General News from the Library of Congress (Lightning Talk)

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Outline of LC General News Lightning Talk

• Nominations
  – Dr. Carla D. Hayden

• Displays and Exhibitions
  – 100 Years of the National Park Service
  – 80 Years of the Poet Laureate
  – The Civil Rights Act of 1964
  – Jazz Singers
  – Jacob Riis
  – World War I: American Artists and the Great War

• Initiatives
  – StoryCorps
  – American Archive of Public Broadcasting
  – Digital Collections Coordinating Committee
  – U.S. Hispanic Community Recruitment & Outreach Initiative

• Websites
  – Jewish American Heritage Month
  – Congress.gov

• Events
  – LC National book festival
  – Symposium: “La Città degli Ebrei/The City of the Jews: Segregated Space and the Admission of Strangers in the Jewish Ghetto of Venice.”
Nominee for Librarian of Congress: Dr. Carla D. Hayden
Display: 100 Years of the National Park Service
Display: 80 Years of the Poets Laureate

AJL Proceedings 2016
Exhibition: Jazz Singers
Exhibition:
Jacob Riis: Revealing “How the Other Half Lives”
Exhibition: World War I: American Artists View the Great War
For Further Exploration, See:

- http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/
StoryCorps
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- David Isay, founder of StoryCorps, won the 2015 TED Prize for StoryCorps and he’s used to funds to develop a “Collecting App” which people can use to collect stories on their cell phones. To date, the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress has received about 65,000 standard StoryCorps interviews and about 85,000 shorter interviews using the newly-developed App.
StoryCorps

• StoryCorps sent its MobileBooth to LC where it is recording/recorded interviews between April 14 and May 18, 2016.

• As with the other StoryCorps interviews, these interviews will be deposited at the American Folklife Center once they have been processed by StoryCorps.

• Also, during the MobileBooth’s residency, its 3-member traveling staff took part in an AFC “Open Mic” event at which they were interviewed about their collecting experiences by AFC staff member Dr. Nancy Groce.
Launch of American Archive of Public Broadcasting (AAPB)

- Collaboration between Library of Congress, WGBH Boston, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- Provides access to a collection of American public radio and television content dating back to 1950’s.
- Audio and video materials, created by more than 120 public broadcasting organizations, have been digitized and preserved.
- http://americanarchive.org/
Digital Collections Coordinating Committee (DC3)

• **Eight petabytes** of digital content, either acquired or produced by the Library, is currently being managed.

• **Web Archiving**
  Over 700 terabytes of content harvested

• **Purchased and Leased Electronic Resources**
  Over 800 Databases
Digital Collections Coordinating Committee: E-Deposit Program

- **E-Serials are being acquired via Copyright**
  - Began in 2010
  - Total eSerial titles: 1,628
  - Total issues: 28,891
  - Total files: 2,700,943

- **Will be expanding to e-books and sound recordings**
eDeposit Program to Expand to E-Books and Digital Sound Recordings

• The Library has now begun the process to expand this program to e-books (without print counterparts) and digital sound recordings (available online only).

• A Notice of Inquiry, *Mandatory Deposit of Electronic Books and Sound Recordings Available Only Online*, was published in the Federal Register on May 17, 2016, to solicit comments from interested stakeholders. It is available at
  
Digital Collections Coordinating Committee

- Traditionally, CIP cataloged printed books in advance of publication

- E-Books are part of the program as of 2012

- E-book program now includes 600 United States publishers
Digital Collections Committee

- http://eresources.loc.gov/
Need to Develop an Overall Digital Plan

Current plan covers acquisitions and cataloging only

Does not cover:

- Digitization
- Other portions of the digital lifecycle
- Technical infrastructure
- Staff assignment, training and development
Digital Collecting Strategy Framework

Objectives Include:

• Maximize Receipt and Addition to the Library’s Collections of Selected Digital Content Submitted for Copyright Purposes

• Expand Digital Collecting via Routine Modes of Acquisition

• Focus on Purchased and Leased Electronic Resources

• Expand Use of Web Archiving to Acquire Digital Content

• Develop and Implement an Open Access Content Acquisition Program

• Expand Collecting of Appropriate Datasets and Other Large Units of Content
U.S. Hispanic Community Recruitment & Outreach Initiative

• “...an initiative aimed at better acknowledging and engaging the Hispanic community... by increasing its awareness of the Library’s collections, services, programs, and employment opportunities...”

-- Special Announcement 14-04
The Librarian of Congress
U.S. Hispanic Community Recruitment & Outreach Initiative

• High Priority Initiative to:
  • Raise awareness in the U.S. Hispanic community of services the Library provides.
  • Raise awareness among U.S. Hispanics of Library employment opportunities.
  • Develop programs that celebrate U.S. Hispanic, Latin American, and Iberian cultures and Hispanic American identity.
U.S. Hispanic Community Recruitment & Outreach Initiative: Objectives Achieved

- Raised awareness about services.
- Increased outreach via the Library’s blog posts, tweets and other social-media.
- Increased outreach via Spanish-language news media.
- Partnered with the Communications Office to update and expand media lists to include broader local media outreach among Hispanics.
- Partnered with GobiernoUSA.gov to post and disseminate Spanish-language Library web pages.
- Inventoried existing Spanish-language Library (non-collection) web pages and identified additional pages to translate to Spanish.
Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM)

http://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/

May is Jewish American Heritage Month
The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who have helped form the fabric of American history, culture and society.

Jewish Veterans of World War II
Fighting Nazi Germany took on special significance for one group of U.S. servicemen in the European Theater. Even those Jewish soldiers and sailors who were serving elsewhere in World War II understood that defeating the Axis would be a defeat for blind hatred of any ethnic group or nationality.
More about the exhibition.

Image Credit: Milton Stern (first row third from the left) and the original crew. (Library of Congress)
## Event Highlights 2016

### Lecture

**May 5**

**First Person 2016 Series**
Conversation with Holocaust Survivor Bob Behr
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

**May 16**

**The Blumenthals of the upper-Lower Peninsula of Michigan**
Dr. Janetta Silverman explores the history of this emigre family and the resources used to reconnect the disparate branches of the family after several decades of separation
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**May 19**

**First Person 2016 Series**
Conversation with Holocaust Survivor Irene Weiss
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

### Webinar

**May 24**

**Finding a Home: Researching Jewish Americans at loc.gov**
This webinar, conducted by research specialist Susan Garfinkel, explores the wealth of primary sources available to genealogists and researchers on the Library of Congress website related to Jewish Americans. [Registration is required.](https://example.com)
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### Book Talk

**May 31**

**We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry, a Documentary History**
Using newspaper clippings, letters, poems, and sermons—many never published before—Gary Zola shows why Lincoln was given the affectionate title “Rabbi” by America’s small, but growing Jewish population
National Archives

### Additional Events

- Library of Congress Events Calendar
- The National Archives Events Calendar
- National Endowment of the Humanities Events Calendar
- The National Gallery of Art Events Calendar
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Public Events Calendar
Legislative Information System
THOMAS to Retire in July; Replaced by Congress.gov

• Collaborative effort among LC, the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Government Publishing Office (GPO)

• Provides searchable access to bill status and summary, bill text, the Congressional Record, Congressional Record Index and committee reports, and executive actions such as nominations, treaties, and communications ...

• Free web-based training for new users of Congress.gov
2015 Library of Congress National Book Festival

- 15th Anniversary of the Library of National Book Festival
- Held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on Saturday, September 5 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., free of charge
- Theme: I Cannot Live Without Books
- More than 175 authors
- Louise Erdrich awarded the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction
- First time the Festival highlighted romance fiction
For More Information:

- https://www.loc.gov/bookfest/
Program, May 24, 2016: “La Città degli Ebrei/The City of the Jews: Segregated Space and the Admission of Strangers in the Jewish Ghetto of Venice

• Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of Ghetto’s Founding

• Presentation by Bernard Cooperman, “The Ghetto of Venice: Real-World Problems under Segregation”

• Presentation by Stefano Villani, “To Be a Foreigner in Early Modern Italy: Were There Ghettoes for Non-Catholic Christians?”
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