Collection Update for January 2022

10 new items were added in January

Hosted:
- The Paintings and Fine Arts Collection at the Boston Public Library was added to the Digital Commonwealth online repository

Harvested:
- No new harvests

Additions to the Digital Commonwealth Collections are on hold while development work on the new repository is completed. Ingests are expected to resume in February.

172,767 item views  925,427 total item-level records  356,650 total hosted items

Carter G. Woodson, Founder of Black History Month, in the Digital Commonwealth Collections

The W. E. B. Du Bois Papers, held by UMass Amherst and accessible via Digital Commonwealth, include over 100 items documenting W. E. B. Du Bois’s connection to historian and Black History Month founder Carter Godwin Woodson.

Among these items are: Letters between Woodson and Du Bois about publishing projects and current events, Du Bois’s notes praising Woodson for his idea to devote a week in February to Black history, and more.

Explore the collection >
News

Amendments to Digital Commonwealth By-Laws Approved

Digital Commonwealth members voted to approve amendments to the by-laws at the special members' meeting on Feb 9, 2022. View the updated by-laws >

On the Digital Commonwealth Blog

Pictorial Maps of Love and Marriage on Valentine's Day

Pictorial maps are a genre within the larger field of cartography that present a geographical area embellished with illustrations related to the places shown. The actual locations ... Read more >

Murder and Mayhem in Massachusetts, 1934

"The Leslie Jones Collection is one of the crown jewels of Digital Commonwealth and the Boston Public Library. Jones was a press photographer who worked for the ... Read more >
Upcoming Events

Can We Be Done Yet?: Trials and Tribulations of Merging Berklee College of Music and Boston Conservatory Archives

When: Wed Mar 16, 1:30-3:00 pm EST
Where: Zoom

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to wake up and find out your institution has merged with another institution, and your repositories need to be merged into one? This is what happened in 2016, when Berklee College of Music and Boston Conservatory merged. Jenée Force (Associate Director, Berklee Archives), Ashley Gray (Processing Assistant, Berklee Archives), and Brendan Higgins (Faculty Liaison and Outreach Librarian, Berklee College of Music) will share the history of the department, the steps taken to combine the two archives, and the work that still lies ahead. Read more and register >

Getting Started with Digital Commonwealth

When: Thur Mar 17, 10:00-11:30 am EST
Where: Zoom

If your Massachusetts-based cultural heritage organization is interested in becoming involved with Digital Commonwealth or making use of free state-funded digitization services but you don't know where to start, this presentation is for you. Join Anne Callahan, Operations Manager at Digital Commonwealth, and Jake Sadow, Statewide Digitization Assistant & Project Archivist at the Boston Public Library, for a detailed introduction to Digital Commonwealth. The 45-minute presentation will be followed by Q&A. Read more and register >
Welcome New Members

Armenians of Whitinsville
Hubbard Memorial Library

Welcome Back Returning Members

Bellingham Public Library
Central Congregational Church, UCC, Newburyport
East Bridgewater Public Library
Leominster Public Library
MBLWHOI Library
Newton Free Library
Peabody Essex Museum
Taft Public Library (Mendon)
Uxbridge Historical Society
Worcester State University
Yiddish Book Center

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