FEDLINK Orientation to Federal Libraries and Information Centers Series: Prints & Photographs Division at the Library of Congress

Date

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Time

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Place

Prints & Photographs Reading Room 101 Independence Ave, SE Madison Building, LM 337 Washington, DC 20540-4730

Metro/Directions

Capitol South Metro Station (Orange, Blue & Silver Lines) After exiting the station, walk a block to Independence Ave., and enter the Madison Building of the Library of Congress at the Independence Ave. entrance. Please arrive early to allow time for security and to navigate to the Prints and Photographs Reading Room (Room LM-337).

Sponsor

FEDLINK Education Working Group

Information

Call FEDLINK (202) 707-4813 TTY (202) 707-4995 Request ADA accommodations five business days in advance at ADA@loc.gov.

Registration

Free, but advanced registration is required. Register online here! Limited to 15 attendees.

Cancellations

Please notify FEDLINK at (202) 707-4848 if you cannot attend to allow those on the waiting list an opportunity to register.

Prominent among the Library's holdings are the pictorial collections of the Prints and Photographs Division (P&P). Unique in their scope and richness, these collections number nearly 16 million works. These include photographs, architectural documentation, and fine and mass-produced prints and posters. Strengths of the collections include cartoon prints and drawings, propaganda posters, news photographs, printed ephemera, and a growing component of "born digital" material. These visual documents are keys to understanding the people, events, and achievements that shape American and modern European history and the histories of Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia.

Preserved in the context of a research library, the collections are to thousands of researchers in the Prints and Photographs Reading Room through telephone inquiries, and correspondence. (For a glimpse of how to be prepared for research in P&P see: http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/info/toptips.html.) The collections also reach millions of people through publications, exhibitions, films, and electronic dissemination.

The orientation will include an overview of the division's collections and operations and examples from the collections that may be of interest to federal librarians. Attendees will also learn about the the division's search tools.



Idaho farm and field ~ Carol M. Highsmith

