

Collection Update for March 2021

1,949 new items were added in March

Hosted

- Boston Public Library - Boston Pictorial Archive (Collection of Distinction) (111 items)*
- Boston Public Library - Mapping Inequality (18 items)
- Boston Public Library - Norman B. Leventhal Map Center Collection (100 items)*

* items added to existing collection

Harvested

- University of Massachusetts Boston, Joseph P. Healey Library (3 new collections, 1,720 new items)**

** re-harvest

206,892 Item views 909,261 Total item-level records 353,642 Total hosted items

The Politics of Collections



Digital Commonwealth 2021 Conference

Thank you to all our speakers for helping to make
Digital Commonwealth's 15th Annual Conference a success:

Virginia Steel

John Bracken

Richard Chabran, Christine Anne George, and Natalie Milbrodt

Micha Brodnax, Shauntee Burns-Simpson, and Jaccavrie McNeely

Roberta Dougherty, Amber Kanner-Clooney, and Amelia Wilson

Eben English and Justin Snow

Thank you also to the Digital Commonwealth Conference Committee for their hard work throughout the year to pull off this event, to everyone that attended, and to this year's generous sponsors, we greatly appreciate your support of our event!



"Expanding Your Digital Horizons" Online Event Series

"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

Where: Zoom

When: Tuesday May 18, 2021, from 1-2PM EDT

[Register here](#)

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, with metadata applied in an inconsistent manner. Unfortunately, the exhibit platforms are now dated and content is not easily discoverable and difficult to navigate. To address these difficulties, new platforms were investigated including different levels of *Omeka*. Our migrated and new exhibits on *Omeka Classic* have been enthusiastically received by stakeholders. We will present our experience with installing and working with the new platform and explore the considerations as to what exhibits are worth the effort to preserve and redesign.

Anke Voss is the curator of the William Munroe Special Collections at the Concord Free Public Library. With 26 years as a professional archivist, Voss previously served as the director of archives, special collections and facilities at the Urbana Free Public Library in Urbana, Illinois. She holds a master's degree in library and information science from the State University of New York at Albany with a concentration in archives. Voss also holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in history from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Jessie Hopper is the assistant curator at the William Munroe Special Collections at the Concord Free Public Library. She has an MLIS from the University of Oklahoma and an MA in History from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has been working in archives since 2012 and has previously worked at the Ballets Russes Archive, the Atlanta Housing Authority, and Framingham State University.

There is no charge for registration, however, pre-registration is required.

Coming in **August** Digital Commonwealth Primary Source Sets for K-12 educators.

Other events are being planned through the end of 2021...stay tuned!!

DPLA News

DPLA invites you to their inaugural Book Talk on Thursday April 22, 2021, which will feature a conversation between *Mistrust* author Ethan Zuckerman and Wikimedia Foundation CEO and DPLA board member Katherine Maher, moderated by Knight Foundation CEO Alberto Ibarguen. [*Mistrust: Why Losing Faith in Organizations Provides the Tools to Transform Them*](#) published in November 2020, looks at how and why Americans are losing faith in our institutions and how we can harness the methods of successful social movements to both transform and replace them. In this book talk, Zuckerman and Maher will discuss the crisis faced by our institutions; the promise of the movements rising to challenge them; and the obstacles we must confront if we are to rebuild civic life and create meaningful change.

[Register here for DPLA Book Talk](#)

Following the event, from 2 - 2:30 pm ET, members of the DPLA staff will gather informally to discuss the issues raised in the book talk and their potential implications for the library field and its work. If you're interested in joining that conversation, [please register here](#).

Member News

Welcome New Friend!

Marie MacDonald

Welcome New Members!

Central Congregational Church, UCC, Newburyport
Museum of Science, Boston
Swansea Free Public Library

Welcome Back Returning Friend!

Robert Stewart

Welcome Back Returning Members!

Leominster Public Library
Lincoln Public Library
Mansfield Public Library
Memorial Hall Library
Old Sturbridge Village
Phillips Academy Andover, Archives
Phinehas S. Newton Library
Sherborn Library
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Whately Historical Society
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