

Teaching with Primary Sources at DePaul University

August 2014 Newsletter: Victory Day, “I Have a Dream,” and more!

Greetings, educators!

With the arrival of August, students and teachers in many school districts around the US say goodbye to summer vacation and prepare to head back to the classroom.

LEVEL III PROGRAM

TPS-DePaul is excited to offer our Level III program this August and September!

During this train-the-trainer program, participants will:

- Master navigation of Library of Congress collections and databases
- Perfect presentation, facilitation, and coaching skills
- Examine various facets of adult learning theory
- Develop the skills necessary to bring LOC and TPS resources to peers and colleagues

At the conclusion of the program, participants will be certified as TPS Coaches. This will allow them to represent the Teaching with Primary Sources program at professional conferences, lead PD events for other educators, and coach colleagues in the use of LOC resources—all with ongoing support from TPS-DePaul.

Please note: this program is open only to educators who have completed our Level I and Level II programs.

This 12-hour PD program will take place on Saturday, August 16; Saturday, September 6; and Saturday, September 27. All sessions will run from 9am-1pm and will be held at DePaul’s suburban campus in Naperville. If you would like more information, please contact Dave Bates, Project Director, at dbates2@depaul.edu.

AUGUST RESOURCES

Noteworthy Dates in August:

Colorado Day: August 1st

Victory Day: August 11th

Hawaii Statehood Day: Aug 15th

American Adventures Month

Get Ready for Kindergarten Month

Colorado Day (August 1st) marks the 38th state’s admission to the Union. Check out some of the work being done by our TPS consortium member at Metropolitan State University in Denver (<http://www.msudenver.edu/tps/>), particularly their current series on the Ludlow Massacre (<http://goo.gl/MuIrNR>).

There is also a primary source set for Colorado

(<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/states/colorado/>) and a collection of Folklife resources (<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/states/colorado.html>) to help explore the history and features of the Rocky Mountain State.

Calvin Coolidge became the 30th President of the United States on August 2, 1923 after the death of President Warren G. Harding. The LOC has numerous resources on all the Presidents, including “Prosperity and Thrift: The Coolidge Era and the Consumer Economy.”

(<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/states/colorado.html>) The collection gathers materials from the 1920s and chronicles America’s transition to a consumer economy in the 1920s.

On August 10, 1861, the first battle of the Civil War fought west of the Mississippi River occurred at **Wilson’s Creek** in Missouri. The LOC continues to examine the sesquicentennial of the Civil War through exhibits (<http://loc.gov/collections/>). Don’t forget to check out the Prints & Photographs page that aggregates many of the Library’s Civil War collections at <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/civwar/>.

Victory Day (August 11th) is now only observed in Hawaii and Rhode Island to mark the conclusion World War II (VJ Day). Originally a national holiday, the nature of the war’s ending—the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki—has removed it from many calendars. The LOC has many collections that span the World War II era (<http://loc.gov/topics/content.php?subcat=11>) including the Veteran’s History Project (<http://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-warsend.html>), situation maps (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/maps/wwii/>), and an exhibit of women on the front (<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/wcf/>).

Hawaii became the 50th state on August 21, 1959. Search the LOC catalog (<http://goo.gl/UJpIL4>) for plenty of resources on its history (http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/hi/es_hi_subj.html), maps (<http://www.loc.gov/item/2005625310/>), and even current photos from the National Parks (<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2010630474/>). You don’t have to take a field trip to explore the Aloha state this autumn!

Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his “I Have a Dream” speech during the March on Washington on August 28, 1963. Currently, the LOC is expanding resources on the Civil Rights movement in the US through digitization and exhibits. The newest collection addition is the Civil Rights History Project (<http://www.loc.gov/collection/civil-rights-history-project/about-this-collection/>) that is a cooperative effort between the LOC and Smithsonian Institution to conduct a survey of existing oral history collections over the next five years. The collection page includes essays, articles, A/V files, and links to other LOC resources. Be sure to keep an eye out for the Library’s long-awaited exhibition, “The Civil Rights Act of 1964: A Long Struggle for Freedom,” opening September 10 (<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2014/14-130.html>).