


Using Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) for Research and Learning

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What is DPLA?

- A free, national digital library that provides access to materials from libraries, archives, and museums across the US
- A network of partners who make their content available through a single website



(One place to find digital content from more than 2,000 institutions!)

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Brief History of DPLA

- 2010-2012: Planning discussions
- Launch in April 2013 with 2.4 million items from 500 contributing institutions
- January 2017: 14.9 million items from 2,200 contributing institutions

How does DPLA get content?



Content Hubs

- Large institutions with more than 150,000 digital items work directly with DPLA



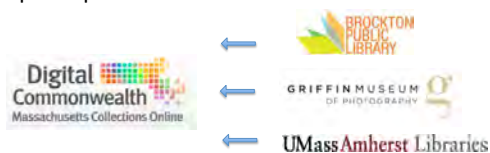
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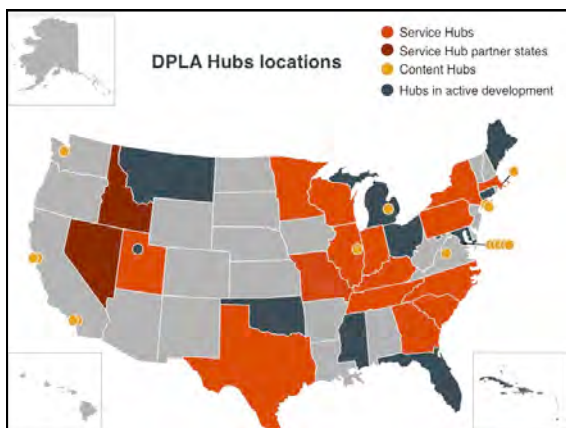
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Service Hubs

- Provide DPLA a single feed of content from multiple cultural institutions in a state
- Helps institutions in that state collaborate and participate in DPLA





What can I find through DPLA?

- Cultural heritage content!
- Books, manuscripts, photographs, sheet music, videos, oral histories, correspondence, objects, diaries, illustrations, ...and much more



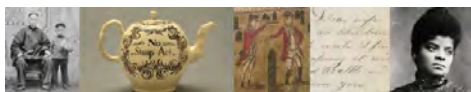
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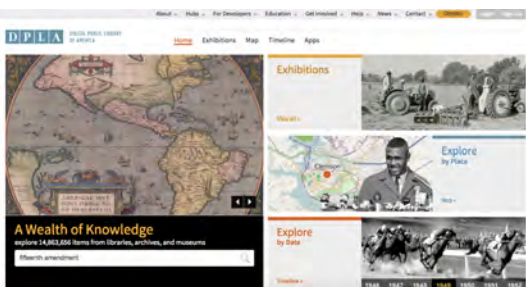
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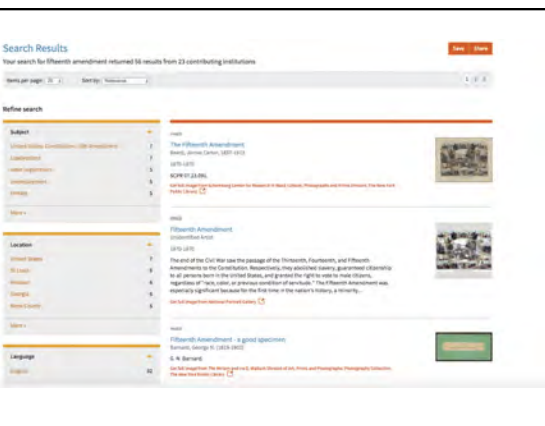
What can I find through DPLA?

- US history and culture and more!
- National and local sources and stories
- Vetted and described by information professionals



How do I search DPLA?





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Search Tips

- **Exact phrases:** enclose with question marks
- **Boolean operators:** Combine multiple search terms using OR or NOT. (Default behavior is AND.)
- **Wildcards:** Use an asterisk (*) as a substitute for any collection of characters within a word.

View search results in...

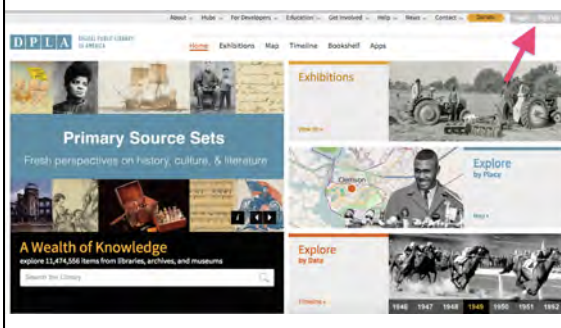


Map



Timeline

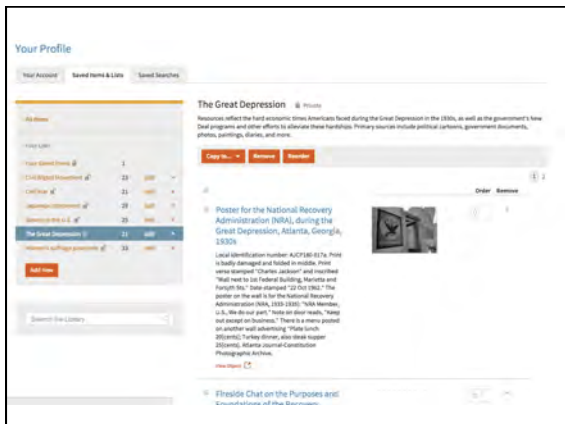
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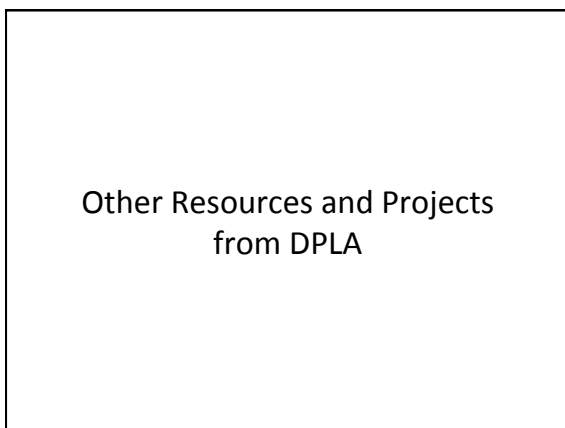


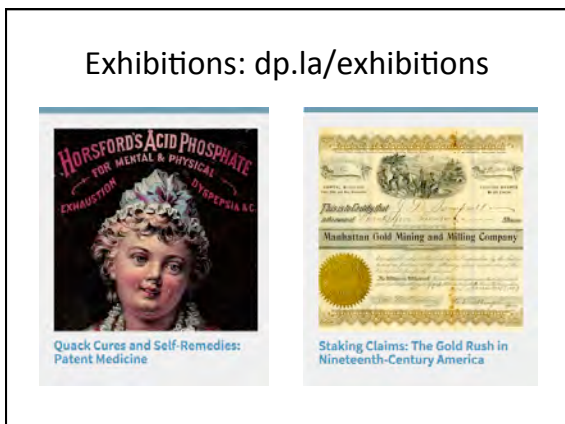
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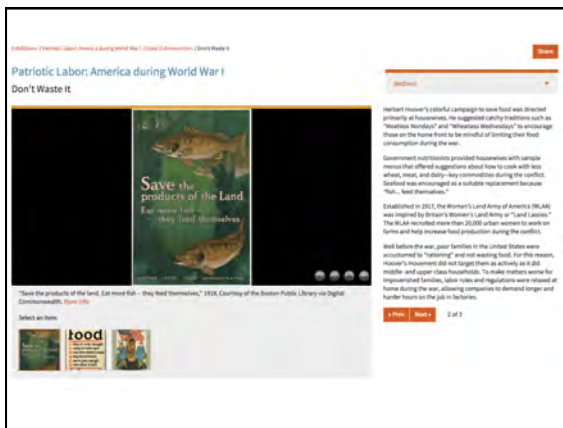


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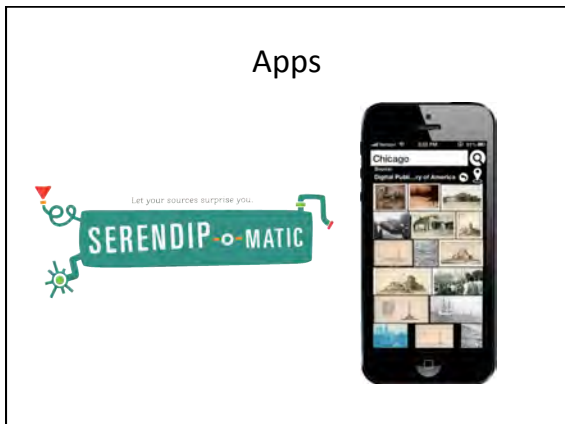


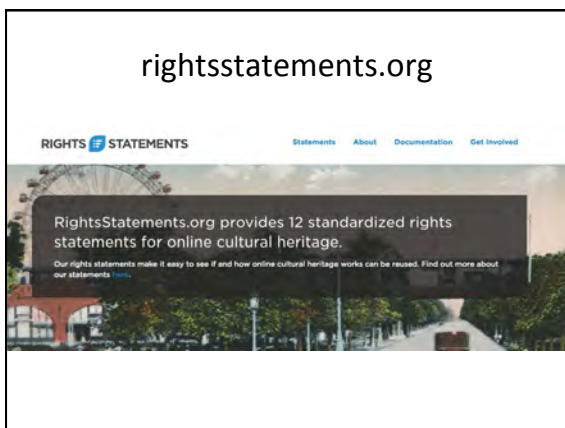


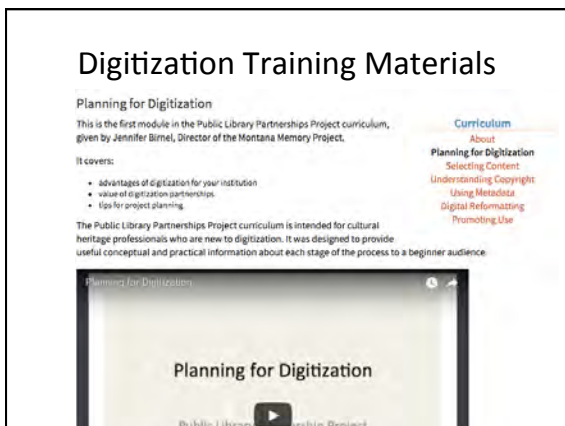
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DPLA's Plans for the Future

- More cultural heritage
- Ebooks
- Newspapers
- Data sets
- More!



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