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**American Folklife Center** 

www.loc.gov/folklife

Business Section (of Science, Technology, and Business Division) www.loc.gov/rr/business

By the People

crowd.loc.gov

**Children's Literature Center** 

loc.gov/collections/childrens-bookselections/about-this-collection

LC Labs

blogs.loc.gov/ofthepeople blogs.loc.gov/thesignal

**Library of Congress - Ask a Librarian** 

ask.loc.gov

**Manuscript Division** 

loc.gov/rr/mss

**National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled** 

www.loc.gov/nls

**Rare Book and Special Collections Division** 

loc.gov/rr/rarebook

**Recorded Sound Division** (of National Audio Visual

Conservation Center)

loc.gov/rr/record

**Serials and Government Publications** 

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov



## **American Folklife Center**





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### **Quick Facts:**

- ❖Largest ethnographic archive in the U.S. (& maybe the world!)—over 5,000,000 items
- ❖National folklore archive and study center
- Created by Congress in 1976
- Archive dates to 1928, earliest materials to 1890
- Created to foster diversity
- Runs public programs (concerts, lectures, etc)
- Creates blogs, podcasts, and social media

# Online Folklife Collections Representing Your Communities













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### AFC's Online folklife collections include:

- Songs and music from all over the U.S.
- Interviews with diverse Americans
- Photos of folk arts and foodways
- Recordings of formerly enslaved Americans
- Native American songs and interviews

And much more!



# **Blogs on Interesting Folklife Topics**



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## **Topics include:**

- "Ring Around the Rosie" and the Plague
- "She Sells Sea Shells" and Paleontology
- Mermaids
- ❖ Native American Schools
- Sea Serpents
- ❖April Fool's Day
- Easter Eggs and the Easter Bunny
- Juneteenth
- Ghost Stories

...and many more!



## **Concerts of Global Traditional Music**







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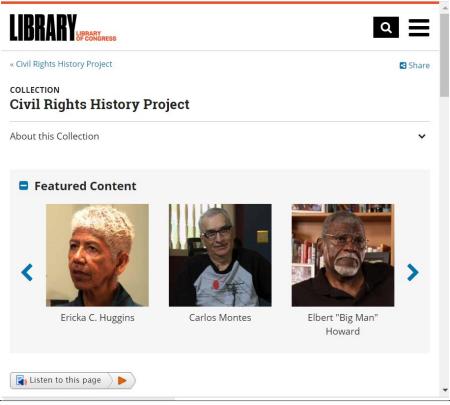
Online Folklife Concerts include gospel, blues, bluegrass, and folk music, plus traditional music from many communities, including Mexican, Swedish, Navajo, German, African American, Mormon, Lakota, Serbian, Welsh, Saami, Ugandan, Korean, Irish, Samoan, Kenyan, Passamaquoddy, French Canadian, Scottish, Lumbee, Indian, Hawaiian, Tibetan, Georgian, Finnish, Cajun, Caribbean, Chinese, Cambodian, Italian...

...and so many more!



# **Veterans and Civil Rights History Projects**









## **American Folklife Center Links**

https://www.loc.gov/folklife

https://www.loc.gov/folklife/edresources

https://www.loc.gov/folklife/onlinecollections.html

https://blogs.loc.gov/folklife

https://www.loc.gov/concerts/folklife

https://www.loc.gov/vets

Email: folklife@loc.gov

# Arithmetic By Carl Sandburg

Arithmetic is where numbers fly like pigeons in and out of your head.

Arithmetic tells you how many you lose or win if you know how many you had before you lost or won.

Arithmetic is seven eleven all good children go to heaven-or five six bundle of sticks.

Arithmetic is numbers you squeeze from your head to your hand to your pencil to your paper till you get the answer. ...





# Science, Business, & Technology Resources

Historical Arithmetic Texts Research Project

Nanette Gibbs
Reference Librarian
Science, Business, & Technology

Peter DeCraene
Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow
Professional Learning and Outreach Initiatives



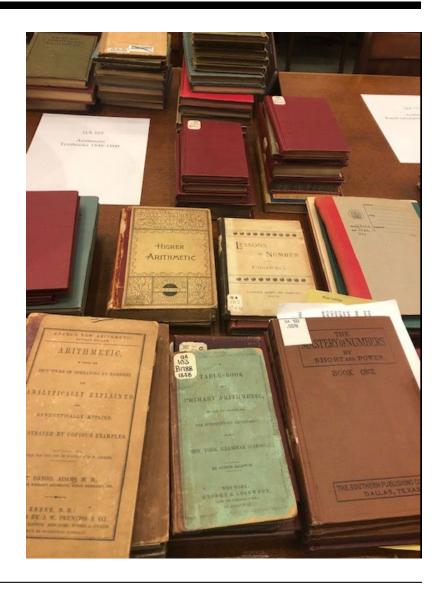
# Historical Arithmetic Texts Research Project

2021 Junior Fellows Program

"Arithmetic, Numeracy, Imagination, and Literacy"

<a href="https://www.loc.gov/item/internships/junior-fellows-program/">https://www.loc.gov/item/internships/junior-fellows-program/</a>

Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship <a href="https://science.osti.gov/wdts/einstein">https://science.osti.gov/wdts/einstein</a>

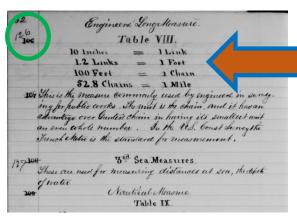




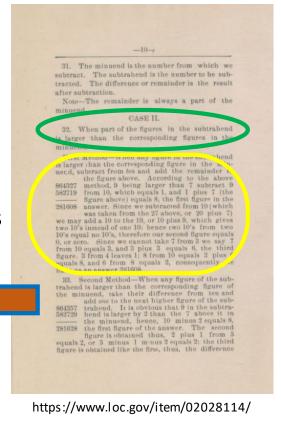
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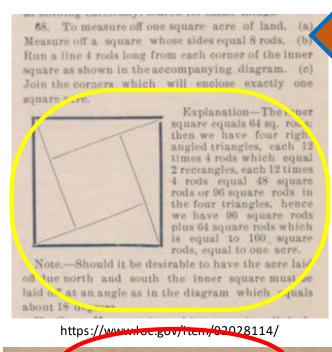
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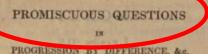
- Numbered Rules
- Examples
- Mental Arithmetic
- Business and agricultural connections



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#### LESSON 214.

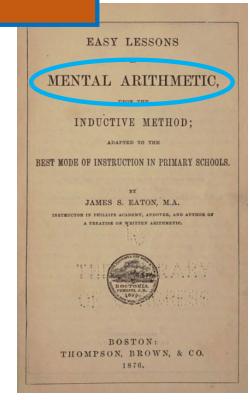
1. An annuity of \$200 a year remained unpaid 5 years how much did it then amount to, 7 per cent. being the legal interest?

Ans. \$1,150.15.

2. The poise of a steelyard, when placed in the first notch, balances 4 oz., and at every notch it is moved, it balances 2 oz. more than before; in what notch is it when it balances 12 lbs.?

Ans. in the 95th.

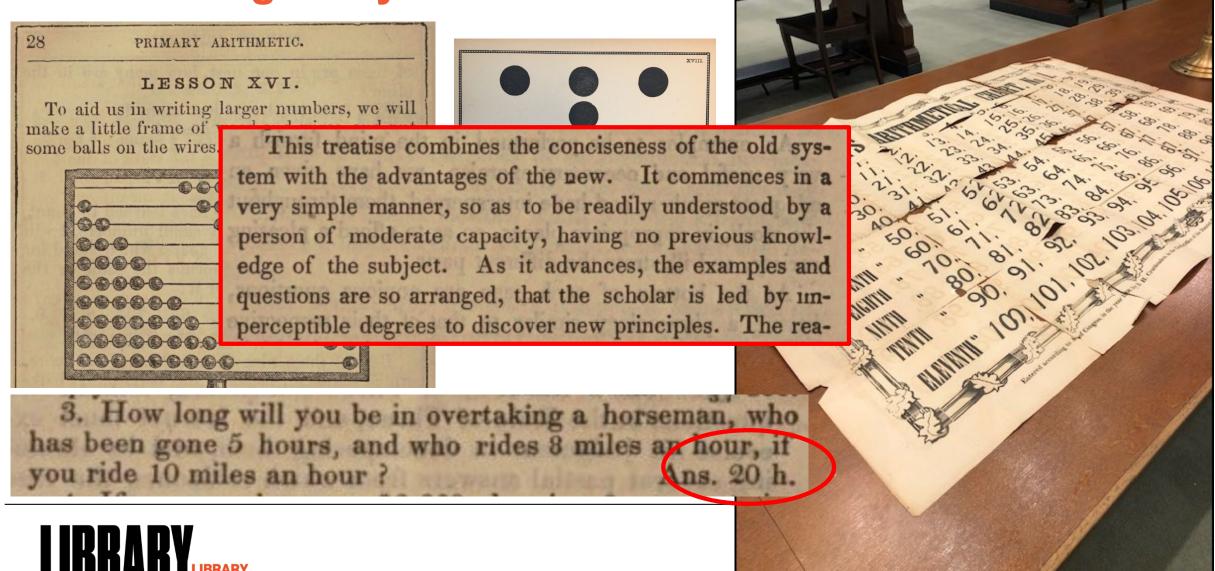
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# Some things stay the same ...



RULE OF THREE.

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So called because questions in this rule usually have three numbers given to find another, or the answer. This rule embraces many questions of so different a nature that no general rule can be given for calculating them.

### LESSON 140.

To be performed in the mind.

1. John gave 10 cents for 1 pound of sugar; how many cents must he give for 3 pounds? For 5 pounds? For 8 pounds? For 9 pounds? For 12 pounds? For 15 pounds?

- 2. A teamster hauled 24 cwt. of pork in 4 equal loads; how much did he haul in 1 load? If he had hauled 28 cwt. in 4 equal loads, how much would there have been in 1 load? If he had hauled 30 cwt. in 5 equal loads, how much would there have been in each load?
- 3. If you get 6 apples for 3 cents, how many can you obtain for 18 cents?



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### LESSON 145.

Note. Many questions in arithmetic, contain numbers that are of no use in the calculation. In what precedes, we have been careful to write such numbers in words, but shall hereafter express them in figures; and the ingenuity of the learner must be exercised in discovering what numbers must be employed to obtain the answer.

1. 3 men laid 28 rods of stone wall in 5 days; how long then should it take 10 men to lay the same amount?

Ans.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  day.

2. A merchant who owned  $\frac{2}{9}$  of a block of stores, sold  $\frac{3}{4}$  of his share to 5 men, for \$12,000; what was the whole block worth, at this rate?

Ans. \$72,000.

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Ans. \$942.91.

7. If a man buys 257 chal. 15 bu. 3 pks. of Sidney coal for \$2,000, and sells it so as to make 25 per cent., for what sum should he sell 13½ chal.?

Ans. \$131.10.

8. A trader bought 10 puncheons of rum for \$800; 2

### BEER MEASURE.

Beer Measure is used in measuring ale, beer, and milk.

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In the United States  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a peck, sometimes called the Dry gallon, contains 268.8 cubic inches; the Beer gallon contains 282 cubic inches, and the Wine gallon 231 cubic inches. In Great Britain, since 1826, the *Imperial gallon*, containing 277.274 cubic inches, has been used in place of the Dry, Beer, and Wine gallons.



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### FRACTIONS,

OR BROKEN NUMBERS.

COMMON FRACTIONS

OFTEN CALLED VULGAR FRACTIONS.

LESSON 58.

If you cut an apple into 2 equal parts, each part will be a half of the apple; if you cut it into 3 equal parts, each part will be a third of the apple; if you cut it into 4 equal inches, he parts, each part will be a fourth of the apple; and if you gallons.

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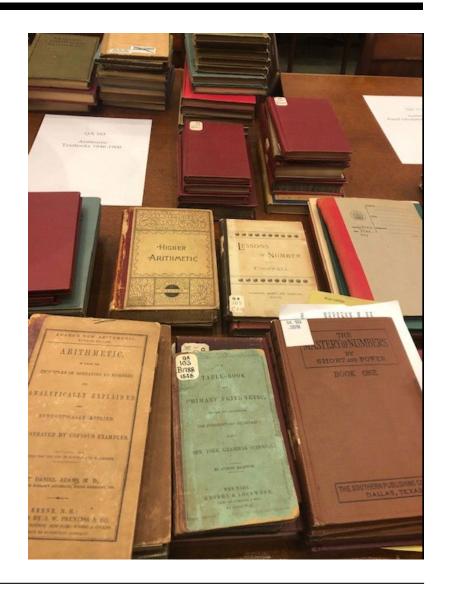
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Our current project:

Find books hidden away and make them accessible.





# Background

### **Current ST&B Educational Outreach Initiatives**

Age requirements lowered to age 16

International Baccalaureate (IB) students from the MidAtlantic Region touring the Great Hall at the Library of Congress on a break from researching their Extended Essay topics.

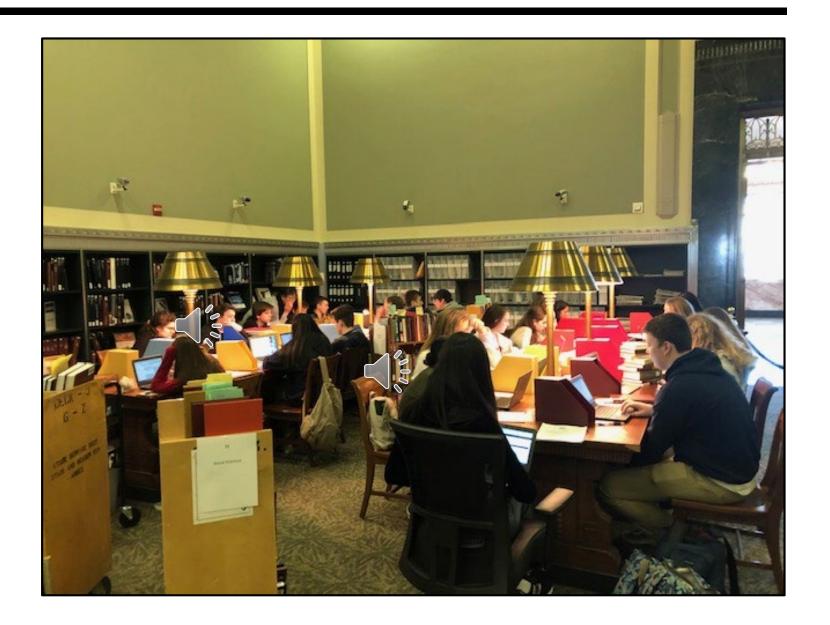




Students were able to access our **onsite-only** databases.

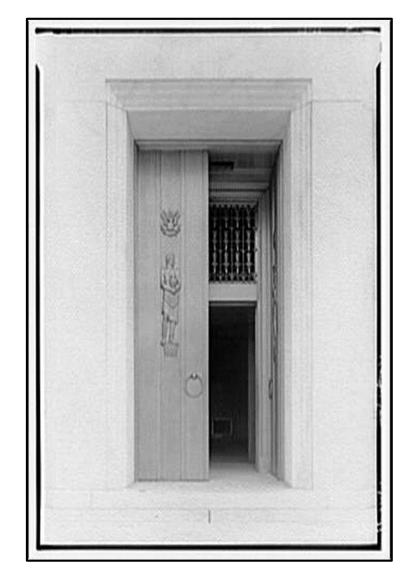
After learning how to use our online catalog, students ordered books from our collections.

Items were brought to them on an hourly basis.



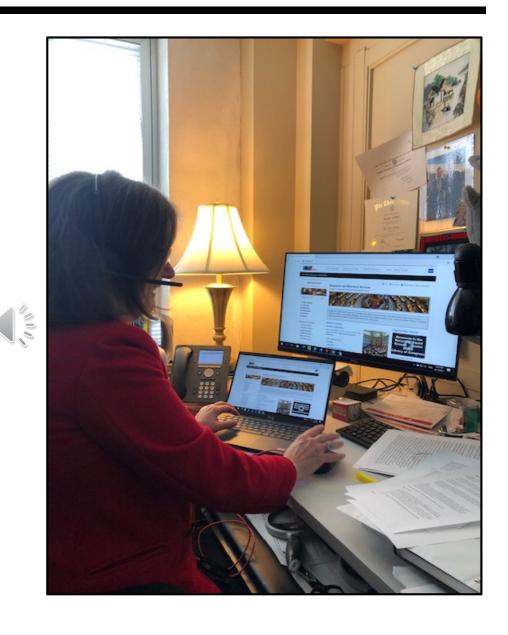


Recognizing the information needs of high school students who were enrolled in rigorous upper level courses at their schools were ongoing, the Library prepared to respond in the virtual setting and keep our doors open throughout.





From our home offices, librarians supported the Library's outreach to these students.



## Virtual Sessions on Research Strategies

Webinars designed especially for teachers, librarians, and students in any upper-level secondary school program:

- Introduction to Research at LC
- Finding E-Resources
- Search Strategies
- Evaluating Sources
- How to Read a Journal Article

Schedule through

**Ask a Librarian** 

https://ask.loc.gov/



### **ST&B** Resources

Science & Technology:

https://loc.gov/rr/scitech/

**Business:** 

https://loc.gov/rr/business/

Inside Adams blog:

https://blogs.loc.gov/inside\_adams/

Ask a Librarian:

https://ask.loc.gov/science/

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# Thanks for joining us!

**Questions?** 





# Virtual volunteering with *By the People:*

Explore, transcribe, & learn at crowd.loc.gov!

#### Be a virtual volunteer!

Help transcribe Library of Congress documents. Volunteers create and review transcriptions to improve search, access, and discovery of these pages from history.



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About Campaigns Resources Discuss How-To-

Review is the crucial final step! Register to edit and complete transcriptions.



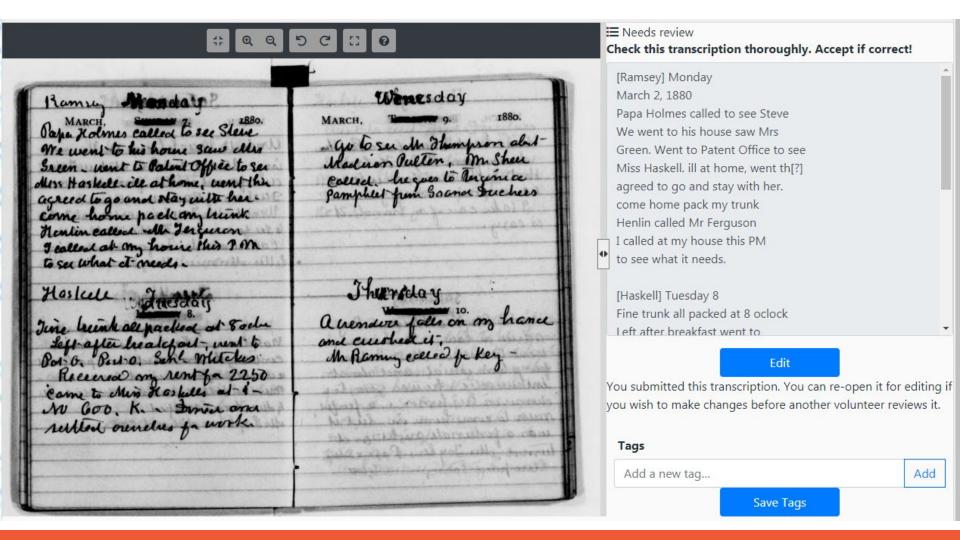
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Library of Congress, By the People Community Manager

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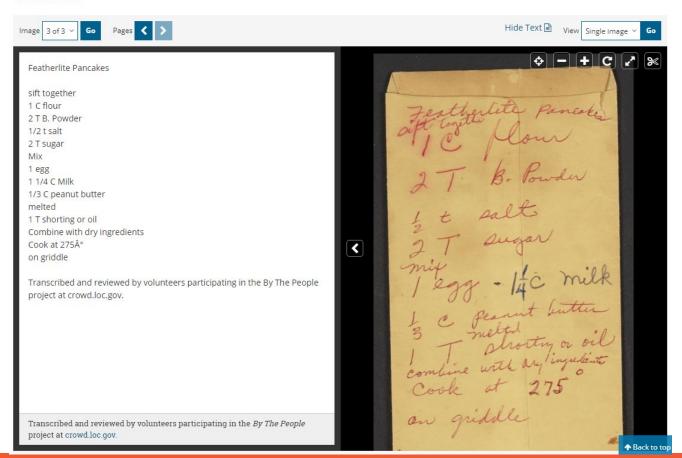
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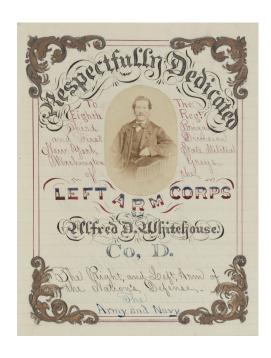
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# Real world impact

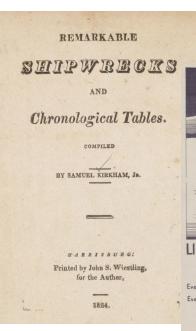
**Everyone's invited!** Transcribe historical documents (both handwritten and typed) to make them:

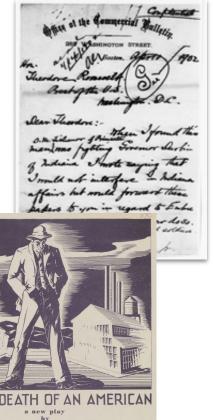
- More discoverable via keyword search
- More easily readable by people and accessibility technologies
- ✓ Available for use as data for computational exploration and research



Volunteers build skills in: paleography, close reading, primary source analysis, examining historical context & more

## Current and upcoming campaigns





Evenings (exc. Mon.) at 8:40 Evenings 25¢ to \$1.10

For theatre parties at special rates, call GRamercy 7-7800, ext. 56

### Live now:

- Letters to Teddy Roose velt
- Letterbooks of Clara Barton
- Papers of suffragist leaders
- 16<sup>th</sup> c. Spanish legal documents

### Coming soon:

- John and Alan Lomax Papers
- Early Copyright Title Pages
- Federal Theatre Program playbills
- Frederick Law Olmstead Papers

## Resources for teachers



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### Resources

#### For Educators

Visit For Educators to find ideas and support for engaging students of all ages with primary sources through By the People.

#### Host a transcribe-a-thon or review-a-thon event

Thinking of hosting a transcribe-a-thon or other By the People event? We've created a how-to guide, instruction handout, and introductory slides to make planning and leading an event easy.

- . How to host a transcribe-a-thon (PDF)
- · "Getting started" presentation (PPT)
- · "Quick Tips" instructions hand out (PDF)

### Spanish and Latin resources



Mrs. Flaherty @RooseveltLib Mar 20
The Black Experience class with
@ms\_nmb is transcribing some
primary sources of Mary Church
Terrell for the @Crowd\_LOC to
celebrate Women's History and
make learning history accessible for
all! #KentRiderPride







## Resources for students

No account needed but we encourage students to register.

On the profile page, registered users can:

Keep track of their contributions

Download an official letter of their service.

#### **Service Letter**

Using *By the People* to fulfill service requirements? Download a letter verifying your volunteer contributions. Contact us with questions.



#### **My Contributions**

Click on a campaign title to see only those actions. Click "All Campaigns" to view all.

Campaign	Saves & Submits	Reviews	Total Actions
Anna E. Dickinson Papers	120	114	234
Branch Rickey: Changing the Game	50	417	467
Carrie Chapman Catt Papers	3	2	5
Civil War Soldiers: "Disabled but not disheartened"	24	64	88
Clara Barton: "Angel of the Battlefield"	114	175	289
Down to Raisins: The Remaining Letters to Lincoln	2	2	4
Elizabeth Cady Stanton Papers	6	5	11
Herencia: Centuries of Spanish Legal Documents	11	1	12
Historical Legal Reports from the Law Library of Congress	1	1	2

## Try it out <u>at</u> crowd.loc.gov

And please keep in touch!

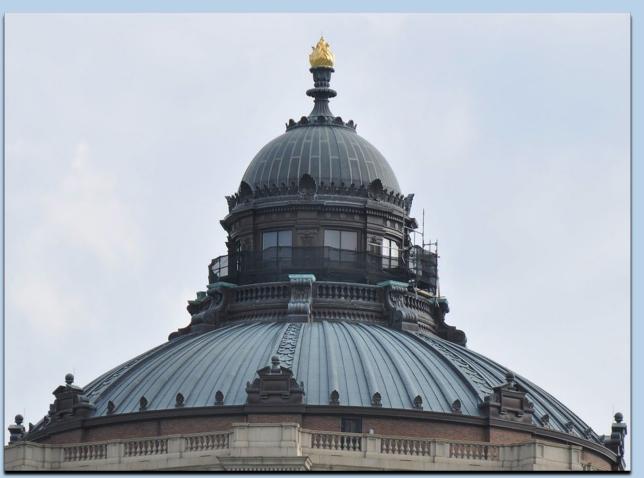
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# Two tiny books in a very large library

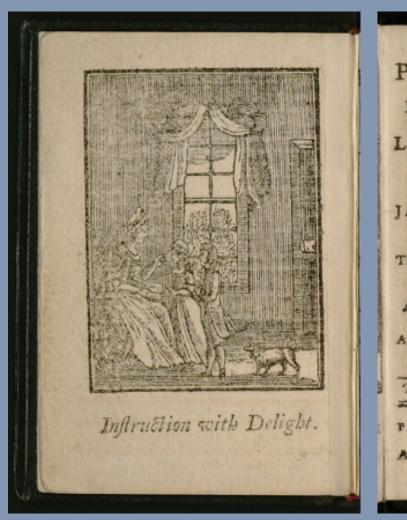


Little Pretty Pocket-Book, 1787

Juvenile National Calendar, 1824

Jackie Coleburn Rare Materials Section jacol@loc.gov

## A Little Pretty Pocket-book, 1787.



# A LITTLE PRETTY POCKET-BOOK, INTENDED FOR THE INSTRUCTION and AMUSEMENT OF LITTLE MASTER TOMMY,

PRETTY MISS POLLY.
With Two LETTERS from
JACK the GIANT-KILLER:

ASALSO

A BALL and PINCUSHION;

The Use of which will infallibly make Tomm & a good Boy, and Polly a good Girl.

To which is added,

A LITTLE SONG-BOOK,

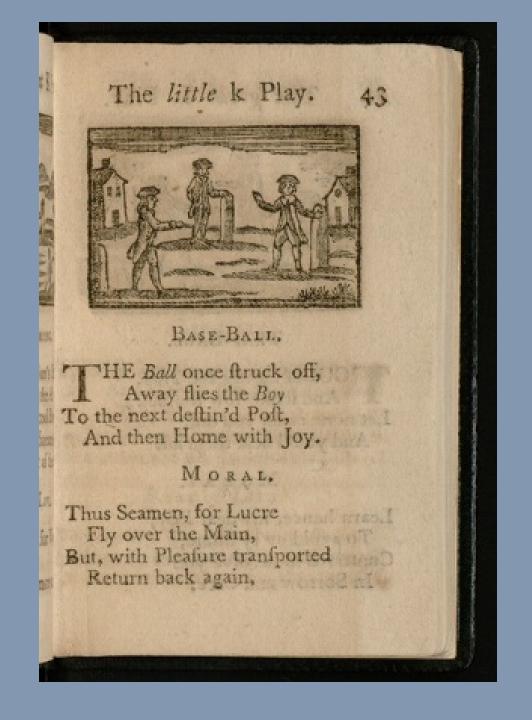
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A NEW ATTEMPT to teach CHILDREN the Use of the English Alphabet, by Way of Diversion.

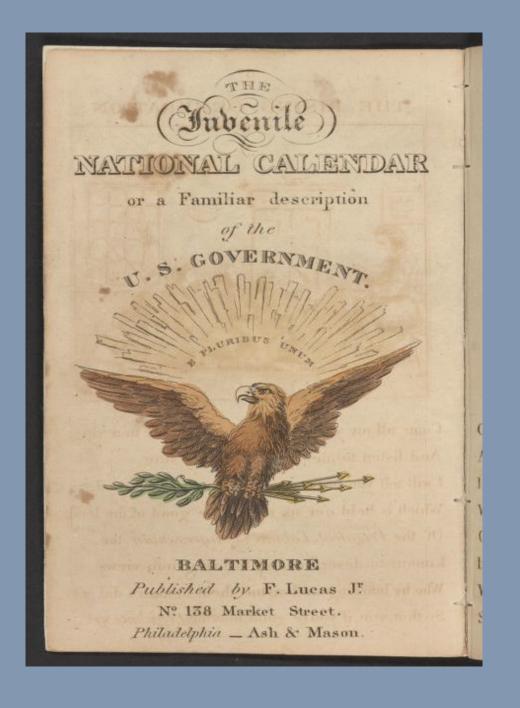
THE FIRST WORCESTER EDITION.

By ISAIAH THOMAS,
And SOLD, Wholefale and Rerail, at his BookSters. Maccinary.

The first known use of the word "baseball" is on page 43 of A Little Pretty Pocket-book, 1787.



The Juvenile National Calendar, 1824.



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#### THE PEOPLE



But first, of the PEOPLE, my song must relate
That they choose for themselves who shall govern the State;
And each of the men who are aged twenty one,
Has a right to cry out what he wants to be done;
And meet with his neighbours some friend to elect,
To rule o'er the land, and whom all may respect
And he for whom most of the people may shout,
Is placed as a ruler until his turn's out.

Who are "The People," the voters, in this illustration and rhyme in 1824?

Why do you think the President's wearing "neither silver nor gold" is important in this description?

## PRESIDENT of the U.S.



Of the PRESIDENT next you will hear me declare. That altho' neither silver nor gold does he wear; And like you may be punished if e'er he acts wrong Yet to him does much power and importance belong. He, Ambassadors sends to the Nations afar; He is chief of the soldiers who fight in the war; He may pardon the convict, of hanging in fear; And he gets Twenty five thousand clothurs a year.

### Little Pretty Pocket-Book, 1787

http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/juv.05880

Juvenile National Calendar, 1824

https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/General.13865.1



Historical Children's Book Selections from the Library of Congress:

https://www.loc.gov/collection s/childrens-bookselections/about-thiscollection/



## LC Labs & Connecting Communities Digital Initiative (CCDI)

Laurie Allen & Cheryl Ingraham Digital Strategy





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# Laurie Allen and Cheryl Ingraham

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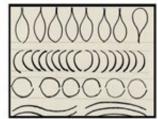


LOC 3D

Newspaper Navigator







LC Labs Collective Wisdom

Computing Cultural Heritage in the Cloud







By the People: LC Crowdsourcing

By the People Data Sets

#SerendipityRun



We will throw open the treasure chest



We will connect

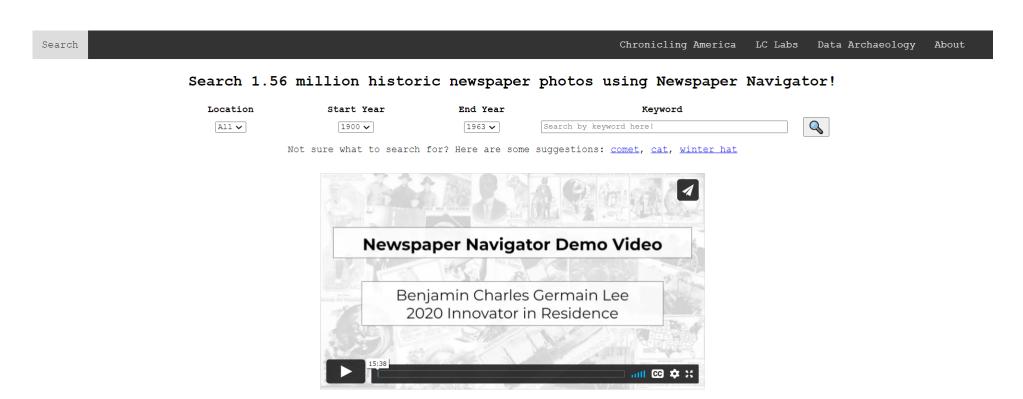


We will invest in our future



## **Newspaper Navigator**

#### **Collaborating to Make Discoveries**



Newspaper Navigator is a project by Benjamin Charles Germain Lee as part of the 2020 Innovator in Residence Program at the Library of Congress.



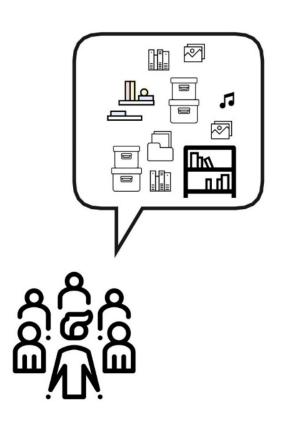
## Citizen DJ



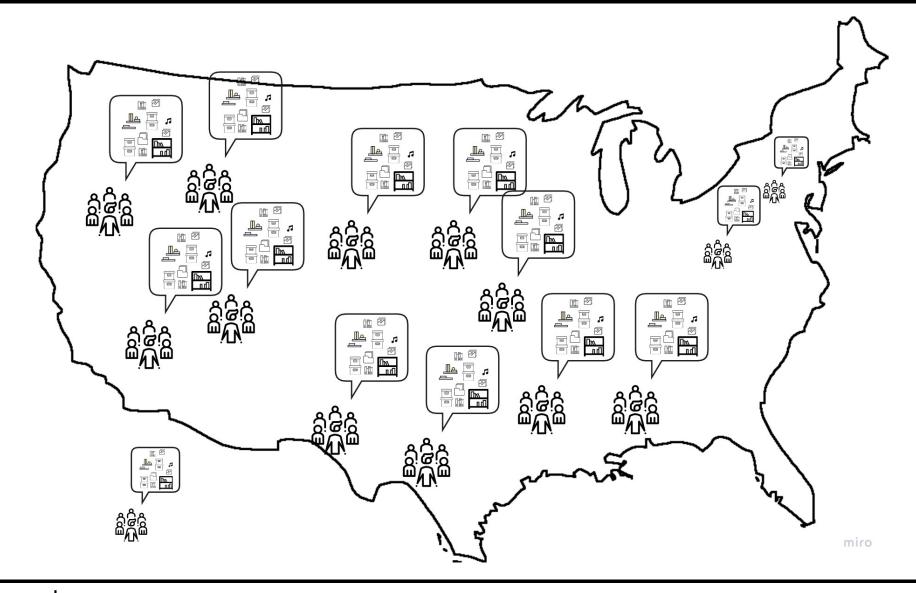




- ✓ American Folklife Collections
- ✓ Internships and Fellowships
  - ✓ Digital Strategy

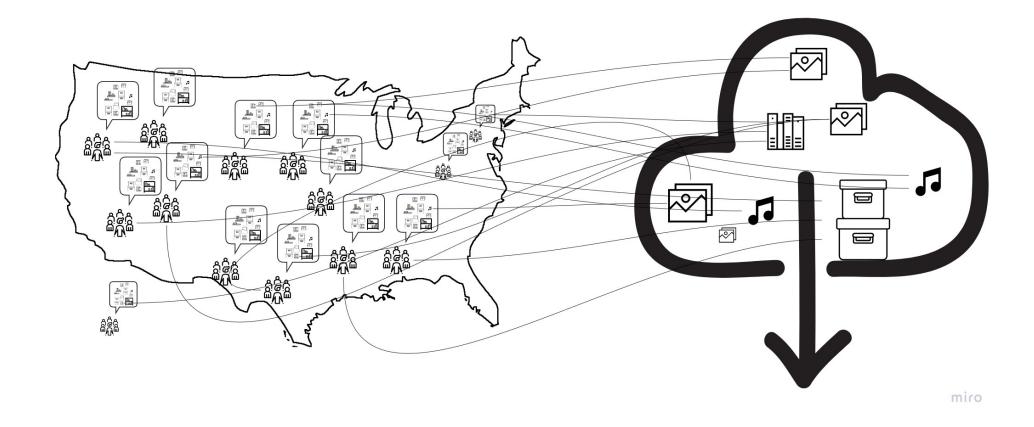


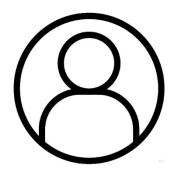
Inspired by communities around the country who are gathering and sharing stories about their histories







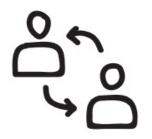




## Program Staff for 4 year terms

- Program Director GS-15
- Demonstration Technologist GS-14
- Partnership Coordinator GS-12
- Agency Liaison GS-12

- Engage community-based partner organizations in utilizing technology
  - Re-imagine ways that digital Library materials can engage and inspire their communities
- One program for community colleges and minority serving higher education institutions
- One program public libraries, museums, and other local cultural heritage organizations.



## Grantees/ Partnership program

2 grants in Y1, 6 grants each in Y2-4. 50-60K each

- Draws on
  - Kluge Model
  - LC Labs Innovator in Residence Model
- Two year overlapping residencies for scholars or artists
  - Engage with digital collections
  - Demonstrate possibilities
  - Share insights
- Explore ways that the technology, Library, and memory communities can be transformed by welcoming unheard voices and stories



## Artist/ Scholar in Residence

3people (2 y each, overlapping. 50K y1, 100K y2)

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## Interested in learning more?

## Of the People Blog

https://blogs.loc.gov/ofthepeople/

## **The Signal Blog**

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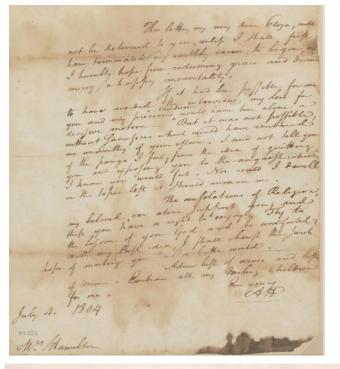
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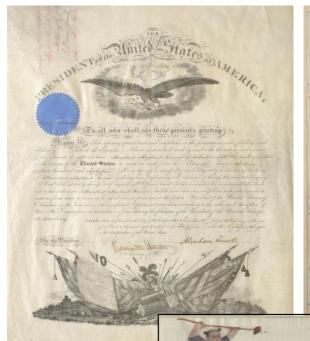
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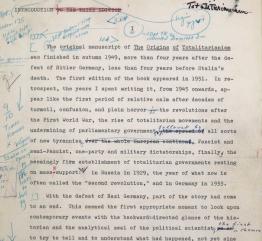
## Welcome to the Manuscript Division!

Michelle A. Krowl Civil War and Reconstruction Specialist

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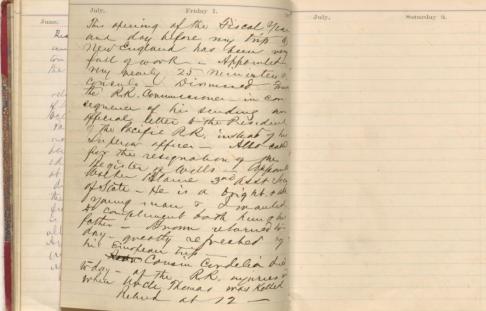
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Abraham Lincoln Papers; <a href="https://www.loc.gov/resource/mal.4359700/">https://www.loc.gov/resource/mal.4359700/</a>

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<a href="https://www.loc.gov/search?q=group%3Awords-and-deeds&sb=date">https://www.loc.gov/search?q=group%3Awords-and-deeds&sb=date</a>



#### MANUSCRIPT/MIXED MATERIAL

Letter, John Adams to Thomas Jefferson describing the cordial greeting he received from King George III as the first American minister to Great Britain, 3 June 1785.

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Thomas Jefferson's drawing of a macaroni machine and instructions for making pasta, ca. 1787.

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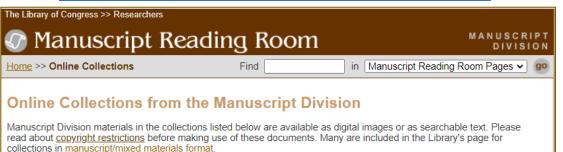
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Alexander Graham Bell's design sketch of the telephone, ca. 1876.

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#### Links to online MSS collections and special presentations

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#### African American Odyssey

This Special Presentation of the Library of Congress exhibition, *The African-American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship*, showcases the Library's incomparable African-American collections. The presentation was not only a highlight of what is on view in this major black history exhibition, but also a glimpse into the Library's vast African-American collections. Both include a wide array of important and rare books, government documents, manuscripts, maps, musical scores, plays, films, and recordings.



#### Nelson W. Aldrich Papers

The files, 1908-1912, of the National Monetary Commission (2,362 items; 4,724 images) from the papers of U.S. representative and senator from Rhode Island Nelson W. Aldrich (1841-1915) are part of a larger collection available for research use onsite in the Manuscript Reading Room of the Library of Congress. Established by the Aldrich-Vreeland Act of 1908, the National Monetary Commission was created in order to study banking and currency operations at home and abroad and to suggest changes in American

practices. Aldrich and other members of the commission visited England, France, and Germany to consult with experts and collect data. Specialists representing the commission made similar visits to other nations and reported their findings.



#### American Colony in Jerusalem

This presentation features letters, scrapbooks, photograph albums, and other documentation from Part I of the American Colony in Jerusalem Collection. The full collection in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress represents well over 10,000 items stemming from the history of the American Colony, a non-denominational utopian Christian community founded by a small group of American expatriates in Ottoman Palestine in 1881.



#### American Federation of Labor Records

The records of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) span the years 1883-1925 and consist of letterpress volumes of correspondence of Samuel Gompers (1850-1924) and William Green (1870-1952), presidents of the organization, and by other officials including James Duncan, Gabriel Edmonston, Frank Keyes Foster, and John McBride. Comprising approximately 172,300 items (328,445 images), the collection relates to the formation of local unions, meetings, charters, bylaws, ethics, publicity, arbitration,

AFL's political principles, communism, socialism, anthracite coal strikes of 1897 and 1902, fund-raising, boycotts, and the United Mine Workers, American Railway Union, International Association of Machinists, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and American Federationist, the AFL's magazine.



#### American Life Histories: Manuscripts from the Folklore Project, WPA Federal Writers' Project,

These life histories were compiled and transcribed by the staff of the Folklore Project of the Federal Writers' Project for the U.S. Works Progress (later Work Projects) Administration (WPA) from 1936-1940. The Library of Congress collection includes 2,900 documents representing the work of over 300 writers from 24 states. The histories describe the informant's family education, income, occupation, political views, religion and mores, medical needs, diet and miscellaneous observations.

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## Provide context and point you in the right direction for further inquiry!

#### https://guides.loc.gov/manuscript

### Richard Nixon's Political Scandal: Researching Watergate in the Manuscript Collections at the Library of Congress

The 1972 break-in at the Democratic Headquarters in Washington, DC resulted in the resignation of President Nixon in 1974. This guide describes unique resources related to the Watergate scandal available for research in the Library's Manuscript Division.

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#### Introduction

The Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress preserves, arranges, and makes available for research the personal papers and organizational records of historical significance that have been acquired by the Library. The content of this guide is not intended to be comprehensive, but provides an overview of selected manuscript materials to help researchers navigate collections in the Manuscript Division relating to the Watergate Affair and related topics such as impeachment, executive privilege, wiretapping, and the presidency of Richard M. Nixon.

"The Watergate Affair has been called the greatest political scandal of the twentieth century, the standard against which all subsequent scandals have been judged," writes historian Geraldo Cadava. "It caused many to lose faith in government, led to campaign finance reform ... and drove Americans to demand greater transparency in politics, which led to broad transformations that reshaped the cultural and political landscape for decades to come."

Though some historians have questioned just how much transparency improved and government corruption declined after the scandal, much of Cadava's point remains true, a testament to Watergate's enormous influence. Looking back almost fifty years, Nixon's tenure has proven more broadly influential than initially thought and in ways that might have been unexpected even for him. Watergate undoubtedly looms large in such evaluations, but Nixon's political accomplishments, skills, and to some extent, his gruff persona all factored into a broader and longer lasting influence. The scandal cascades across the papers in the Manuscript Division; detaching it from Nixon's larger legacy remains a difficult, if not impossible task. An overview, however, placing the scandal in larger context is provided below so as to aid researchers in their study of Watergate, the Nixon Administration, and the political milieu of the

#### Nixon in American Culture

Well before the impeachment of President Bill Clinton in 1998, as the twentieth anniversary of Watergate approached, interest in Nixon's administration sprung anew. In 1990, the PBS series American Experience released its documentary "Nixon"; five years later Oliver



#### **Library of Congress Blog**

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## The 1793 Yellow Fever Epidemic: The Washingtons, Hamilton and Jefferson

May 28, 2020 by Neely Tucker

This is a guest post by Julie Miller, a historian in the Manuscript Division.



Martha Washington, in an unfinished portrait by Gilbert Stuart. Theodor Horydczak Collection. Prints and Photographs Division.

In December 1793, Martha Washington bought a new book by Mathew Carey called A Short Account of the Malignant Fever Lately Prevalent in Philadelphia. The following February she bought a similar title, A Short Account of the Yellow Fever in Philadelphia, for the Reflecting Christian, by Henry Helmuth.

Her interest was personal. In the summer of 1793 when a devastating yellow fever epidemic hit Philadelphia she was in the city, then the U.S. capital, as the wife of the president. Carey, a publisher and bookseller, was also there. He joined a committee that helped the poor and sick who stayed behind when the wealthy fled. The Rev. Helmuth stayed to care for his congregants. The Washingtons remained in Philadelphia through the summer, but on Sept. 10 they left, as did nearly every member of city, state, and national government.

Yellow fever is a frightening disease. Benjamin Rush, a prominent Philadelphia doctor and author of another book about yellow fever, noted his patients' chills and fever, yellowed skin, stomach pains, nausea, headache, sore eyes and delirium.

Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson wrote: "It is called a yellow fever,

but is like nothing known or read of by the Physicians. The week before last the deaths were about 40. the last week about 80. and this week I think they will be 200. and it goes on spreading."

Carey described M how "acquaintances and friends avoided each other in the streets, and only signified their regard by a cold nod. The old custom of shaking hands fell into such disuse, that many were affronted at even the offer of the

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Check out the Manuscript Division homepage for links to online collections, finding aids, and more!

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### Manuscript Reading Room

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Notice: As the Library of Congress gradually begins to reopen its Reading Rooms for research, we are putting safety first with new procedures and practices that protect everyone's heath. Confirmed appointments are required for entry into Library facilities, and everyone must follow the health and safety protocols established by the Library, in consultation with public health professionals. Most of these protocols are mandatory, regardless of vaccination status. Starting on June 1, 2021, the Manuscript Division will provide access by appointment only between the hours of 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday. Please submit an Ask A Librarian or call (202) 707-5387 to schedule an appointment. For more information, see: https://loc.gov/about/pandemic-information/for-researchers/

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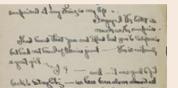
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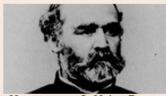
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Georgia O'Keeffe and Alfred Stieglitz



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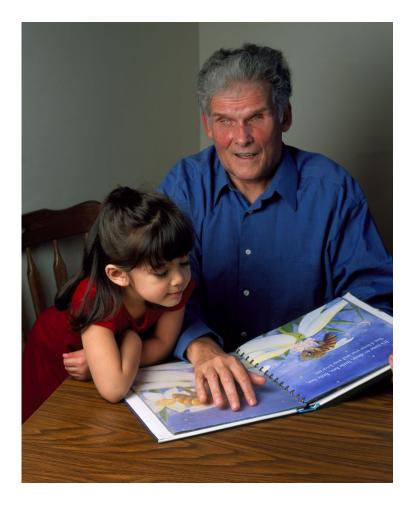




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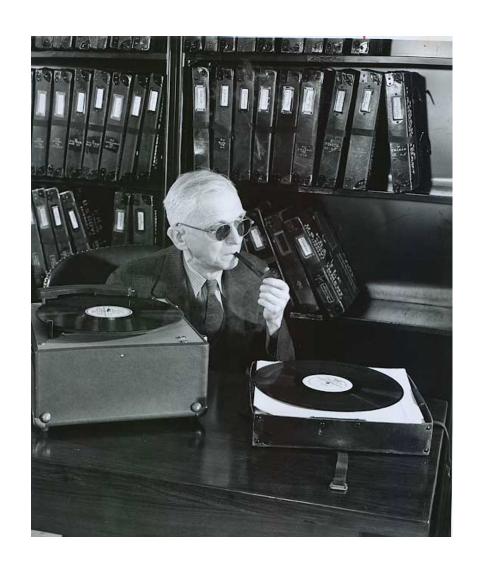


















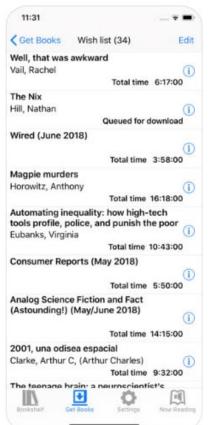


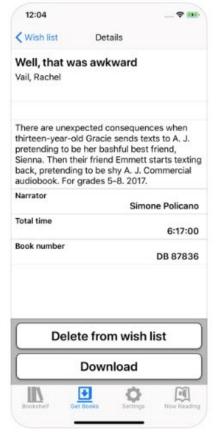














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Author: Adams, Richard, 1920-

Title: Watership down / Richard Adams. [braille]

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Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1997. (Associated Services for the Blind, transcribing agency. Associated Services for the Blind, distributor)

Book Number: BR 10851
Access: Volume 1.

Location: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/br.10851v01

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Author: Adams, Richard, 1920-

Title: Watership down [sound recording] / Richard George

Adams.

Published: Washington, D.C.: National Library Service for

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2007.

Book Number: DB 35730 (May be available only for download)

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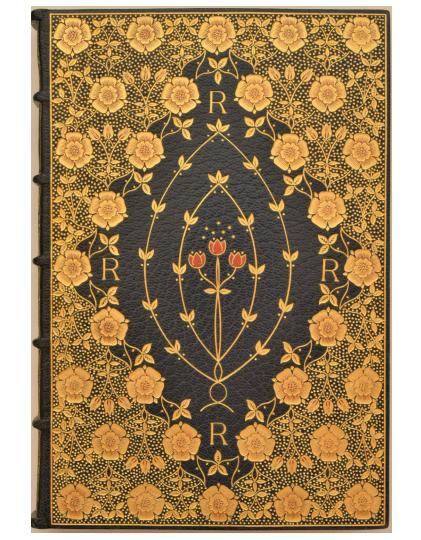


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- The Library subscribes to about 700 databases and listedbelow, in the next three slides, are those 'favorite' or most used databases of the RareBook Division staff.
- Many of these databases are also available at stateolleges and esearch universities.
- The entire list of Library of Congress databasescan be found here <a href="http://eresources.loc.gov">http://eresources.loc.gov</a>Under -Reading Room Favorites select: 'Rare Book and Special Collections Reading Room'
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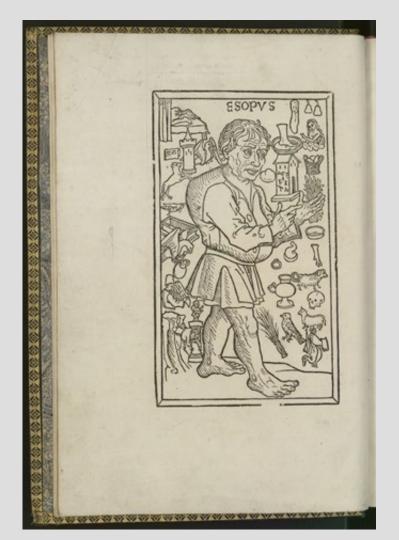
#### Digital Resources

- LibGuides
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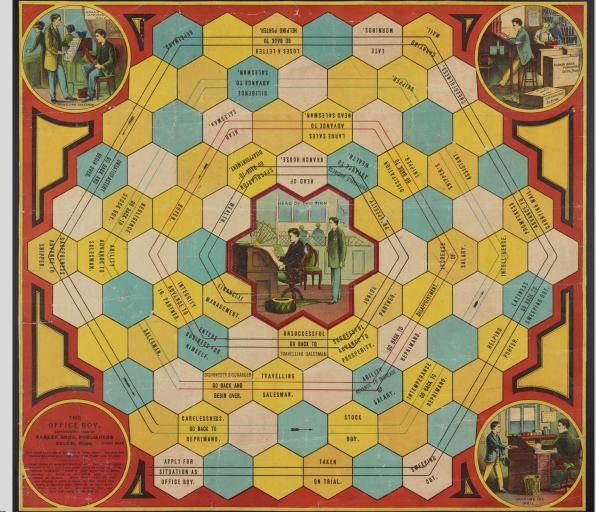
- Thomas Jefferson
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- Ralph Ellison



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"The Office Boy" 19th Century boardgame, Carson Collection.



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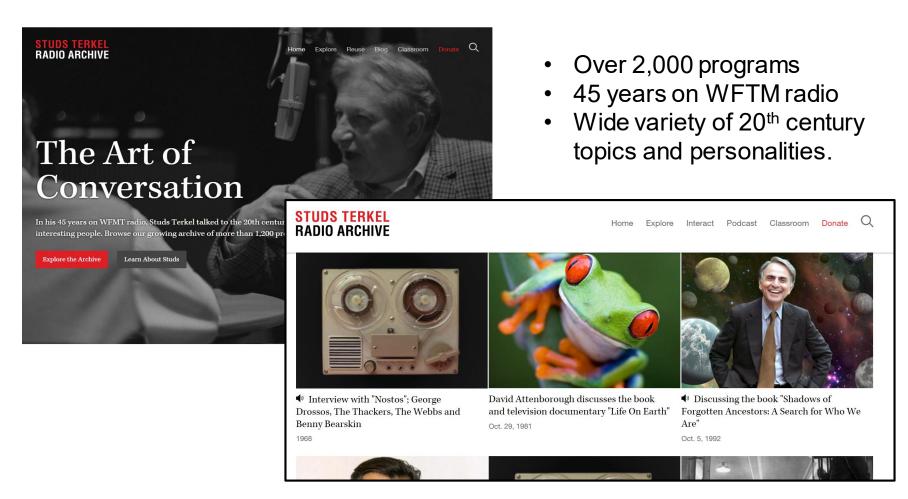
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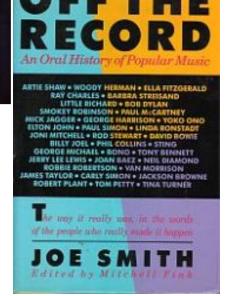


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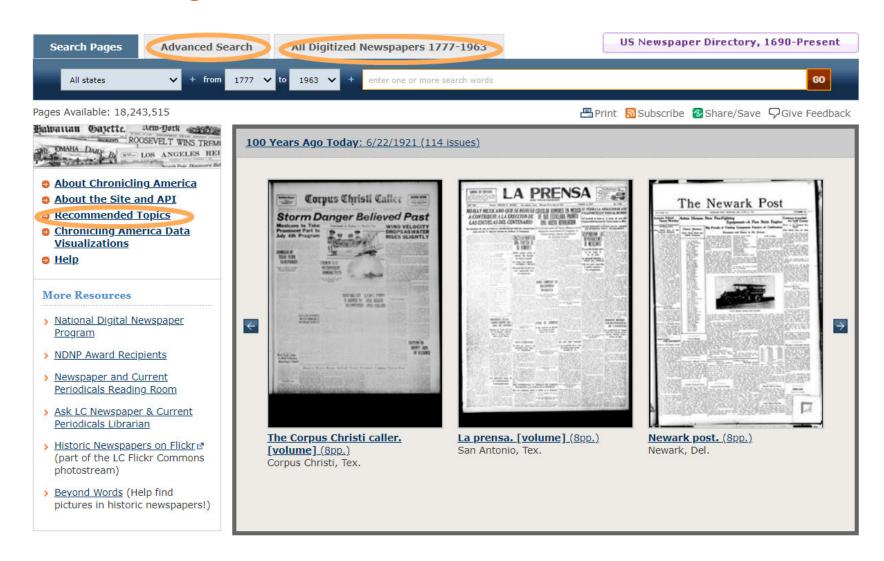




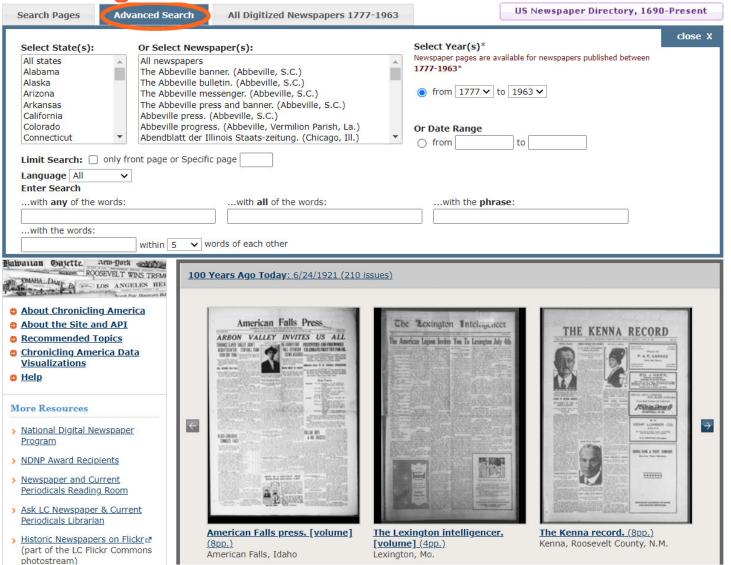


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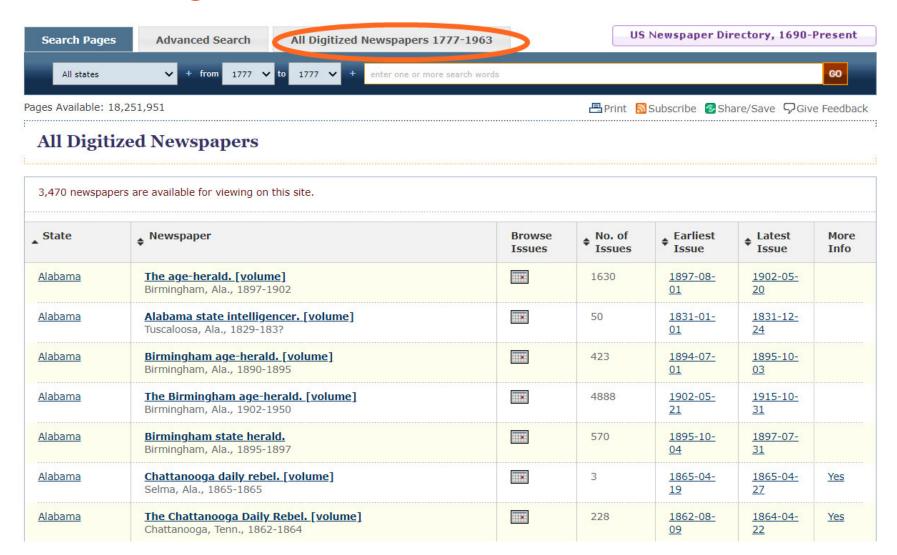














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- Ida B. Wells (1892-1909)
- Jack Johnson vs. James J. Jeffries (1910)
- James Reese Europe, the Jazz King (1909-1919)
- Plessy v. Ferguson (1892-1905)
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#### Civil War Ironclads: Topics in Chronicling America

In 1861, Ironclads were created and deployed to the naval battlefields to destroy wooden ships. This guide provides access to material related to "Civil War Ironclads" in the Chronicling America digital collection of historic newspapers.

#### Introduction

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"There is now building at the Continental Iron Works a formidable iron battery, which will probably prove a novel and efficacious implement of war," reported the December 24, 1861 Cincinnati Daily Press. The iron-clad proved to be a novel invention indeed as it displaced the wooden warships of previous years and ushered in a new era of naval warfare. Iron-clads were key in the various naval engagements of the Civil War. Read more about it!

The information in this guide focuses on primary source materials found in the digitized historic newspapers from the digital collection Chronicling America.

The timeline below highlights important dates related to this topic and a section of this guide



"Merrimac Ramming the Cumberland." March 7, 1902. Dakota Farmers' Leader. (Canton, SD), Image 4. Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers.

#### Search Strategies & Selected Articles

- Use the following terms in combination, proximity, or as a phrase: continental iron works, ericsson battery, iron-clad, Merrimack, Monitor.
- It is important to use a specific date range if looking for articles for a particular event in order to narrow your results.

#### SELECTED ARTICLES FROM CHRONICLING AMERICA

- "The Attack on the Federal Fleet" The National Republican (Washington, DC), October 22, 1861, Page 2, Image 2, col. 5.
- "A Terrible Engine of Destruction" Memphis Daily Appeal (Memphis, TN), December 20, 1861, Page 4, Image 4, col. 1.
- · "A New Engine of War" Cincinnati Daily Press (Cincinnati, OH), December 24, 1861, Page 4, Image 4, col. 1.







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