

Searching the Virtual Motor City Collection

The Virtual Motor City Collection consists of approximately 38,000 images, which represents a subset of the more than 800,000 images from The Detroit News given to The Walter Reuther Library at Wayne State University in 1997. There are a number of ways to locate images within the collection, which are explained below.

If you are looking to browse a broad category to see what types of images are in the collection, a good way to start is to enter through the Browse Topics portal. Here we have divided the collection into broad topics such as Architecture, Arts & Entertainment, Auto Industry, Business, Cities and Towns, Culture and Social Life, Government, Social Movements, Sports and Recreation, Transportation and War Military.

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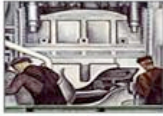
Social Movements



General	People	Events
American Red Cross	Cesar Chavez	Antinuclear Movement
Arson	Martin Luther King, Jr.	Anti-apartheid Movement
Banners	Jesse Jackson	Anti-communist Movement
Black Panther Party	Civil Rights workers	Anti-facist Movement
Ku Klux Klan	Communists	Anti-Nazi Movement
Labor unions	Feminists	Civil Rights Demonstrations
National Organization for Women	Hippies	Civil Rights Movements
Organized Crime	Labor Leaders	Peace movements
Peace		Picketing
Poverty		Prohibition
Signs and signboards		Protest movements
Slums		Race riots
Social conflict		Riots
Soup kitchens		Speeches, addresses
Unemployed		Strikes and lockouts
		Student movements
		Vietnam War

(Top) Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. / 1968 / Rec. ID 53525_3;

Arts & Entertainment



General

Sculpture
Dance
Theater
Clothing
Costume
Band
Parade
Ceramics
Art Deco

People

Actor* or Actress*
Singer
Artist
Sculptor
Dancer
Aretha Franklin
Stevie Wonder
Judy Garland
Mickey Rooney
Bing Crosby
Mary Chase Stratton
Charles McGee
Marshall Fredericks
Isamu Noguchi
Carl Milles
Carrado Parducci

Places

Detroit Institute of Arts
Fox Theatre
Fisher Theatre
Detroit Symphony
Orchestra
Detroit Opera House
Museum
Motown
Scarab Club

(Top) Diego Rivera's Industry Mural at the Detroit Institute of Arts / 1978 / Rec. ID 14480_1; (Bottom) Berry Gordy, Jr., president of Motown Records / Rec. ID 26608

If you know what you are looking for and wish to see if any images are available in the collection, you may wish to try a Keyword Search. To do this go to VMC home page and on the left of the screen, "Search the collection." Simply type in the term you'd like to search, click in the box that reads, "only display records that have digital media" and click "Search" (see below).

Search the Collection

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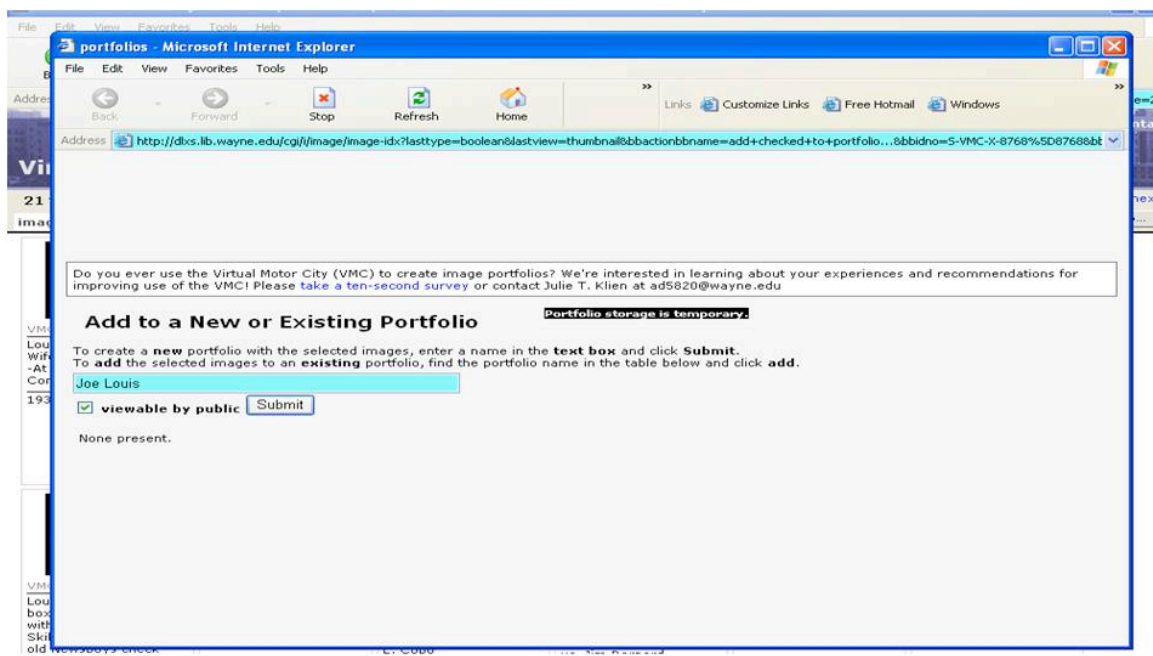
As a part of the Virtual Motor City project a number of 1920's Detroit News Newsreels have been digitized. We currently have over 400 available for browsing online through [this website](#).

The Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency that fosters innovation, leadership and a lifetime of learning, supports Wayne State University.

This search will take you to a results page with 20 images displayed per page. You'll note in this example some hits are for the person Joe Louis and some are for "Joe Louis Arena."



From here you can select the images that you'd like to move to a portfolio by clicking in the box in the lower right corner of the image. Once you've chosen the images you wish to save, click the box in the upper right corner labeled, "add checked to portfolio." Name your portfolio and check the box "viewable by public," and click "Submit" (see below). You will then see the portfolio that you created and the images associated with it.










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