

# Teaching with Primary Sources at DePaul University

## March 2014 Newsletter: LOC Summer Institutes, Winter Olympics, and more!

Greetings, educators!

Though it may be hard to believe, spring is coming! We have a number of exciting opportunities and resources for you as the weather (hopefully) begins to change.

### **Important Dates in March:**

National Reading Day: March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Casimir Pulaski Day: March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mardi Gras: March 4<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday: March 5<sup>th</sup>

March Madness (NCAA) Begins: March 16<sup>th</sup>

St. Patrick's Day: March 17<sup>th</sup>

### **UPCOMING [FREE](#) TPS LEVEL I WORKSHOP SERIES** **\*NOW OFFERED AT CHICAGO & NAPERVILLE CAMPUSES\***

Spend some time with TPS and learn about using primary sources to support student inquiry!

### **Level I Program: Primary Sources and the Common Core State Standards**

- **DePaul - Lincoln Park Campus:** Thursday April 3, April 10, April 17, 4:30-8:30pm
- **DePaul - Naperville Campus:** Saturday April 26, May 10, May 17, 9am-1pm
- **Information:** In this multi-session program, participants will learn how to locate primary sources in a variety of differentiated media formats at the Library of Congress website, [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov). Additionally, they will engage in a series of exemplar activities that display how teachers can use primary sources to achieve both content knowledge and alignment with state and Common Core curriculum standards.

Participants will earn 12 CPDUs for the entire workshop. We provide a broad array of materials, as well as refreshments, for all participants. To register, please contact Dave Bates at [dbates2@depaul.edu](mailto:dbates2@depaul.edu). Space is limited, so register soon!

**\*Note\*** We can also do a Level I program on-site at your school! Contact Dave Bates at [dbates2@depaul.edu](mailto:dbates2@depaul.edu) for details.

### **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SUMMER TEACHER INSTITUTES**

The Library of Congress is now accepting applications for Summer Institutes and Seminars. Selected participants spend five days at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. working with Library experts to develop primary-source-based lessons for their classrooms. Please note that you do **not** need any experience with the Library of Congress or TPS to apply, so feel free to circulate these links among colleagues, even if they have not attended a TPS event!

This summer, the Library is offering five programs: three open Institutes, which offer strategies for lesson design and implementation across various content areas, one Institute with a special focus on the history of civil rights, and one Seminar, with a focus on the use of primary sources in science education.

**Institutes** (open to K-12 teachers and school librarians across all content areas):

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Institute Session 1: June 9-13
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Institute Session 2: July 7-11
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Institute Session 3: July 21-25
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ For more information about open Institutes, or to apply, visit:  
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/professionaldevelopment/teacherinstitute/about-teacher-institutes.html?loclr=blogtea>

**Civil Rights Institute** (open to K-12 teachers and school librarians with teaching responsibilities related to the Institute focus):

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Civil Rights Institute: July 28-Aug 1
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ For more information about Summer Institutes, or to apply, visit:  
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/professionaldevelopment/teacherinstitute/about-teacher-institutes.html>

**Science Seminar:** (recommended for upper elementary to secondary educators with teaching responsibilities directly related to the area of focus and a desire to tap the potential of primary sources for science education):

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Science Seminar: July 14-18
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ For more information about the Seminar for Primary Sources in Science Education, or to apply, visit: <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/professionaldevelopment/teacherinstitute/about-science-seminars.html>

Testimonials from Summer Institute graduates can be found [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). Applications are due by **Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, so apply today!

### **MARCH RESOURCES:**

**National Reading Day**, an initiative created by the National Education Association, is celebrated on the school day closest to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The LOC's Center for the Book (<http://www.read.gov/cfb/>) promotes books, reading, literacy, and libraries. Other related resources include Poetry 180 (<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/>) and the National Book Festival (<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest>).

**Abraham Lincoln became the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the US** on March 4, 1861. Read more about his inauguration and the thousands of resources at the LOC via the "Today In History" blog (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/mar04.html>).

**Casimir Pulaski Day** is celebrated on the first Monday of every March in honor the Polish Revolutionary War cavalry officer. The LOC has numerous resources on Pulaski and his influence in America, including correspondence between himself and General George Washington (<http://www.loc.gov/manuscripts/?q=casimir+pulaski>), photographs of Polish-American relations through the years (<http://www.loc.gov/search/?q=casimir+pulaski&fa=site%3Apictures&st=gallery>), and legislative information on the recent proclamation making Pulaski an honorary citizen of the US (<http://beta.congress.gov/bill/111th/house-joint-resolution/26>). More information about the Polish Declarations can be found at (<http://memory.loc.gov/intldl/pldechtml/pldecabout.html>).

**On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1770, the Boston Massacre** erupted before the steps of the Boston Customs House ([http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/revolut/jb\\_revolut\\_boston\\_1.html](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/revolut/jb_revolut_boston_1.html)).

**Mardi Gras**, also known as “Fat Tuesday” ([http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/la/es\\_la\\_fattues\\_1.html](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/la/es_la_fattues_1.html)) and “Shrove Tuesday,” is celebrated on the beginning of Epiphany and ending on the day before Ash Wednesday. The LOC’s collections for “Carnival season” (<http://blogs.loc.gov/law/2013/02/carnival-season/>) include films from around the world (Haiti 1932: <http://www.loc.gov/item/ihas.200003813>) and modern celebrations ([http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature\\_wdesc.php?rec=5739](http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5739)), as well as musical scores, manuscripts, and photographs.

**March Madness** was started in 1939 (<http://blogs.loc.gov/loc/2013/03/trending-march-madness/>) and has captivated basketball fans ever since. The LOC is certainly full of sports history (<http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/mar07/madness.html>), including photographs, legislation (<http://www.loc.gov/search/?q=basketball&fa=original-format%3Alegislation>), audio recordings of interviews (<http://www.loc.gov/item/sports0000200>), and more!

**St. Patrick’s Day** (<http://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/2013/03/beyond-the-blarney-a-st-patricks-day-look-at-images-of-irish-immigrants-in-america/>) commemorates the arrival of Saint Patrick and Christianity in Ireland, as well as general Irish culture and heritage (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/mar17.htm>). Discover how the Irish have become an integral part of the American cultural fabric: [http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/ma/es\\_ma\\_stpatrick\\_1.html](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/ma/es_ma_stpatrick_1.html) & [http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/modern/jb\\_modern\\_stpatrick\\_3.html](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/modern/jb_modern_stpatrick_3.html).