

DPLA at-a-glance

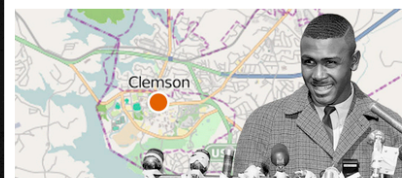
The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) is a free online library that provides access to millions of books, photographs, maps, audiovisual materials, and more from libraries, archives, and museums across the United States.

- ↳ Free public access to more than 10 million items
- ↳ 33 major content partners that bring in materials from nearly 1,600 contributing institutions in 20 states
- ↳ Free, structured access to complete database via API
- ↳ 12 staff members, 9 member Board of Directors
- ↳ Over 150 outreach volunteers (Community Reps) distributed across all 50 states



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DPLA homepage - <http://dp.la>

Explore the three main elements of DPLA

1 A portal that delivers students, teachers, researchers, and the public to incredible resources, wherever they may be in America.

DPLA offers a single point of access to millions of items from U.S. cultural institutions. Users can browse and search DPLA's collections by timeline, map, virtual bookshelf, and faceted search; save and share customized lists of items; explore digital exhibitions; and interact with DPLA-powered apps in the app library.

2 A platform that enables new and transformative uses of our digitized cultural heritage.

Platforms are meant to be built upon, and that's exactly what creative makers of

engaging apps, tools for discovery, and educational resources do with DPLA. Explore what's "Powered by DPLA" in our App Library!

3 An advocate for a strong public option in the twenty-first century.

For most of American history, the ability to access materials for free through public libraries has been a central part of our culture, producing generations of readers and a knowledgeable, engaged citizenry. DPLA works, along with like-minded organizations, to ensure that this open intellectual landscape remains vibrant and broad in the face of increasingly restrictive digital options. DPLA seeks to multiply openly accessible materials to strengthen the public option that libraries represent.