Piloting a Digital Strategy

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LC for Robots

We hope this list of APIs, bulk downloads, and tutorials will help you begin exploring the many ways the Library of Congress provides machine-readable access to its digital collections.

Get Data

- Bulk data for Congress.gov bills, bill status, and bill summaries
- MARC records - bibliographic information for most of the Library's collections. 25 million records are available for exploration in UTF-8, MARC8, and XML formats.
- Sample MARC data set and ReadMe file
- Chronicling America Bulk OCR Data – text only
- Chronicling America Bulk Data – image, metadata, and OCR text batches

APIs

- Loc.gov JSON API - provides data about Library of Congress digital collections. The API is a work in progress and subject to change.
- Chronicling America APIs - over 12 million (and growing) digitized historic newspaper pages from almost every U.S. state and territory.
- American Archive of Public Broadcasting APIs more than 7,000 historic public radio and television programs are available for streaming and more content will be added periodically. In addition, the website provides data records for approximately 2.5 million items inventoried by public broadcasting stations for this project.
- World Digital Library APIs - significant primary materials from many cultures and countries, with contextual information available in multiple languages.
Experiments
Inside Baseball
Mapping an American Pastime
Help us discover history by transcribing and tagging documents, making these snapshots in time searchable and accessible for all.
GRAND FORKS HERALD, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1918.

HEADS ENGINEERS' EXAMINING BOARD

Major Edward H. Williams.

United States Casualty List

NURSING COURSE TO BE STARTED

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The battle began on a front of about twenty miles on the western section of the line, with the rest of the line extending north and south. The fighting was intense and lasted for several days. The troops were well equipped and well trained, and the enemy was caught off guard. The American forces were able to push the enemy back and establish a foothold in the area.

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HEADS ENGINEERS' EXAMINING BOARD
Major Edward H. Williams.

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At Helena, any a thousand feet lower than Moscow or Waterloo.

But the boys! I formed them on all sides of me. Many asked me where little secrets of them side, little, as if to say, what shall we do when one has nothing to do? I sought every inopportune occasion to stop, and talk with them. I saw nothing unusual in them. Much like other boys I had known, unusually courteous, showing especial inclination in that line, and frequency of unusual intelligence. They spoke of their banishment, or absence from school, with far less of bravado, or boasting than would have been expected, under the circumstances and often with regret. "Lady there is no school for us," answered a bright faced lad of fourteen, as he rested his foot on the edge of a little park fountain where I had accosted him, "so would be glad to go if there was one." I had listened to such as this long enough, and without returning to my hotel, I sought Mr. McDermot, as chairman of the school committee, and asked for an interview.

By this time, in his capacity of postmaster, we had formed a tolerable acquaintance. Now for the first time, I made known my desire to open a public...
Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden today announced that she has appointed Kate Zwaard as the Library’s director of digital strategy, a position Hayden established to elevate the institution’s digital planning and drive envisioning and collaboration around digital initiatives.

“When I think of the resources of the Library of Congress, married with the capabilities of today’s technology, the possibilities are almost limitless,” Hayden said. “This new role will drive the internal conversations and collaboration that will improve our ability to conduct traditional work efficiently and effectively and lead to whole new ways for users to experience the Library. We are thinking big.”
On the Horizon
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Collaboration?