DIY History: Building Digital Connections between Collections and Courses

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- Philip H. Conard diary, 1864-1865
- Joseph Franklin Culver papers, 1863
- Joseph Franklin Culver papers, Jan.-Apr. 1864
- Joseph Franklin Culver papers, May-Nov. 1864
- Joseph Franklin Culver papers, Jan.-June 1865
- Shelton family letters, 1864-1936
- James B. Weaver letters, 1856-1858
- James B. Weaver letters, 1860-1864
- Edward F. Winslow letters, 1864-1865
- Wise-Clark family letters, May-Dec. 1863
- Wise-Clark family letters, Jan.-Feb. 1864
- Wise-Clark family letters, Mar.-Apr. 1864
- Wise-Clark family letters, May-July 1864
- Wise-Clark family letters, Aug.-Sept. 1864
- Wise-Clark family letters, Oct.-Nov. 1864
- Wise-Clark family letters, Dec. 1864-Feb. 1865
- Wise-Clark family letters, Mar.-Apr. 1865
- Wise-Clark family letters, May-July 1865

Current Progress:
As of August 6, 2012 there have been 1,479,705 pages transcribed.

Rediscovering Voices
Thanks to the development of "crowdsourcing" or collaborative transcription of manuscript materials, libraries are now able to use the knowledge and interest of the general public to meet goals that they would never have the time, financial, and staff resources to achieve on their own. Please help us improve access by transcribing the hand-written pages in this collection.

Simply select an item and enter the text as it appears on the digitized image.
TIL how to participate in history while sitting on my ass by transcribing Civil War diaries online. (digital.lib.wm.edu)

In a way, you are already doing that by logging in to some websites with captchas from google_recaptcha :) . Currently digitizing old New York Times editions. see how it works.

Right on.

That knowledge makes me actually a little happy every time I have to deal with one. It also makes me extra careful, because if I mess up it has actual consequences beyond just having to retype it.

No, the text is only accepted for the archive if several users all enter the same thing. Your one mistake only means it will take a couple of extra users to look at it again, not that it will be recorded wrong.
212,138 people visited this site

- Visits: 291,271
- Unique Visitors: 212,138
- Pageviews: 1,531,569
- Pages / Visit: 5.26
- Avg. Visit Duration: 00:04:03
- Bounce Rate: 52.68%
- % New Visits: 71.92%

72.01% New Visitor
209,755 Visits

27.99% Returning Visitor
81,516 Visits
13 Things For History Lovers To Do Online When They’re Bored

Help out historians by volunteering to transcribe old documents online. Here are some fun projects to work on.

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BuzzFeed News Reporter

History needs your help!

There are tons of libraries, institutions, archives, and historical societies out there that have gobs and gobs of documents, letters, data logs, and basically anything written. To fully digitize all this handwritten information, they’re asking for help from volunteers to transcribe the pages.

They’ve already taken photographs or scans of the pages, all you need to do is look at the image and type out what you see written there. That way, the information can be made searchable.
2. Uncover the history of the pioneer women of Iowa through their diaries and letters.

The University of Iowa’s DIY History project includes a lovely collection of women’s letters, diaries, and other personal papers from the 1800s–1900s. If you ever wanted to read someone’s diary, now you can actually do it for a good cause.


The letters and diaries from soldiers of these major military conflicts will be like gold to researchers of American history. The collections include official notices, as well as sweet love letters from soldiers to their wives, like this one.

8. Have a knack for cooking? Transcribe cookbooks from as early as 1600 from the Szathmary Culinary Manuscripts and Cookbooks collection at the University of Iowa.
World War II Diaries and Letters

4,884 of 4,883 pages have been transcribed.

DAVID R. ELDER
CORRESPONDENCE.
JUNE-JULY 1945

HELEN FOX ANGELL
LETTERS TO BESS
OCTOBER-DECEMBER
1943

DAVID R. ELDER
CORRESPONDENCE.
APRIL-MAY 1940

HELEN ANGELL FOX
LETTERS TO BESS
JANUARY-MAY 1944

DAVID R. ELDER
CORRESPONDENCE.
FEBRUARY-MARCH 1940

JOHN WILLIAM GRAHAM
LETTERS.
FEBRUARY-APRIL 1944

WORLD WAR II
SCRAPBOOK. 1942-1944
BIJOU PROGRAMS
Bijou

LAURA LA PLANTE
A GREAT COMEDY in LOADS OF LAUGHS
"Thanks for the Buggy Ride"
with Glenn Tryon
RAY MAR and his REvue Co.
HELd OVEr A SECond WEEk- ALL NEw SHOW
ALWAYS DELIGHTFULLY COOL IN THE SUMMER!

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LAURA LA PLANTE
UNE GRANDE COMEDIE - dans - CHARGEMENTS DE RIREs
"Thanks for the Buggy Ride"
avec Glenn Tryon
RAY MAR et son RABLE Revue Co.
Engagé pour une décision Saisonn. - Tout Nouveau Spectacle -
TOUJOURS AGREABLEMENT FRAIS EN ÉTÉ!
Hercymeria, 3 stairs, 10 beds, is one-interesting collection of these.

Clifford and Hall, 2 stairs, 15 beds, full-time, very cozy and

good for those who want peace and quiet.

Emerson, 3 stairs, 10 beds, full-time, located in the heart

of town, near the train station, perfect for those who

enjoy being close to all the action.

Hercymeria is one of the few inns that offer a variety of

amenities such as a library, a full-service restaurant, and

even a pool. The staff is friendly and always ready to

help guests.

Morton is a 3-story building, 25 beds, full-time,

located in the heart of downtown. It offers a

variety of amenities such as a library, a full-service

restaurant, and even a pool. The staff is friendly

and always ready to help guests.

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This favorite old tourist resort went better than I expected
him to do, for he kept them marching fast all the way through
his old and turned his cheeks with his list of impossible plans
playing in his mind. The restlessness at the class was a bit
tumed, but the one, on a while not to be classed as good,

William was established for himself. He was a

little fellow, with a small vocabulary.

He was not the kind of fellow, and of

Morton.

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that Leo Margulies, editor of Thrilling Wonder Stories, had to leave soon, Moskowitz temporarily had Paul's talk postponed until Mr. Margulies made a few extraneous remarks from the floor. Soi Margulies sat down and said, "Of course, I believe you followed it. I have just discussed plans with Mr. Listerman for a new idea that Standard is about to put forth that concerns every fantasy lover." He was reticent to admit just what it was, but from the hints here and there it seemed to be something especially good.

Kenneth Derringer, who was present at the Convention, knew, before hand, that there was a possibility of a "sensation." As an important announcement he would like to make, Moskowitz hinted in an immediately马上 before he addressed the audience. A long notice ran: announcing the H. P. Lovecraft Society. The idea of Mr. Robert's work in his memory. The section editors of this volume were Mr. F. Leiber and M. H. P. Lovecraft's works published in his memory. The section editors of this volume were Mr. F. Leiber and of course the 

The day after a heavy snowstorm, Mr. F. E. John, fantasy-fan, Stephen King, was detected. The day was set 20 years on the preceding three. He firmly believed that science fiction in which young minds and young minds always allows a constructive influence toward the formation of a greater world of tomorrow.

At the request of Mr. Margulies, we are now to see shortly, it was introduced to the audience and received an enthusiastic reception. In the printed program. The Convention was called to order at about 12:30 P.M. Chairman Moskowitz mounted the platform and waited for order. So that official declared "The World Science Fiction Convention." He asked for a volunteer to keep the minutes of the Convention. They were immediately volunteered and accepted. Then Moskowitz launched into a speech praising "New Fantasy" and "New Fantasia." By this time it was evening and the audience was ready to move on. The program was not the greatest of fantasy fame as it was based on a great many things. Some of the remarks were amusing, but not for the great majority of fantasy lovers, who have never heard of the "New Fantasy." It was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all time, as it was not the greatest of all
Start with students
My Dearest Darling,

It is Sunday morning & my wife Jan & I are up in room 407 in Hotel San Diego. I am really happy now that I am married. You should meet my wife. She is really a knock-out. I just asked her what else I should.
Students can do more than they are usually asked.
Good learning objectives account for context.
My dear son Herman

Papa loves you so much - he knows you are such a good boy and that you love your Mama with all your heart. Papa kisses this paper right inside this ring.

And so if you will kiss it too, it is like kissing Papa. You must also let dear Francis and little darling Sophy kiss the ring, so that Papa knows that all his children love him.
Teach multimodality
Hello. I was talking about you the other night while I was trying to sleep. I just kept thinking "I wonder if she still loves me?" I guess we'll find out soon. I wish you and Helen taught school in San Diego so on weekends we could all get together. Try to get a job here next year. Love, James Amegius
teach with projects
“In high school, I was never very interested in whatever research project was assigned to me and it was very difficult to enjoy what I was doing. With Archives Alive!, all I wanted to do was continue researching... This project taught me that when something interests you, it never really feels like research as much as it feels like learning more about an old friend or uncovering hidden, exciting secrets.”

“I was pleasantly surprised that I found myself enjoying the research. Next time I’m home I’m planning on reading through some of my grandpa’s old letters... I’m interested in hearing about his personal experiences and will hopefully get some good stories. My grandpa passed before I was born, so it will be a good 'bonding' experience for us.”

“When I was researching... I realized just how little of Iowa, the state where I have lived my whole life, I actually know and have seen. I used to think that I knew everything about Iowa and how all the people here lived, but it really put into perspective exactly how little that I do know. To think of each little town, each with its own history and attractions, made me want to just drive around the state and see it for myself.”
Recipe for Obtaining a Pig's Face

After having cleaned the head thoroughly, take the tongue of the head and take out the eyes and brains, lay it in fresh spring water for three nights, taking care to change the water every night. After which boil it sufficiently to take off the bones. Then lay it on a board, turning the thick end of one side to the thin end of the other to make the roll of equal size. Add a little bran and the pig's tongue on the outside. Put the whole into a cloth and boil it up. Boil it into quite tender, then it must be put out some before with a sharp
HOW CAN I DO THIS?
My dear mother, your letter received today and you don't know how glad I was to hear from you. It is only the second one I have got from you since you seem to think I am not writing to you as much as I have to. Leona, now another year upset for every time with very few exceptions that I have written to her.
Resources in Reallocation