

Tour of the Library of Congress

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- [Wise Guide](#) (Monthly LOC news)
- [Veterans History Project](#)
- [Cybercasts](#) (From all areas of the Library)

Library News and Events features timely happenings at the Library. View all Library news and events links to find out what is happening in the Library today.

Begin with the basics - start your tour by exploring each of these five major sections of the Library of Congress Web site:



- **Library Catalogs** (Access the Library of Congress online catalog and other online catalogs) <http://catalog.loc.gov/> including:
 - Prints and Photographs Catalog (Links to millions of images) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalog.html>
 - List of Images on Popular Topics <http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/listguid.html>
 - Other Libraries' Catalogs (Gateway to catalogs at other institutions) <http://www.loc.gov/z3950/>
- **American Memory:** (Access the rich primary sources from the collections of the Library of Congress) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/>
 - List All Collections
 - (By title) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListAll.php>
 - (By description) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListAll.php?title=0&description=1&fl=>
 - Select More Browse Options (Access collections by broad topic, time period, place or format) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/index.html>
 - Today in History (Discover what happened today in history...and every day) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>
 - Teachers (Use American Memory in the classroom) <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/>
 - Ask a Librarian (Get help from an expert) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/ask-memory.html>
- **Online Exhibitions:** (Access online versions of Library of Congress exhibitions) <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/>
 - Our Newest Exhibitions
 - The Cultures and History of the Americas <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/kislak/>
 - A Heavenly Craft: The Woodcut in Early Printed Books <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/heavenlycraft/>
- **Global Gateway** (Learn more about international resources at the Library of Congress) <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/intldlhome.html>
 - Collaborative Digital Libraries http://international.loc.gov/intldl/find/digital_collaborations.html
 - Individual Digital Libraries http://international.loc.gov/intldl/find/digital_collections.html
 - Portals to the World <http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>
- **Thomas:** (Information about what's happening on Capitol Hill. Includes links to a variety of resources about the federal government) <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

What are YOUR interests? Choose a spot and start exploring!

- Listed under **Kids, Families** (Students and families will enjoy these features) <http://www.loc.gov/families/>
 - **America's Library** (Created for younger students to help them learn while having fun) <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/>
 - **American Memory** (Millions of digital items that document American history and culture) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/>
 - **Today in History** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>
 - **I Hear America Singing** (Links to the Library's collection of scores, sheet music, audio, films and more) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/perform/ihashome.html>
 - **Portals to the World** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>
 - **Community Roots** (Creative arts, crafts and customs from the Local Legacies project) <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/roots/ac-home.html>
 - **Everyday Mysteries** (Fun science facts from the Library of Congress) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/mysteries/>
 - **Places in the News** (Maps and facts from happening places around the world) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/plnews.html>
 - **Center for the Book** (Links to past National Book Festival cybercasts) <http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/>
- Listed under **Librarians** (Especially for the Library Media Specialist) Don't miss <http://www.loc.gov/library/>
 - **Digital Reference** (Links to Virtual Programs and Services offered by the Digital Reference Team) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/>
 - **Journeys and Crossings** (Webcasts and online discussions) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/journey/>
 - **Library of Congress Live** (Programs for children and families) <http://www.loc.gov/loc/kidslc/>
 - **Luminary Lectures** (Fresh perspectives on Librarianship) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/lectures/>
 - **MINERVA: Web Archiving** <http://www.loc.gov/minerva/>
 - **Collection Guides and Bibliographies** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/bibhome.html>
 - **Virtual Reference Shelf** (Selected Web resources outside of the Library of Congress) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/virtualref.html>
- Listed under **Publishers** (Services and resources for the publishing community) <http://www.loc.gov/loc/infopub/>
 - **Copyright Registration** (Link to the United States Copyright Office) <http://www.copyright.gov/>
- Listed under **Researchers** (Reference Tools and Services) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/>
 - **Research Centers** (Link to home pages of LOC reading rooms including the following highlights) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/research-centers.html>
 - **Poetry and Literature Center** (Poetry 180 and more) <http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>
 - **Main Reading Room** (Don't miss Alcove 9 for selected Internet resources) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/>
 - **Geography and Map Reading Room** (Don't miss External Links to Outside Resources and Quality Reproduction Services including Zazzle) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/>
 - **Business Reference Services** (Don't miss Hot Topics) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/business/>
 - **Science and Technology** (Featuring Science Mysteries and Tracer Bullets) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/>
 - **American Folklife Center** (Link to Veterans History Project and Teacher's Guide to Folklife Resources) <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/>
 - **Performing Arts Reading Room** (Link to the I Hear America Singing portal to performing arts) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/perform/>
 - **Prints and Photographs Division** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/>
 - **Rare Book and Reading Room** (Explore the Book of Hours) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/rarebook/>
- Listed under **Visitors** <http://www.loc.gov/loc/visit/>
 - **Virtual Tour** (Tour the Thomas Jefferson Building) <http://www.loc.gov/jefftour/>
- Listed under **Teachers** (Be sure to explore the following...) <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>
 - **The Learning Page** (A teachers' guide to using the Library of Congress Web sites) <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/>
 - **Getting Started** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/start/index.html> (Tips for using Library of Congress primary sources in your classrooms)
 - **Lessons** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/index.html> (Teacher-created lesson plans using Library of Congress primary sources)
 - Alphabetically by title <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/ag.html>
 - By theme: <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/theme.html>
 - **Features and Activities** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/index.html> (Engage your students through learning games, interactive puzzles and collaborative projects featuring primary sources)
 - **Collection Connections** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/collections/index.html> (Activity ideas for integrating the American Memory collections into the curriculum)
 - **Community Centers** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/community/index.html> (Themed resources on topics like women's history, explorers, native Americans, civil rights and more)

- **Professional Development** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/educators/index.html> (Workshop opportunities and handouts to share with your staff)
- **More Educational Resources** http://memory.loc.gov/learn/ed_portal/index.html (Links to hidden treasures across and beyond the Library of Congress)
- **E-mail Updates** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/community/tlpnewsletter/nlsubscribe.html> (Sign up to be on the Learning Page mailing list)
- o **American Memory** (Millions of digital items that document American history and culture) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/>
- o **Today in History** (Highlights historical events) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>
- o **I Hear America Singing** (Links to the Library's collection of scores, sheet music, audio, films and more) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/perform/ahas/ihas/home.html>
- o **Community Roots** (Creative arts, crafts and customs from the Local Legacies project) <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/roots/ac-home.html>
- o **Services**
 - **Ask a Librarian** (Links to all Library divisions) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/>
 - **Chat With a Librarian** (Chat M-F from 2-4) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/chat-memory.html>
 - **Live and Archived Chats** (Join monthly chats on themed topics) <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/community/chat/chattranscripts.html>
 - **Photoduplication Services** (Order materials) <http://www.loc.gov/preserv/pds/>
 - **Video Conference Workshops** (Distance Learning offerings) <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/educators/video/index.html>
- o **Resources** (Of special interest to teachers)
 - **America's Library** (For your students) <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi>
 - **Center for the Book** (Book related projects) <http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/>
 - **Citing Electronic Sources** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/start/cite/index.html>
 - **Everyday Mysteries** (Science facts) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/mysteries/>
 - **Guide to the Law Online** <http://www.loc.gov/law/public/law-guide.html>
 - **International Resources** (Link to Global Gateway) <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/intldlhome.html>
 - **Places in the News** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/plnews.html>
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 - **Portals to the World** (Country resources) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>
 - **Prints and Photographs Online Catalog** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalog.html>
 - **Reference Sites Compiled by the Library** (Link to the Virtual Reference Shelf) <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/virtualref.html>
 - **Research Centers** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/research-centers.html>
 - **Teachers Guide to Folklife Resources** <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/teachers/>
 - **Veterans History Project** <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>
 - **Webcasts for Teachers** <http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/results.php?cat=1&mode=a>
- o **Library Resources** (If you missed anything or have more questions, check the links in this column.)
 - **About the Library** (Learn more about the library) <http://www.loc.gov/about/>
 - o **More Than a Library** (Online presentation) <http://www.loc.gov/more/mtal.html>