will be hosting a number of informal breakout room discussions during lunch. You will need to leave the webinar and sign into a Zoom meeting, then assign yourself to a breakout room. Here are the breakout room topics:

### The Pet Room

We've all been in Zoom meetings where pets have wanted to join in. Pets have become a part of our Zoom world...take this opportunity to introduce your pet(s) whether it's a cat, dog, turtle, or something exotic!!



### Chocolate Dessert Room

Everyone loves chocolate... make your favorite chocolate dessert and share over lunch or tell us about your favorite mouthwatering chocolate experience or recipe.



### Challenges and Benefits of Working Remotely

During the past year, most of us have had to learn what it's like to work remotely...what challenges did you face, and what hidden benefits did you find? Share your WFH stories.....



### Innovative Ways of using Digital Commonwealth Collections

Please share the imaginative ways your patrons are using your digital collections. Do you have collections you want to highlight and the possible research projects or uses?

### Recipe Sharing

Bring along your favorite and most decadent recipes to share with new and old friends. What new recipes did you find during lockdown?



### Book group - what are you reading right now?

### Digital Commonwealth Primary Source Sets

Meet up with Education sub-committee members to learn more about the work they've been doing on developing Digital Commonwealth primary source sets for K-12 educators. Ask questions and share your thoughts!



**Thank you to New England Document Systems  
and Quartex by Adam Matthew for sponsoring the conference!**

## Digital Commonwealth Event Recordings Available

Recordings for several of the events we've held during the past 8 months are now available online including Judge Peter Agnes' two part series on the Sacco-Vanzetti case, together with his presentation slides.

### Event Recordings

## "Expanding Your Digital Horizons" Online Event Series

There will be no event in April because of the Conference.

Coming in May....."[Should it stay, or should it go?](#)"

**Anke Voss, Curator, Special Collections, Concord Free Public Library**

**Jessie Hopper, Assistant Curator, Special Collections, Concord Free Public Library**

The William Munroe Special Collections at the Concord Free Public Library has been collecting material of significance to Concord's local history since the opening of the Library in 1873. The Special Collections hosts a considerable number of digital exhibits and collections on its website, with much of the content generated beginning in the early 2000s. The exhibits are a combination of physical exhibits migrated to the on-line environment, and exhibit portals developed for the virtual viewer. For nearly two decades, the online content grew organically and no standards were set to present the material, with metadata applied in an inconsistent manner. Unfortunately, the exhibit platforms are now dated and content is cumbersome to access and view. The exhibits themselves are also text heavy and can feel more like an article rather than a fully realized curated exhibit. The staff of Special Collections also recognized that the on-line content was not discoverable in a meaningful way nor was it helpful for managing the large amount of digitized material. Anke and Jessie will discuss their experiences developing new collections and migrating old collections onto Omeka Classic.

## DPLA News

### DPLA + Wikimedia

Early last year, DPLA embarked on a new project supported by Sloan Foundation, to make images from DPLA's aggregation of more than 40 million cultural heritage artifacts accessible to vast new audiences via Wikimedia. In their first year, DPLA uploaded more than **1.25 million media files** to Wikimedia Commons, consisting of more than 650,000 distinct items from over 200 individual institutions. This is the single largest bulk upload to Wikimedia Commons ever. DPLA artifacts have been included on nearly 1,000 Wikipedia article pages, resulting in more than 16 million views on Wikipedia article pages in total.

### By the Quill of Her Pen

DPLA is beginning work on a new ebook, *By the Quill of Her Pen: Black Suffragists in Their Own Words*. If your institution holds materials you think would be a good fit for this ebook, DPLA would like to hear from you. Funding is available for digitization and metadata creation. Find out more [here](#).

### New Ebooks Site

We've redesigned our DPLA Ebooks site to showcase how we are helping libraries take control of acquisition and delivery and make more diverse materials easily available while advocating for the needs of libraries in the marketplace. Visit the [new site!](#)

## Member News

### Welcome New Members!

MBLWHOI Library

### Welcome Back Returning Members!

Boston Athenaeum

Boston symphony Orchestra

Fay School

Jones Library

MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, DCR

Archives Meekins Library

Miranda Rectenwald (Friend)

Randolph Historical Commission

Williams College

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