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March 2012 Newsletter: National Music in Our Schools Month

Greetings Educators!

Spring is here and it brings several anniversaries and national observances. Lucky for you the Library of Congress provides ample resources for those wishing to use primary sources! March is Women's History month and we'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, but March is also Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM). During March, MIOSM reminds us to add a musical touch to teaching a learning to raise awareness of the importance of music education. The Library has a plethora of music resources and it's well worth a look to see if there are music related materials for the era(s) in history, language arts or social studies you may be teaching this month.

In her piece, *Beyond Typescript and Photographs: Using Primary Sources in Different Formats*, Danna Bell-Russell (2011) has some timely advice we can use this month:

Use selections from the Historic Sheet Music Collection, 1800-1922 to study history through music. Song lyrics, combined with artwork used on some of these sheet music covers, document many important events and social issues in that time period. Encourage students to analyze sheet music to compare and contrast artistic depictions for topics such as women's changing role in society. For example, search this collection using the keyword, "women." Results include *What's the Matter with Women?*, a song whose lyrics oppose women's suffrage. Use questions from the *Teacher's Guide to Analyzing Sheet Music and Song Sheets* to help students notice details, reflect on what they can learn from studying this primary source and identify questions for further investigation.

The full article can be found at the Library of Congress web site. <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/quarterly/article.html> Please see our Music Links below for additional resources on this topic. Also refer to our March 2011 and 2010 newsletters for information on using primary sources to introduce and teach St. Patrick's Day and Women's History Month, respectively.

Reminder

Whenever you have questions about the Library's collection, don't get frustrated! Click the Ask a Librarian link within any Library of Congress web page to email or chat with a librarian. <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/>

Blog We're Reading

Curious to explore even more uses of primary sources? We recommend checking out the blog, *The Primary Source Librarian*. Mary J. Johnson, the blog's author, is a consultant with the TPS program at Metropolitan State College of Denver and she has created a very helpful resource for educators! <http://www.maryjohnson.com/primarysourcelibrarian/>

Upcoming in April

April 15th will mark the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic in 1912. In anticipation of this, the TPS program at the University of Northern Colorado has collected a number of sources relating to the tragedy via the Library's website. Suggestions for teaching critical thinking using the collected sources, and links to two lesson plans (grades 6 - 12) are available on their web site: <http://www.unctps.org/Titanic1>

Previous Newsletters of Interest this Month

TPS @ DPU Woman's History Month Newsletter

http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/Newsletters_March_2010.htm

TPS @ DPU St. Patrick's Day and Irish American Heritage Newsletter

http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/Newsletters_March_2011.htm

Music Links

Music in Our Schools Activity Ideas

<http://www.nafme.org/events/view/miosm-activity-ideas>

Historic Sheet Music Collection, 1800-1922

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/ihas/html/volcano/volcano-home.html>

Themed Resources: Music and Dance

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/america-music/>

National Jukebox: Historical Recordings from the Library of Congress

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

Browse American Memory for sheet music and sound recordings:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?format=Sheet+Music>

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?format=Sound+Recording>

Collection Connections

African-American Sheet Music

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/afam-sheet-music/>

America Singing: Nineteenth-Century Song Sheets

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/america-singing/>

An American Ballroom Companion: Dance Instruction Manuals, ca. 1490-1920

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/american-ballroom/>

Band Music of the Civil War Era

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/band-music/>

California Gold: Northern California Folk Music from the Thirties. Collected by Sidney Robertson Cowell

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/california-gold/file.html>

Creative Americans: Portraits by Carl Van Vechten, 1932-1964

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/creative-americans/>

Florida Folklife from the WPA Collections, 1937-1942

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/florida-folklife/>

Music for the Nation: American Sheet Music, ca. 1820-1860

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/sheet-music-1820/>

Music for the Nation: American Sheet Music, 1870-1885

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/sheet-music-1870/>

Hispano Music and Culture from the Northern Rio Grande: The Juan B. Rael Collection

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/hispano-music/>

Historic American Sheet Music: 1850-1920

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/historic-sheet-music/>

Southern Mosaic: The John and Ruby Lomax 1939 Southern States Recording Trip

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/southern-mosaic/>

William P. Gottlieb: Photographs from the Golden Age of Jazz

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/jazz/>

Woody Guthrie and the Archive of American Folk Song: Correspondence, 1940-1950

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/woody-guthrie/>

Lessons and Learning Activities

Activity Ideas for Song and Poetry

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/ideas/>

The American Dream (Grades 6 - 12)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/american-dream/>

African American Identity in the Gilded Age: Two Unreconciled Strivings (Grades 8 - 12)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/strivings/>

Communicating Through Music: "Scott Joplin's New Rag" (K - 2)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/quarterly/activity.html>

Family Customs Past and Present: Exploring Cultural Rituals (Grades 6-12)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/ritual/>

Listen and Wonder: Is It a Chicken or a Boy? (Grades 1 - 3)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/quarterly/accessibility/activity.html>

Lyrical Legacy: 400 Years of American Song and Poetry <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/>

Explore eighteen American songs and poems from the digital collections of the Library of Congress. Each song and poem is represented by an original primary source document, along with historical background information and, in many cases, sound recordings and alternate versions.

For example:

John Brown's Body. The Battle Hymn of the Republic by Julia Ward Howe. Historical Period: Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861-1877

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/songs/john_brown.html

The Workers' Anvil Lyrics by Laura M. Griffing. Historical Period: Rise of Industrial America, 1876-1900

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/songs/workers_anvil.html

Yankee Doodle. Historical Period: The American Revolution, 1763-1783

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/songs/yankee_doodle.html

You're a Grand Old Flag By George M. Cohan. Historical Period: Progressive Era to New Era, 1900-1929

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/songs/old_flag.html

Music and U.S. Reform History: Stand Up and Sing (Grades 6 - 12)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/music/>

Songs of Our Times: Presentation and Learning Activities

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/activities/songs/>

World War I: What Are We Fighting for Over There? (Grades 6 - 12)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/great-war/>

Primary Source Sets

Civil War Music

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/civil-war-music/>

Harlem Renaissance

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/harlem-renaissance/>

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