



# Prioritizing Digitization @TPL

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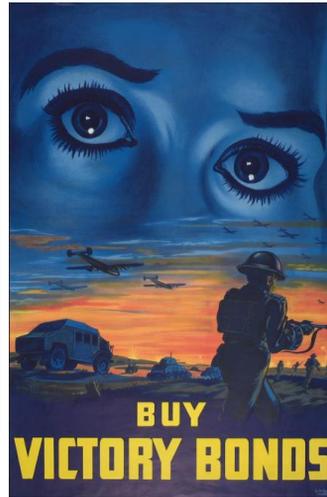
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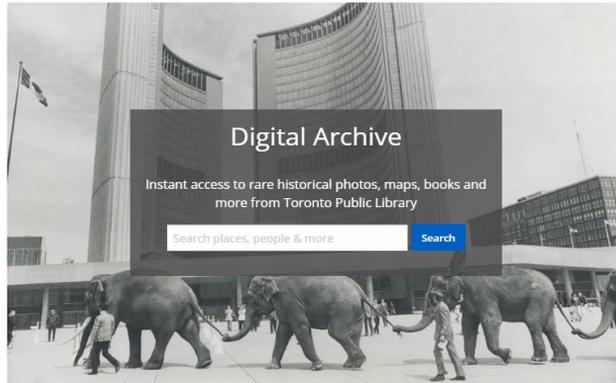
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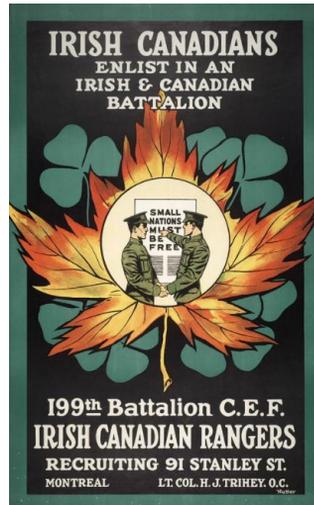
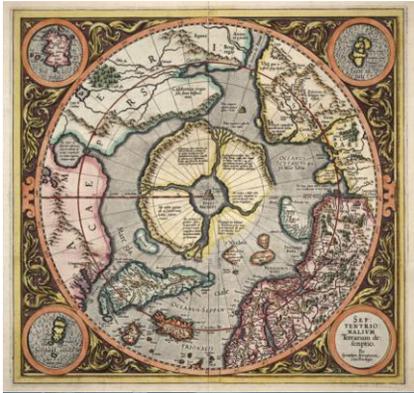
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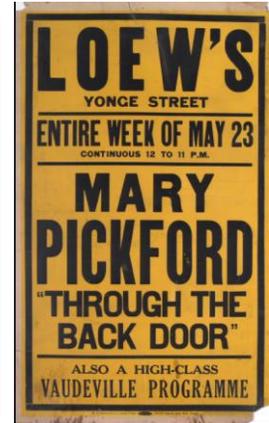
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Author

- Unknown (17)
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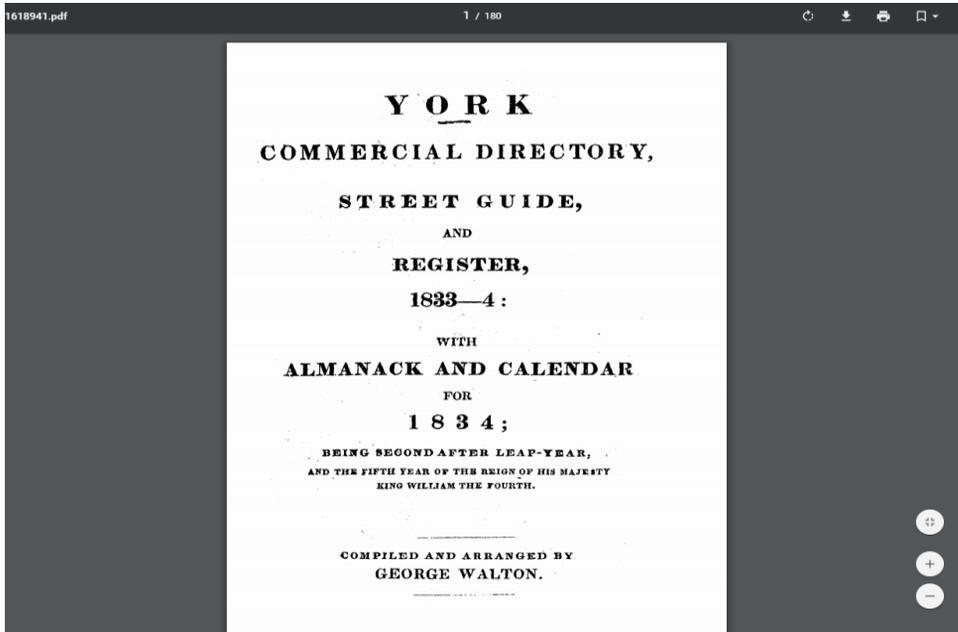
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# Toronto city directories



# Digitization for gallery exhibitions



# New collection areas



A screenshot of the Toronto Public Library (TPL) website. The page displays the search results for 'Toronto Star Photo Archive'. The header includes the TPL logo and navigation links like 'Sign Out', 'Your Account', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area shows a search bar with the query 'Toronto Star Photo Archive' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Type' (eBooks &amp; Online Content, Images), 'Language' (English), and 'Subject' (Pioneers, Geneva, Havana, Newspaper publishing, Biography). The results section shows 130,174 results and a grid of image thumbnails with captions such as 'Pioneer Village Spins back to life...', 'Traders' turf: Outside the...', 'Apsley, Ont. Picture, 1951', 'Welcome sign to Alma, Ont. Picture, 1989', 'Warwick's Hybrids manufactory at...', 'Woman kneels next to...', 'Dock scene, Lake Couchiching near...', and 'Derek Ford stands on top of...'. There is also a 'Subscribe to results' option.

# Ontario content



The screenshot shows the top section of the Digital Archive Ontario website. At the top right, there are links for "About" and "Français". The main heading is "DIGITAL ARCHIVE ONTARIO" in large white letters, with the subtitle "Current and historical content, curated by Toronto Public Library" below it. A search bar contains the text "Search photos, maps & more" and a blue "Search" button. Below the search bar is a yellow banner with a survey notice: "Take a super quick survey to help us improve Digital Archive Ontario". The main content area is titled "How can I use DAO?" and features three columns, each with an icon and a description.

About Français

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### How can I use DAO?



#### Ontario Libraries

Libraries supplement their local history collections with our photos, maps, postcards, city directories and other items relevant to their communities.



#### Ontario Residents

Ontarians explore the history of their hometowns and beyond with unrestricted access to our vast digital collection and expert blogs.



#### Ontario Schools

Educators and students find primary sources for local, provincial and national history by searching our collection or browsing featured subjects.

## Arts & Culture

### Highlights of Items Digitized in 2017 and Available in the Digital Archive

December 14, 2017 | Eric

Comments (0)

In 2017, the Preservation & Digitization Department at the Toronto Reference Library has been busy digitizing more content for the public to research, view, download and enjoy. Items include maps, ephemera, photographs and full books. In terms of just page numbers alone, staff have digitized well over 215,000 pages!

We wanted to share with you just a sample of this activity. Please explore our Digital Archive and happy holidays!



Staff digitizing a large poster with high resolution overhead scanner

#### Maps



Karte von den Boyen Rheeden und Hafn von Plaisance auf der Insel Terre Neuve, 1744



"Underground" routes to Canada: showing the lines of travel of fugitive slaves, 1896



Partie de l'Amerique Septentrionale qui comprend la Nouvelle France du le Canada, par le Sr. Robert de Vaugondy Geog? Ordinaire du Roy. Avec privilege 1755

#### Ephemera



Canadian Horse Show, Toronto Armouries, April 25, 26, 27, 28, 1906



Facts concerning Canadian National Exhibition, 1918



Coleman cookers: make their own gas, 1920



Canadian Pacific Whist Drive score card, 1925

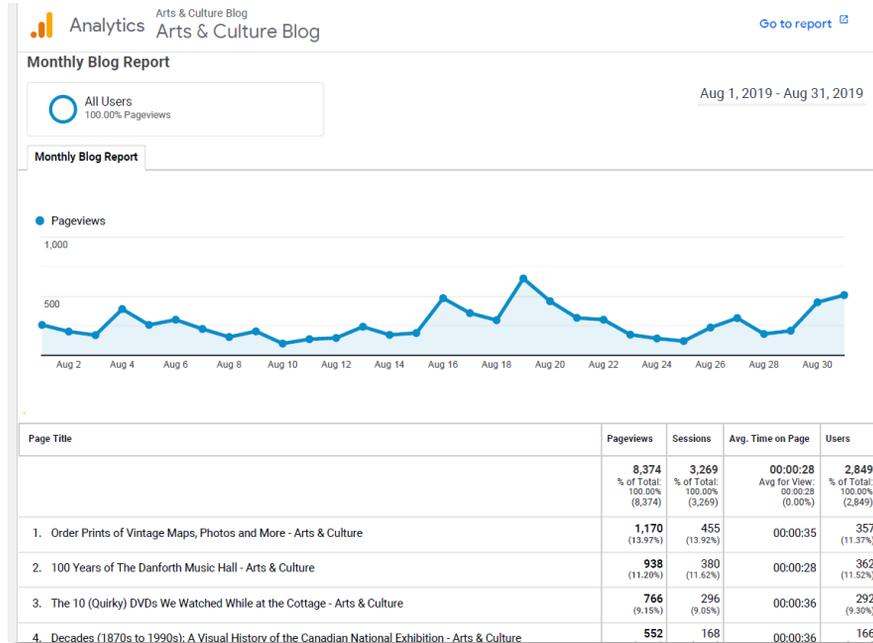


Dr. Jug's medicine for lungs, liver and blood, 1886

# Social media and metrics



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# Collaborative projects

## TPL's Digital Archive Collaborates with Sidewalk Labs

June 7, 2018 | Eric

Comments (0)

Close to 4,000 images from the Toronto Public Library's Digital Archive have been added to the #OldTO website at <https://oldto.sidewalklabs.com/>.



OldTO Website

Earlier this year, Sidewalk Labs collaborated with the City of Toronto Archives and used their image data to create a clickable map of Toronto to highlight digital images from their collections.

OldTO is an open-source map tool created by Sidewalk Labs that provides block-by-block browsing of historic Toronto photographs. What better way to browse Toronto historical photographs and maps than on a virtual map of the city!



OldTO Website



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## Arts & Culture

### A New Bicycle Station Facility Sparks a Collaboration with Our Special Collections

May 8, 2019 | Eric

Comments (2)

In 2015, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the new Toronto City Hall, Toronto Public Library's (TPL) Special Collections and Preservation & Digitization departments created a website to explore the many architectural contributions to this international design competition.



Eero Saarinen and Ernesto Rogers, Judges for the City Hall and Square Competition, Toronto, 1956.

The goal was to digitize and make available to the public photographs of the many models and drawings from the competition, which drew over 500 entrants. This physical archive is housed in Marilyn and Charles Bailie Special Collections Centre at the Toronto Reference Library. The digitized surrogates are available in the online Digital Archive.

#### About this Blog

The library's blog devoted to the discovery of diverse artistic, music and cultural works in the library and Toronto.

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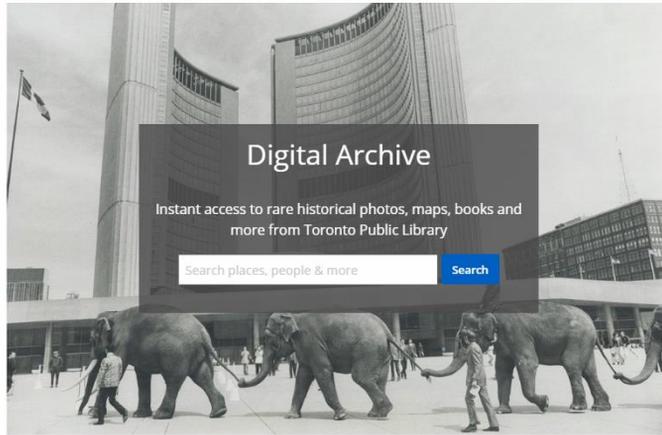
## Enhanced collaboration



## Digital Archive

Instant access to rare historical photos, maps, books and more from Toronto Public Library

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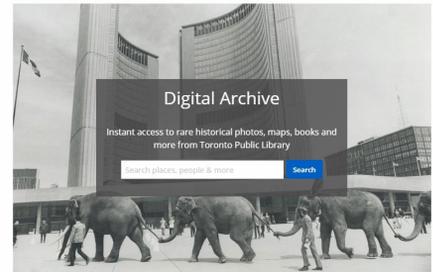
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