

Resources for Teachers at the Delaware Public Archives

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Educator Resources

- The Delaware Public Archives supports educators with subject guides, instructional videos, and preprepared lesson plans, all available for free on our website!
- <https://archives.delaware.gov/educator-resources/>



DE250 Resources

- To prepare for the upcoming anniversary, DPA has put together a new resources page, including digitized collections, research guides, eBooks, blogs, and brand-new lesson plans!
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Professional Development Day and Student Workshops

- The Research Room will accommodate professional development sessions for educators and can host primary source workshops for students.
- Educators can provide a list of the subjects or types of primary sources they are interested in, and the Research Room staff will locate and retrieve records from our holdings that will meet your needs.
- You can also request specific records by using our online finding aids.

Student Tours and Activities

Records Intake

- Students organize and sort records based on content lists and transfer forms.

Card Catalog

- Students learn to locate historic records on paper and microfilm using card catalogs.

Disaster Recovery

- Students get hands-on experience recovering water damaged records and objects.



Road to Liberty!

- DPA is proud to announce a new interactive activity for students, our very own Revolutionary War board game!
- The game accommodates five players at a time, with games lasting around 10 minutes each.

First Saturday Programs

- The Delaware Public Archives offers educational programs on the first Saturday of each month, starting at 10:30am.
- We have worked to teachers to offer attendance at these events as extra credit opportunities for students.

Tavern Talks

In Common Cause

- Discusses Delaware's home front during the revolutionary war and how everyday citizens were affected by the conflict.

Flags of our Forefathers

- Highlights records at DPA that can be used for genealogy and for confirming our families' service to the revolution.

Lock, Stock, & Barrel

- Highlights the weapons and tactics of the Revolutionary War and how they impacted the conflict.

Coming Soon!

Not Today, PA!

- Tells the story of Delaware's journey to independence and statehood, as well as how the state has celebrated these accomplishments.

Independence or the Bayonet

- Discusses Delaware's signers of the Declaration of Independence, their lives and accomplishments.

Searching Our Collections

- You can search our extensive collections online using the Delaware Public Archives Portal!
- <https://7080.sydneyplus.com/archive/final/Portal.aspx>

Accessing Digital Archives

- Our digitized collections can be viewed online through ContentDM.
- <https://cdm16397.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15323coll6>
- If you find any items that you would like to have scanned that are not currently digitized, please email the research room at archives@delaware.gov.

Your Story Starts Here

- Mabel Lloyd Ridgely Research Room
- Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Appointments are strongly encouraged.
- To request an appointment, please call 302-744-5000 or email archives@delaware.gov.