



EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS



The Library of Congress, through its Web site, offers free public access to more than 11 million rare primary source materials, including maps, photographs, documents, films, sound recordings and more. Through the use of technology, the Library is able to bring our unparalleled collections and expertise directly into the lives and classrooms of America's young people. Library programs available to educators include:

Online Resources for Teachers

www.loc.gov/teachers

These resources are designed by and for educators who want to put primary sources to work in their classrooms. Professional development materials, more than 70 lesson plans, interactive activities, Web casts, primary source sets on topics ranging from civil rights to the Constitution are all teacher-tested, and all incorporate the Library's online collections. One teacher commented after exploring the breadth and quality of these resources, "You have just transformed my classroom." The Library's Web site also offers extensive resources to promote literacy through its Lifelong Literacy Initiative. This portal, www.loc.gov/literacy, shows ways to celebrate and encourage reading at all ages.

The Teaching with Primary Sources Program

www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/

The Teaching with Primary Sources Program works with colleges and other educational organizations to help in-service and pre-service teachers use Library of Congress digitized primary sources materials to design challenging, high-quality instruction. Our goal is to create partnerships in all 50 states, as well as offer participation through an online learning institute.

Professional Development at the Library

Every year, the Library welcomes hundreds of teachers to Washington to examine the unique artifacts that lie at the heart of our nation's story, including Benjamin Franklin's hand-drawn sketch of his newly invented bifocals or the contents of Abraham Lincoln's pockets the night he died. Teachers work with the Library's education specialists to discover new ways to make history come to life in their own classrooms. These institutes can also be replicated via videoconference.

Professional Development Across the Nation

Teams of Library experts travel the country to share the wealth of the Library's treasures at national, state and regional conferences for educators, librarians and technology specialists to help enhance and enrich curriculums and positively impact student learning. One participant said that the workshop had helped her bring "the power of the real" into her classroom.

The America's Library Web site

www.americaslibrary.gov introduces younger children to our nation's history through games, puzzles and interactive activities. One English as a Second Language teacher remarked that "America's Library is particularly helpful for emergent readers . . . and the primary documents included with each story make it more interesting."

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