

Chapter 1 : Full text of " The Library of Congress and Its Work"

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution, and it serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with more than million items.

On January 26, 1800, he signed a bill that allowed the president to appoint the Librarian of Congress and establishing a Joint Committee on the Library to regulate and oversee it. The new law also extended borrowing privileges to the President and Vice President. However, he believed that all subjects had a place in the Library of Congress. I do not know that it contains any branch of science which Congress would wish to exclude from their collection; there is, in fact, no subject to which a Member of Congress may not have occasion to refer. Specifically, he grouped his books into Memory, Reason, and Imagination, which broke down into 44 more subdivisions. In 1802, a fire destroyed two thirds of the Jefferson collection, with only 2, books remaining. While Meehan was Librarian he supported and perpetuated the notion that "the congressional library should play a limited role on the national scene and that its collections, by and large, should emphasize American materials of obvious use to the U. His efforts were blocked by Smithsonian secretary Joseph Henry , who advocated a focus on scientific research and publication. Unable to resolve the conflict, Henry dismissed Jewett in July 1802. Around this time, the Library of Congress was making plans to build and relocate to the new Thomas Jefferson Building , which would be fire proof. Stephenson as Librarian of Congress in 1802 and the appointment is regarded as the most political to date. He could manage this division of interest because he hired Ainsworth Rand Spofford as his assistant. He built broad bipartisan support for it as a national library and a legislative resource, aided by an overall expansion of the federal government and a favorable political climate. He began comprehensively collecting Americana and American literature , led the construction of a new building to house the Library, and transformed the Librarian of Congress position into one of strength and independence. The Library also acquired the vast libraries of the Smithsonian and of historian Peter Force , strengthening its scientific and Americana collections significantly. It moved from the Capitol building to its new headquarters in 1897 with more than 10,000 volumes, 40 percent of which had been acquired through copyright deposit. Spofford and six experts sent by the American Library Association [25] testified that the Library should continue its expansion towards becoming a true national library. Voorhees of Indiana, and established new administrative units for all aspects of the collection. Congress also strengthened the office of Librarian of Congress to govern the Library and make staff appointments, as well as requiring Senate approval for presidential appointees to the position. He instituted the interlibrary loan service, transforming the Library of Congress into what he referred to as a "library of last resort". In 1907, he persuaded President Theodore Roosevelt to transfer by executive order the papers of the Founding Fathers from the State Department to the Library of Congress. Putnam expanded foreign acquisitions as well, including the purchase of a four-thousand volume library of Indica , the purchase of G. Collections of Hebraica and Chinese and Japanese works were also acquired. In 1907, Congress passed an act allowing the Library of Congress to establish a trust fund board to accept donations and endowments, giving the Library a role as a patron of the arts. The Library received the donations and endowments of prominent individuals such as John D. Rockefeller , James B. Wilbur and Archer M. A number of chairs and consultantships were established from the donations, the most well-known of which is the Poet Laureate Consultant. Congress acquired nearby land in 1937 and approved construction of the Annex Building later the John Adams Building in 1964. Although delayed during the Depression years, it was completed in 1964 and opened to the public in 1965. Roosevelt appointed Archibald MacLeish as his successor. MacLeish encouraged librarians to oppose totalitarianism on behalf of democracy; dedicated the South Reading Room of the Adams Building to Thomas Jefferson, commissioning artist Ezra Winter to paint four themed murals for the room; and established a "democracy alcove" in the Main Reading Room of the Jefferson Building for important documents such as the Declaration, Constitution and The Federalist Papers. The Library of Congress even assisted during the war effort, ranging from the storage of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution in Fort Knox for safekeeping to researching weather data on the Himalayas for Air Force pilots. Evans as Librarian of Congress. Missions played a variety of roles in the

postwar world: Quincy Mumford took over in 1945. Mumford directed the Library during a period of increased educational spending, the windfall of which allowed the Library to devote energies towards establishing new acquisition centers abroad, including in Cairo and New Delhi. In 1947, the Library began experimenting with book preservation techniques through a Preservation Office, which grew to become the largest library research and conservation effort in the United States. A memorandum by Douglas Bryant of the Harvard University Library, compiled at the request of Joint Library Committee chairman Claiborne Pell, proposed a number of institutional reforms, including expansion of national activities and services and various organizational changes, all of which would shift the Library more towards its national role over its legislative role. Bryant even suggested possibly changing the name of the Library of Congress, which was rebuked by Mumford as "unspeakable violence to tradition". Debate continued within the library community until the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 shifted the Library back towards its legislative roles, placing greater focus on research for Congress and congressional committees and renaming the Legislative Reference Service to the Congressional Research Service. The move released pressures on staff and shelf space, allowing Boorstin to focus on other areas of Library administration such as acquisitions and collections. His active and prolific role changed the post of Librarian of Congress so that by the time he retired in 1976, *The New York Times* called it "perhaps the leading intellectual public position in the nation". President Ronald Reagan nominated James H. Billington as the 13th Librarian of Congress in 1981, and the U. Senate unanimously confirmed the appointment. At the same time, it established new programs and employed new technologies to, "get the champagne out of the bottle. American Memory created in 1993, which became The National Digital Library in 2002, providing free access online to digitized American history and culture resources with curatorial explanations for K education. With a major gift from David Rubenstein in 2005, the Library also established the Library of Congress Literacy Awards to recognize and support achievements in improving literacy in the U. Kluge in 2007 to bring scholars and researchers from around the world to use Library resources and to interact with policymakers and the public. Open World began as a Library of Congress project, and later became an independent agency in the legislative branch. The Librarian named films to the Registry by ; [35] The Gershwin Prize for Popular Song, [36] launched in 2007 to honor the work of an artist whose career reflects lifetime achievement in song composition. Onsite access to the Library of Congress was also increased when Billington advocated successfully for an underground connection between the U. In 2008, Billington also asked the GAO to conduct the first Library-wide audit, and he created the first Office of the Inspector General at the Library to provide regular independent review of library operations. This precedent led to regular annual financial audits, leading to unmodified "clean" opinions from 2009 onwards. Blaise Abbey, Black Forest one of only three perfect vellum copies known to exist ; [54] [55] [56] over 1 million U. The Library serves as a legal repository for copyright protection and copyright registration, and as the base for the United States Copyright Office. Regardless of whether they register their copyright, all publishers are required to submit two complete copies of their published works to the Library—this requirement is known as mandatory deposit. Contrary to popular belief, however, the Library does not retain all of these works in its permanent collection, although it does add an average of 12, items per day. After realizing that this plan would be too expensive and inefficient, and with the rise of the Internet, the Library decided to instead make digitized material available over the Internet. The Library has kept the "American Memory" name for its public domain website, which today contains 15 million digital objects, comprising over 7 petabytes. Nearly all of the lists of holdings, the catalogs of the library, can be consulted directly on its web site. Librarians all over the world consult these catalogs, through the Web or through other media better suited to their needs, when they need to catalog for their collection a book published in the United States. They use the Library of Congress Control Number to make sure of the exact identity of the book. Digital images are also available at Snapshots of the Past, which provides archival prints. It makes determinations about what objects to prioritize based on what is especially important to Congress or potentially interesting for the public. The Library has chosen not to participate in other digital library projects such as Google Books and the Digital Public Library of America, although it has supported the Internet Archive project. The library also has off-site storage facilities for less commonly requested materials. Thomas Jefferson Building[edit] Main article: It first opened in 1897 as the main building of the Library and is the oldest of

the three buildings. The building was originally known as The Annex to the Main Building, which had run out of space. It opened its doors to the public January 3, 1971. The building was constructed from 1964 to 1971, and serves as the official memorial to President James Madison. The theater hosts regular free screenings of classic and contemporary movies and television shows. It is named to honor David Woodley Packard, whose Packard Humanities Institute oversaw design and construction of the facility. The centerpiece of the complex is a reproduction Art Deco movie theater that presents free movie screenings to the public on a semi-weekly basis. This process is done every three years, with the Register receiving proposals from the public and acting as an advisor to the Librarian, who issues a ruling on what is exempt. After three years have passed, the ruling is no longer valid and a new ruling on exemptions must be made. One may not remove library items from the reading rooms or the library buildings. Access to the closed stacks is not permitted under any circumstances, except to authorized Library staff, and occasionally, to dignitaries. Only the reading room reference collections are on open shelves. Since 1964, American libraries have been able to request books and other items through interlibrary loan from the Library of Congress if these items are not readily available elsewhere. Through this system, the Library of Congress has served as a "library of last resort", according to former Librarian of Congress Herbert Putnam. Individuals are invited to apply for projects which would further the multi-faceted mission of the Law Library in serving the U. Congress, other governmental agencies, and the public.

Chapter 2 : The Library of Congress: A Free Legal Research Resource - Legal Talk Network

Welcome Message from Carla Hayden, 14th Librarian of Congress The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps and manuscripts in its collections.

The Library of Congress: From finals and graduation to the Bar exam and finding a job, this show is your trusted resource for the next big step. You are listening to the Legal Talk Network. And today, we are talking about legal research, one of your favorite classes, right Chris? So you are a legal research ninja then. I wish, I wish. So you could work with Barbara Bavis from the Library of Congress who joins us today. Also Sheila Hollis, welcome ladies. Thank you for having us. Fun to be here. Well the Law Library of Congress is the largest law library in the world. We have about 2. We offer a lot of information there produced by our foreign law specialists and our public service librarians as well about both international comparative and domestic law. When I was introduced to legal research in law school, the first three sites that or databases that were introduced to is Westlaw, LexisNexis, and also Bloomberg. It might only have one or it might not have any. Sheila, would you mind telling us just a little bit about your involvement, kind of what you do with the Library of Congress? Why not as a member of the ABA, why not as a law student use what the greatest minds in the world turn to and not only do you get the wonderful physical resources the books in the library, but of course online resources as well in addition you have the staff of the Library of Congress and the Law Library of Congress. The Library of Congress now has a new librarian of Congress. I just took office so â€” a couple months ago, Dr. Carla Hayden, she was the head of the Pratt library in Baltimore and previously with Chicago. She was very committed to opening up the library to the public in general to make it more accessible, and I think the Law Library is following suit directly. Jane Sanchez, the previous Librarian of Congress, fantastic. It just was announced and the prior outgoing Law Librarian of Congress served in a number of capacities. And if you think about it, being able to see if you cannot make it physically there, to see the treasures that are there, they are ancient law books, ancient. What is the earliest book in collection? You caught me on the spot. Well, I do, for sure, thank you. Barbara is representative of the fantastic, unbelievable staff that is on a limited budget produces such great things for America and the world and of course for the Congress. We want to make them happy too. So I know there are students listening right now who are in fact doing hardcore research, right? And, who are preparing for their thesis papers as they work on their JDs. Your presentation this morning was fantastic. I have to tell you that. Because, I knew coming into this presentation that there are certain primary sources available and secondary sources available online for free, but you did a fabulous job of breaking the primary sources down by the legislative resources, the judicial resources that are available online for free and then the executive resources that are available online for free. Well, the first thing with legislative resources is we have to talk about congress. You can find the bill text from to the present. Each version of the bill as it moved through. So if there were amendments made you get to see those amendments, and also you get to look at the Congressional Record. So what was said on the floor of Congress from about to the present. Is that something that the library of Congress can help me out on? It definitely is, and Sheila talked about our unique collections and our unique resources. And I think one of our critical resources are our foreign law specialists. We have a group of specialists that have legal research experience and legal experience from different countries around the world and they actually create reports and articles for Congress, for Federal agencies, and Congress and those Federal agencies allow us to release those reports on our website, which is law. So moving on to judicial resources, I know that we can find some Court opinions online, but expanding that to say records and briefs, is that something I can find for free online? There are options for that online. Actually the ABA has a lot of great records and briefs resources from around , to the present, and then you have some other resources that I have mentioned in the presentation as well. We are a depository library for the Supreme Court. So we do have records and briefs going back to the s. Can you give us an understanding as to why CARA is a good feature for a new associate to use? Right, understanding that, yeah. You offered a really important caveat during your presentation in terms of using free resources as citators, and if you could just expand on that? So I think these citators are more of a jumping-off point than an endpoint. The time live

book on legal research, they are in thumbnail sketches that will drive you to the resources you need. So the website, again, just tell us the website real quick where we can find this presentation? Yeah, and I will just say this because I am looking through the presentation right now. Print off this presentation, print off the slides, go get it bound and have it at your desk as a resource. And last point, executive resources. Real quickly what are some executive resources? You have got a lot of great governmental and nonprofit sources for that. So the American Presidency project is something done by UC Santa Barbara and it actually has a large collection of proclamations, executive orders and public papers of the President. So you have really done a terrific job of just compiling all the websites. Last quick question about secondary sources, you had mentioned free access to the Wex Legal Encyclopedia, and you had said that that was the jewel of the Cornell Legal Information Institute. Yes, please come visit us. One brief comment and that is, with so many young lawyers going into solo practice or wanting to do basically NGO work where the access to the research that they may have grown addicted to in law school is no longer available. And so, I hope that you take advantage of the resources and Barbara is a tremendous treasure in and of herself and her commitment is so good. So if you can go back in time and talk to yourself as a first year law student what advice “ what one piece of advice would you give yourself? Well, I think if I go back to that very interesting period I would tell my one ownself to go back to the library again and my other side would say “ and if you could just fast forward and invent a computer so you could do online research, you would be a lot better off. It has been so much fun talking with you both about legal research and about the benefits of the Library of Congress. I really do hope students listening today will really take advantage of the Library of Congress and the free resources that are out there on the Internet. We hope so too. Ladies, thanks so much for joining us today. The views expressed by the participants of this program are their own and do not represent the views of, nor are they endorsed by Legal Talk Network, its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, shareholders and subsidiaries. None of the content should be considered legal advice. As always, consult a lawyer.

Chapter 3 : Library of Congress " Story " Pentagonam

the Library of Congress has done much toward placing it among the foremost of American public buildings. For the "first time in the construction of its public monuments.

It has survived long enough for the copyright to expire and the book to enter the public domain. A public domain book is one that was never subject to copyright or whose legal copyright term has expired. Whether a book is in the public domain may vary country to country. Usage guidelines Google is proud to partner with libraries to digitize public domain materials and make them widely accessible. Public domain books belong to the public and we are merely their custodians. Nevertheless, this work is expensive, so in order to keep providing this resource, we have taken steps to prevent abuse by commercial parties, including placing technical restrictions on automated querying. We also ask that you: If you are conducting research on machine translation, optical character recognition or other areas where access to a large amount of text is helpful, please contact us. We encourage the use of public domain materials for these purposes and may be able to help. Please do not remove it. Do not assume that just because we believe a book is in the public domain for users in the United States, that the work is also in the public domain for users in other countries. You can search through the full text of this book on the web at [http: DING](http://DING) The building of the Library of Congress, the largest and most costly library building in the world, is located on Capitol Hill, a quarter of a mile east of the Capitol. The original plans were made by Messrs. Casey, Chief of Engineers, U. Army, and his chief assistant, Bernard R. After the death of General Casey, in , the building was completed under Mr. Green, now its Superintendent. It contains 7,, cubic feet of space and over 8 acres of floor space. Its internal arrangements are planned to secure the greatest protection of its contents from loss or injury, which is consistent with the public use of its collections. The shelving for books is metal throughout, combining cleanliness with convenience. For the preservation of maps, manuscripts, and prints specially constructed cases are provided. Steel safes of special design and make are used for the more valuable manuscripts. All parts of the building are patrolled day and night. The present shelving will contain about 2,, volumes. Within its present walls the building contains space for over 3,, volumes without curtailing the space requisite for readers or exhibits. With stacks in the courtyards, its capacity can be increased to over 7,, volumes. It has space at present for a thousand readers at a time. During the year it was visited by , persons " an average of 2, daily. For the first time in the construction of its public monuments, the Government called upon a representative number of American painters and sculptors for the decoration of the National Library. Commissions were given to about fifty prominent American artists, and their work as shown throughout the building not only enriches its architecture but affords an interesting study of American art. Gamsey had charge of the conventional color decoration of the interior. Albert Weinert was in charge of the stucco ornamentation. Both artists were under the general supervision of the architect having particular charge of the details " Mr. Impressionism, classicism, individualism, all are given an equal opportunity; and the period of American painting is spread upon the walls in a way that is thoroughly representative," as evidenced by the contribution of the following painters: The Evolution of the book. The Graces, and the Seasons. Human Understanding, and Evolution of Civilization. The Arts, and the Sciences. William de Leftwich Dodge: Ambition, Literature, Music, Science, Art. Ceilings of the northeast and southeast pavilions. The Spectrum of Light. Ceiling of the staircase hall. Sculpture, Architecture, and Painting medallions. The gallery of the rotunda contains heroic statues in bronze, the work of prominent American sculptors. The stucco ornamentation throughout the building, including figures in plaster, contributes much to the beauty of the decoration. The selection of the sculptors to be commissioned and of the work to be assigned to each was a matter of careful consideration. To aid in this work the architect secured the advice of the president of the National Sculpture Society, Mr. Ward, who associated with him two others of the most prominent members of the society. Law, and statues of Columbus and Michael Angelo. Religion, and statue of Beethoven. Boyd and Henry J. Thirty-three ethnological heads ornamenting the keystones of the first story pavilion windows. Statues of Plato and Bacon. Science, and statue of St. Art after sketches by Augustus St. Commerce, and group ornamenting the great clock over

entrance to rotunda. History, and statue of Herodotus. Emersotl, Irving, Hawthorne portico busts. The Art of printing central bronze door , and statue of Shakespeare. Bronze figures and ornamentation of staircase, and sides of commemorative arch. Statues of Moses and Gibbon. The fountain in front of building , and bas-reliefs representing Ancient Prophetic Inspiration. Goethe, Franklin, Macaulay portico busts , and statue of Solon. Tradition, Writing bronze doors and the Stu- dents commemorative arch. The mosaic work is represented by the following artists: Law, History, and Mythology. Arts and Sciences, and the decoration of vaults of north, south, and east corridors entrance hall. Established as a library for Congress in the Capitol building. Destroyed in the burning of the Capitol by the British. One copy of books, etc. Made custodian of the library of the Smithsonian Institu- tion, with its subsequent accessions. Purchase of Peter Force collection of Americana. Made Office of Copyright for the United States. Gift of the library of Joseph M. Purchase of papers of the Marquis de Rochambeau. Removed to new building. Gift of Gardiner Greene Hubbard collection of prints. Purchase of the Robert Morris papers. Supplying printed catalogue cards to other libraries begun. Made the depository of historical manuscripts in the Ex- ecutive Departments of the Government, resulting in the transfer of the papers of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Franklin, Hamilton, and of the Post-Office De- partment of the Confederate States. Kohl collection of maps transferred from State Department. Purchase of the papers of James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. Gift of a collection of original drawings, prints, and books of Japanese artists, by Mr. Purchase of the "Peace Transcripts" made by Mr. Stevens, and the Stevens "Catalogue Index" of manu- scripts in European archives relating to America. He is appointed by the President, subject to confirma- tion by the Senate. He reports direct to Congress, to which he submits annually estimates of appropriations required for the maintenance of the Library. He is authorized to expend the appropriations granted by law for the purposes designated, to appoint all employees of the Library proper and the Copyright Office, and is authorized to make rules and regulations for the government of the Library. In addition to the Copyright Office, the Library includes the following divisions, each under the supervision of a chief: Mail and Delivery and Binding, and also Card Distribution section, in charge of assistants. The Copyright Office is under the general administration of the Librarian of Congress, in particular charge of the Register of Copy- rights. During the year there were , entries for copyright and , received in fees, this amount more than offsetting the cost of maintaining the office. During the year there were , articles deposited to perfect the above entries. So far as desirable, articles so deposited are drawn up into the Library to form a part of its collection. The building and grounds are in the charge of a Superintendent, also appointed by the President and subject to confirmation by the Senate, who also reports direct to Congress. He submits esti- mates for the care, equipment, and maintenance of the buildings and grounds, and disburses the appropriations granted for these purposes.

Chapter 4 : National Digital Initiatives - Library of Congress

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Here are 25 of the coolest things you need to know about the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress is more than two centuries old and was established by an act of Congress. It is the oldest cultural institution in the entire country. The Library of Congress is the largest library in the United States. It features miles of shelving, houses million items total, and holds 33 million books that are written in different languages. The Library was destroyed in when British troops razed the building it was housed in, stealing numerous books and destroying many others. The following year, Thomas Jefferson donated his own collection of more than 6,000 books to congress for the purpose of restoring the library. He was compensated nearly 24,000 dollars for this donation. Every single day, the Library acquires another 15,000 items. These items are often gifted to the Library but may also be catalogued, purchased, or acquired through government agencies. The Library Of Congress is home to the largest collection of rare books in North America and the largest collection of 15th century books in the western hemisphere. It holds many famous historical books including one of the oldest examples of printing in the world and one of only three perfect copies of the Gutenberg Bible known to exist. The Library of Congress offers a wide selection of podcasts and webcasts for those who enjoy these. Thus far, there have been a total of 13 different Librarians of Congress. James Hadley Billington has been the Librarian of Congress since 1980. Those willing to do so can actually hold an event at the Library of Congress if they desire. There are five different venues to choose from, and prices may vary depending on the venue selected. The library holds the largest collection of maps in the world. Its oldest comic dates back to 1811. Along with these comics, the library also houses the largest collection of newspapers in the country. The Library of Congress also offers books for the blind. There are sound recordings as well as braille books, and in recent years all recordings have begun to go through the process of being converted to digital format. The library has focused on providing reading opportunities to the blind since 1997. More than 8,000 volumes are added to this collection every year. Since 2006, the Library of Congress has been collecting every single public tweet ever made on Twitter and archiving them digitally. More than 50 million tweets are collected every day. The first permanent building in the Library was opened 97 years after its original founding, in 1897. There is a free tour of the Library that runs 45 minutes and is given numerous times on every day except Sunday. Only members of congress or congressional staff are allowed to check out the books housed by the Library of Congress. The Library hosts almost their entire collection on their website, and thousands of visitors view the digital collection every day. The Great Hall features numerous themes and images and is one of the most stunning pieces of cultural architecture in the capital. The Reading Room is highlighted by marble columns and numerous statues of many famous thinkers and cultural icons throughout history. The Library of Congress is actually physically housed in three main buildings. The most famous and frequently visited is the Thomas Jefferson Building. All three of these buildings are connected by underground passageways. A number of materials in the collection are also housed off-site to simplify storage. Join us today and become a community curator. We can also be found on Twitter, Pinterest and Facebook.

Chapter 5 : 25 Coolest Things About Library of Congress | blog.quintoapp.com

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Chapter 6 : Library of Congress "Pentagram"

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Chapter 7 : Library of Congress Classification - Wikipedia

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Chapter 8 : Working at Library Of Congress: Reviews | blog.quintoapp.com

The Library of Congress and its work. Supplementing exhibit of the Library of Congress at the Brazil centennial exposition, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,

Chapter 9 : Brand New: New Logo and Identity for Library of Congress by Pentagram

The Library of Congress (LOC) is the research library that officially serves the United States Congress and is the de facto national library of the United States. It is the oldest federal cultural institution in the United States.