

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RESEARCH ADVENTURE

What is the Library of Congress?

The Library of Congress is our nation's library, and they're the largest library in the United States. Every single day, they intake so many materials that it could fill a small library.

They also:

Manage all the copyright in the US

Do research for Congress

Preserve movies through the National Film Registry

Host concerts

But as someone who lives in Seattle, these are the coolest services that you can take advantage of:

Ask a Librarian - you can ask any question, and a librarian will help you find an answer! They're reeeally good at it too.

ask.loc.gov

Free to Use sets - Because they're the copyright office, they have a bunch of free to use images and sounds.

loc.gov/free-to-use

Digital collections - the LC's materials aren't just physical, lots of them can be found online! This research guide will give you 3 ways you can start your online journey.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

DOOR 1

If you would like to explore archived newspapers, turn to page 2

DOOR 2

If you would like to see reports of Seattle's Historic Buildings, turn to page 3

DOOR 3

If you want to jump for the beef and dive through all of it, go to page 4.





Adventure 1

ARCHIVED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

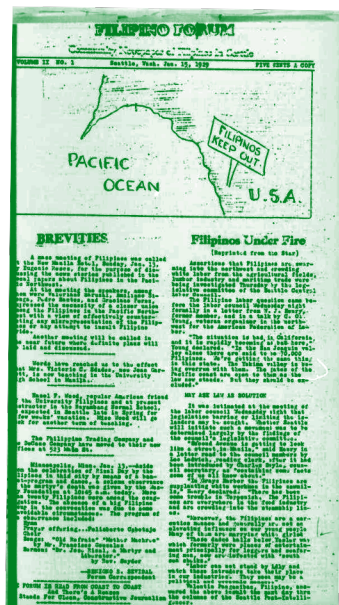
Discover what was the big news at the time and what people were doing in the same places we live now.

Chronicling America is a collection of archived newspapers from around the country. Every few years, states get granted money to upload newspapers that they think are important to preserve in the Library of Congress's collections.

There's a huge variety of newspapers - they range in size, cultural backgrounds, and political leanings.



It's cool to look at even the ads to get a sense of what people were up to in that specific year.



STEPS TO NAVIGATION

1. Navigate to loc.gov and click on "Digital Collections"



3. Use the filters in Advanced Search to narrow by state and city. Type in any keywords you're interested - you can try out a street in Seattle.

2. Click on "Chronicling America" in the Featured Content section and then click on "Collection Items"



4. The results will highlight where your search term shows up in the page. You can browse around the other pages of the same issue too.

5. At the top, you can select "About this Title" to learn about the context of that newspaper.



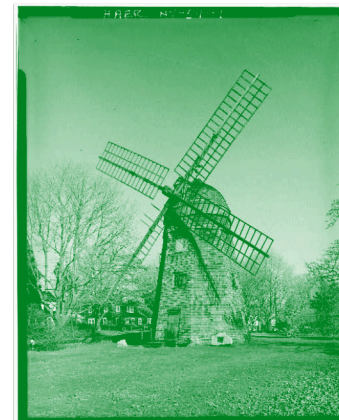
Adventure 2

HISTORIC BUILDINGS RECORDS

Find pictures of cool buildings and see what was added to its record.

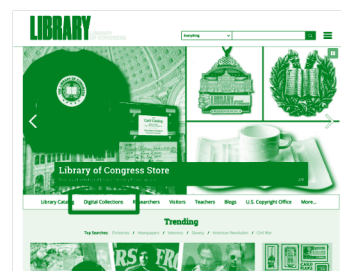
HABS/HAER/HALS stands for Historic American Buildings Survey / Historic American Engineering Record / Historic American Landscapes Survey.

HABS is the oldest collection, and it began in 1933. It is administered in partnership with the National Park Service, and is still adding to the collection to this day!



STEPS TO NAVIGATION

1. Navigate to loc.gov and click on "Digital Collections"



2. Select "Historic American Buildings..." in the Featured Content section.



3. Use the filters on the left to narrow by location



4. Once you find a record you want to explore, you can click on the blue button to see all the images that were collected.

5. You can also scroll down to see any additional notes or materials that were created to learn about the history of the place.



Adventure 3

SEARCH THROUGH EVERYTHING

The materials available are **OVERWHELMING!** Use filters to help narrow down your search.

On loc.gov, you can use the search bar at the top to see what items are available online. Try typing in "Seattle".



Use the filters on the left side to narrow by location, subject, collection, format, etc.

Location		Subject	
United States	728,610	United States	727,301
Washington	96,115	Newspapers	699,554
Alaska	53,094	Washington	94,673
Oregon	37,931	Washington (State)	54,694
District of Columbia	37,137	Alaska	53,066
Montana	36,872	Oregon	37,837
Washington D.C.	36,429	District of Columbia	37,140
Minnesota	33,431	Montana	36,851
California	27,132	Washington (D.C.)	36,303
Idaho	26,037	Minnesota	33,400
More Locations >		More Subjects >	

One good way to drill down is to stack filters – so you can select "Washington", then "Seattle", and then maybe see what subject tags come up!



Within each library item, you can scroll down to the bottom to see "More items like this" and "You might also like".



THAT'S IT! HAVE FUN ON YOUR RESEARCH JOURNEY.

If you find anything cool about Seattle that you'd like to share, please submit it here! I'd love to make a comic about it.

tinyurl.com/anywhereadventures

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