

**Title of Session:** What's New for YOU at the Library of Congress?

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MichaelH: Gail, you and I are pinch-hitting... even though it's the all-star break...

MichaelH: Welcome to tonight's Learning Page Chat...

MichaelH: As you may know the Library of Congress, American Memory, and Learning page has a plethora of great resources we can use in the classroom...

GailP: Michael - plethora is an understatement :-)

MichaelH: anyway, Gail and I are going to give you an overview of the great material there....

MichaelH: as we normally do, let's start with introductions....

DonnaH: Donna Hendry, Educational Consultant in CT

MelaniGuest20: Melanie Miller history 140

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

MichaelH: I'm Michael Hutchison, a Technology Curriculum facilitator in southwestern Indiana

CarrieGuest17: Carrie Vincennes University Hist 140

CaroleE: Carol E=Elizabeth High School Social Studies Teacher

SarahSa: Sarah in Boston - I teach tax

MichaelH . o O ( the History 140 people are mine :) )

GailP: Gail Petri, retired elementary school librarian and now Library of Congress consultant

DavidAC: David Chaim Sheltered English Instruction/ Spanish teacher

ReiserGuest15: I'm an MAT candidate at Concordia Univ. in Portland, OR

KimFl: Kim in AZ - online professional development for teachers (ASSET)

BretBi: Bret Biornstad 4th Grade Teacher Vancouver, WA

TiffanyC: Tiffany, special ed. teacher, Bethel, Maine

CherylC: Cheryl in Caribbean...4th Grade teacher

JohnLi: John - third grade teacher/site technology mentor - San Jose, CA.

GailP: What a wonderful variety of backgrounds!

LeniD joined the room.

GailP: Welcome Leni!

MichaelH waves to Leni!

GailP: I was ready to take over, but no one can fill your shoes!

LeniD: Hi Gail...welcome to everyone!

BretBi Welcome Leni

MichaelH: Leni, we've done intros... and are ready for the resources :)

LeniD: Don't let her fool you...if anyone can, she can!

LeniD: Moving right along, huh?

MichaelH: yep :)

LeniD: So....let's talk about What's New for YOU at the Library of Congress!

MichaelH: Leni, I should probably talk to the group about how to look at sites you show

tonight...

LeniD: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/learn/educators/conference/tappedin2003/>

MichaelH: and you might want to introduce yourself :)

LeniD: That's a little "cookie crumb trail" to what we are showing you tonight.

LeniD: Oh! Good idea, Michael :- ) I'm Leni Donlan....former classroom teacher, technology director, etc....

LeniD: Current leader of the Learning Page project at the Library of Congress.

BJ: a reminder about the scrolling text:

BJ: Click on the Actions drop down menu in the upper right of your chat window and scroll all the way down to DETACH to make the chat window larger and easier to read.

GailP: One amazing person I will add!

BJ: also: URLs in the chat text are hyperlinked. Click on the hyperlink in the chat text to open a new window for the URL.

MichaelH: Everyone, Leni has some great stuff to show us tonight... but remember to come back here after a quick glance at the resource, so you can follow the discussion... there are transcripts available afterwards.

BJ agrees with Gail

CarrieGuest17: Thanks, BJ

SarahSa: ohh - clicking on the hyperlink works a lot better than trying to cut and paste the URL into a browser window!!

DavidAC: Thank you,

DavidAC: I can see better now

CherylC: Thank you, BJ

LeniD: Leni can't resist learning new tricks, either...thanks, BJ!

MichaelH: If you are on a windows machine, you might use ALT+TAB to go from window to window

LeniD: Let's start here at the Library's front door...

LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov/>

DavidAC: got it. . .

MichaelH . o O ( remember click on the blue link... but come back here to continue the discussion in a sec. )

SarahSa: it looks like I imagine the Taj Mahal might look like inside

DavidAC: Is there a way of bookmarking these pages to one's favorites without leaving this page?

GailP: Some of it really does :-)

LeniD: OK...see if you can perfect going from chat window to displayed window...I'm learning this too :-)

GailP: It is easy on my Mac, Leni. I just click back and forth.

MichaelH . o O ( ALT+TAB on a windows machine.... )

LeniD: David, the page I showed first IS a general bookmark for what is coming.

DavidAC: Thank you

GailP: And the urls will be in your chat transcript

MichaelH: <http://www.loc.gov>

LeniD: So...looking at the Library's main web site...let's begin looking at the distinct sites that are part of the Library family. Ready?

MichaelH is

BretBi Roger

LeniD: American Memory is a motherlode for history and humanities teachers. Here you will find more than 7 primary source items in 100 historical collections....

SarahSa looks eagerly

GailP: And this chat will also be archived on the Learning Page in the Community Center

LeniD: <http://memory.loc.gov/>

GailP: 7 Million

MichaelH . o O ( remember, you can click on the blue link.... )

LeniD: Thanks, Gail! :-)

SarahSa: public domain? fair use?

LeniD: Here we are at the American Memory main page...

MichaelH: Doug, we're at <http://memory.loc.gov>

DavidAC: WOW! This page is impressive!!

GailP: And you haven't seen anything YET!

LeniD: SarahSa, while it differs from collection to collection most of what you would use this material for in a classroom...

LeniD: falls in the fair use category.

SarahSa: thanks

MichaelH: Leni, maybe I should suggest you show the resources, and the folks hang on to the questions for a bit until you have demonstrated all you'd like tonight.

MelaniGuest20: there are some neat things on this page! I like!

LeniD: Our huge effort to put a lot of material up rapidly, has slowed a bit...but there were some excellent resources added this year.

LeniD: Any CA teachers in the group? This collection was a collaborative effort of the Bancroft Library, University of Berkeley and the LOC...

DougP left the room.

LeniD: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award99/cubhtml/cichome.html>

LeniD: Poke around a bit...it is WONDERFUL!

LeniD: I'll grab you and move you on quickly :-)

GailP: This is one of the newest collections added to American Memory!

MichaelH . o O ( remember all the sites are in tonight's transcript :) )

LeniD: Here's another new collection...

LeniD: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/malhome.html>

LeniD: Be sure to look at the Special Presentations!

LeniD: Another Collaborative endeavor between the LOC, Lee Library, BYU and Utah Academic Library Consortium...

LeniD: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award99/upbhtml/overhome.html>

LeniD: Westward Expansion has long been a special interest for me...this collection is to DIE for :-)

KimFl . o O ( the collection connection is pretty cool on each of those sites! )

LeniD: KimFl ...Collection Connections are part of the Learning Page project ;- ) Thanks for the plug!

SherryB: yes, thanks do I choose a url and start looking?

KimFl smiles

LeniD: This one moves fast...you may want to stay with us at this point.

CaroleE: These collections are great!

MichaelH: Sherry, you can do that... Leni will be showing a lot more resources though... and what she has shown so far will be in the transcript... your choice :)

GailP: In the collection that Leni is showing, if you explore Categories, you'll find some wonderful diaries!

LeniD: This collection just came online within the last month! Gail was a panelist in professional discussions held when it was launched. Gail, would you like to say anything about your experience or this "gateway"?

SherryB: OK I'll wait for the next one

LeniD: while I look for the URL which I seem to have left behind somewhere!

MichaelH . o O ( oh oh : ) )

DavidAC: These collections are great

LeniD: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awhhtml/index.html>

GailP: This women's gateway is terrific - it helps you locate materials throughout the Library Collections. There was a 2 day symposium at the library

GailP: featuring many famous people (women) and a few not-so-famous ones!

LeniD: Gail is far too modest :-) So that was a VERY brief look at some new additions to the American Memory Website.

GailP: All of the talks will eventually be online. Valerie Tripp, Justices Ginsberg and O'Connor, writers, filmmakers, etc.

LeniD: Let's move on...

LeniD: Let's go back to the Library's front door...

LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov>

LeniD: Let's move on to our Global Gateway...

LeniD: <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/intldlhome.html>

LeniD: Here we find two EXCELLENT collections...

LeniD: one created in Russian and English - Meeting of Frontiers;

LeniD: one created in Spanish and English - Spain, The United States and The American Frontier: Parallel Histories

LeniD: Gail found some gems about the Lewis and Clark expedition in Meeting of Frontiers...

LeniD: <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/mtfhtml/mfsplash.html>

LeniD: comments, Gail?

DavidAC: I was looking under portals of the new world: I was looking for my country, Puerto Rico: Why is it not there?

DavidAC: Puerto Rico has a 500 year old history!!

GailP: Try this url to find more on the American West:

GailP: <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/mtfhtml/mfdiscvry/discamer.html>

LeniD: David, we have new projects in the works...but this section is fairly new and such a project is only done in collaboration with another nation. Gail, what is to be published soon?

LeniD: Back to the Library's front door...and on to...

LeniD: THOMAS, Legislative Information on the Internet...

LeniD: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

LeniD: Here you can trace a bill...find out how YOUR elected officials have been voting (and how often they attend sessions).

JenW: I love being able to do this

LeniD: The site takes some exploring to become comfortable, but it is well worth the time and effort for today's civics teachers.

SarahSa: A great resource - law teachers use it a lot

GailP: Thomas is a vast resource worth exploring - use the links on the left to help you learn how to use the site.

JenW: I also come here before I sign petitions

LeniD: I'm glad you enjoy it, Jen :-)

BretBi: Great idea Jen

LeniD: The Learning Page has created an activity to help you understand how to use THOMAS...

LeniD: Introducing ... THOMAS!

LeniD: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/learn/features/thomas/index.html>

LeniD: If you are new to the site, this may accelerate your comfort zone, quickly :-)

JenW: cool --- the scavenger hunt is neat

LeniD: Take a bow, Gail!

LeniD: Let's move along to Exhibitions....

GailP: Thanks, Leni. I was a newbie to Thomas - so I hope this helps you all!

LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/>

LeniD: Here the Library shares digital versions of the display which can be viewed in DC...often the displays include very rare materials on loan from site country (or world) wide!

DavidAC: I love that quote by JFK!

LeniD -)

MelaniGuest20: I love the Bob Hope info...I have to tell my dad about this site!

LeniD: A very hot exhibit this year will be...

LeniD: Rivers, Edens, Empires

JenW: smiles -- just bookmarked that one

SherryB: The Earth as Art is cool! Great for abstract painting...

LeniD: Though still in preview format, the full version will be available by month's end!

LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/lewisandclark/>

GailP: And it should be exciting - virtual views of all of the material on exhibit

LeniD: that is one of my favorites, Sherry!

AndrewP: great flash time line presentation did either you or Gail do this one

LeniD: Exhibits are fascinating. Come back when you have time to poke around.

MelaniGuest20: when you put up new exhibits, do the old ones stay available or do you have to delete them for space?

LeniD: Wish we could say yet...but...nope!

LeniD: They are all archived, Melani...we are a Library, after all :-)

JenW: do you make archives of the exhibits available on CD??

AndrewP: so does LOC outsource the creative parts to commercial companies to produce or work within other gov agencies to produce this type of material, it's very well done and professional

GailP: Andrew, we didn't do the flash timeline, but keep your eyes open for our upcoming Lewis and Clark activity

LeniD: which also uses Flash...

LeniD: Gail and I are competent web designers, but use contract help with Flash.

SarahSa: re Jen's q - available on CD??  
LeniD: Most Library work is done in house, though.  
LeniD: Don't know of plans for a CD of this exhibit...Gail?  
JenW: educators would love the option  
LeniD: We will mention this to our friends in Exhibits :-)  
GailP: It would be a good idea though -wouldn't it!  
DavidAC: I just read Nikita Kruschev's letter to Kennedy on the Cuban Missile Crisis  
DavidAC: WOW  
JenW: Gail -- I think an Excellent Idea :)  
LeniD: Amazing stuff...wow, indeed!  
LeniD: May I move you along?  
DavidAC: Please do  
DavidAC: Sorry to have taken a bit longer  
BretBi: Wow I think my mind has been expanded or blown as we used to say  
LeniD: No problem :-)  
LeniD: For students (we've seen seven and eight year olds through jaded middle school students have some fun as they learn here).  
LeniD: <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/>  
JenW: ---we had fun here during cybersurfari!! :)  
LeniD: Here, in an engaging, kid-friendly environment, students can "discover the stories of America's past."  
LeniD: Ahhh...we had a puzzle from the Learning Page, too...did you find that one? It was answered in Women's Words of Wisdom.  
JenW: I remember the baseball one the most  
LeniD: That's a very popular activity :-)  
LeniD: Last, but certainly not least is the Wise Guide...presented in monthly magazine style format to highlight the treasures of the Library's various sites...  
LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/>  
LeniD: Gail, look! On the Homefront :-)  
JenW: ooooo -- I didn't know about this page  
GailP: I'm still loading slowing on Cape Cod.....:-)  
ReiserGuest15: Wow! there are some great things here  
GailP: Make sure to check the archives of the Wise Guide  
BretBi: I don't see Homefront or Cape Cod?  
BretBi: I can't type worth beans either  
LeniD: These are "highlights"...worth checking back every month :-)  
GailP: Bret - I'm vacation on Cape Cod - you won't see it!  
LeniD: Thanks, Bret :-)  
SherryB: cool, April 2003 the contents of Lincoln's pockets  
SarahSa: wise guide looks like another public/private collaboration - notes to DDB and 415  
GailP: But the Homefront is featured in the Wise Guide  
JenW: this page is truly UNBELIEVABLE  
BretBi: hmm I'm on the wiseguide but no Homefront  
MichaelH: Brett, think it's "Are you doing all you can..." click that  
DavidAC: I love the poster that reads "Are You doing all you can?"

GailP: Scroll across the screen -

SarahSa: <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/homefront/gallery.html>

LeniD: Wow! Such accolades! I'll share these with our boss...he is a key player in the production of the Wise Guide.

LeniD: I hate to jerk you away...but...

BretBi: Ok got it

LeniD: Part of American Memory, but worth mentioning on its own is Today in History...

LeniD: providing anecdotal tales about events that occurred on specific historical dates.

GailP: Leni - I see that Thomas is also featured on the Wise Guide :-)

LeniD: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>

BretBi pauses to catch his breath

LeniD: I want you all to do some deep breathing...you LIKE the high tech sites, I see :-)))

JenW: wow -- the LOC was begun on my birthday -- TOO COOL

LeniD: Kids never tire of looking up "their" birthday in the archive and discovering what OTHER important events happened on the day they were born!

GailP: Today in History is a great way to introduce students to the varied resources of American Memory.

DavidAC: I totally agree with you, Leni.

SherryB: Yeah, it's the b/w photo collection! My students will love this!

DavidAC: Students are curious to find out what happened when they were born

LeniD: I just got the 5 minute warning folks...

JenW clapping -- GREAT CLASS

SarahSa: the quality of the Walker Evans photo reproductions is excellent

ReiserGuest15: great job on the presenting

DavidAC: BRAVO

LeniD: With a great deal left to show....

CaroleE: Thanks for the great ideas

ReiserGuest15: of course

SarahSa: Thank You LeniD!!

BretBi: boy that went fast

LeniD: I've got to at least take you to our project...

CherylC: Thank you LeniD :-)

SherryB: Can we hang out longer? This was so interesting and helpful?

LeniD: <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/>

GailP: Look at this great image I discovered today

GailP: <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/mtfhtml/mfdiscvry/discamer.html>

AndrewP: Leni, do you have any Spanish material, we, City Colleges of Chicago, have a large Hispanic population and Friday we are launching a Community Technology Center in a predominate Hispanic neighborhood and it would be great to show them material in Spanish?

GailP: oops = that wasn't it!

MariaGuest12: this would be good sites to go to for research or for speeches

GailP: I'll save it for next time

AndrewP: thanks, with vinegar and oil or ranch dressing

JenW: Leni -- you do the LEARNING PAGE??

LeniD: When you feel as though you could use some help with American Memory or any

of the Library's sites...visit us!

LeniD: Yep...we do :-)

JenW APPLAUDS !!!

KimFl: thank you very much!!

BretBi: Why is there suddenly so much emphasis on Professional Development is this part of NCLB?

JenW: I am in AWE!

GailP: Spain - <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/eshtml/eshome.html>

BJ: Watch your Tapped In calendars for the next LOC event in Tapped In!

DebiL joined the room.

ReiserGuest15: thanks Leni

BretBi: Yes thank you Leni, Gail, Michael, BJ and all collaborators!

LeniD: Please join us for future chats...we hold them every month here on Tapped In!

AndrewP: thanks Leni we will use this to illustrate how distance learning can be interesting to Hispanic youths.

DavidAC: Thanks, Leni

LeniD: Night all...thank you so much for your enthusiasm :-)

DavidAC: I am looking forward to see another wonderful presentation like this one

LeniD: Do we have time for any questions, or would you like us to "clear the room" Michael?

MichaelH: Leni, take your time... we're good...

MelaniGuest20: Leni, I'm not a teacher, but this was REALLY educational....can't wait to pass the info on...thanks!

MarianneH: Thanks, Leni, it was a great session

LeniD: OK! Any questions, folks?

MarianneH: What is the general rule on kids using graphics and sounds from LOC?

SherryB: Can we use the images in the Am Memory in a webquest

LeniD: Thanks for all those kind words.

LeniD: Fair use for most materials MarianneH...for a class project, etc, no problem...

MarianneH: What if project goes on the web?

BretBi: Is all the emphasis on Professional Development being driven by NCLB, because I'm seeing this nationally, state and locally?

LeniD: On a school web site, you are still okay, but the items should be "attributed" to their source.

SherryB: thanks for the clarification

MarianneH: Former librarian here... always attributed and cited!!

LeniD: Answer applies for you, too, Sherry...unless you are commercially selling the web quest in which case you need to carefully research existing rights.

MichaelH: ok, Leni, great session :)

GailP: Bye to you all!

GailP: You did a great job, Leni!

BJ: thanks Gail.