

Using the Digital Public Library of America to Access North Carolina Sources

The screenshot shows the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) website in a web browser. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://dp.la>. The website's navigation menu includes links for [Home](#), [Exhibitions](#), [Map](#), [Timeline](#), and [Apps](#). The main content area features several promotional tiles:

- Mexican Folk Dancing, 9th Annual Texas Folklife Festival, 1980.** Photograph by Michael Sidoric, Informedia. The image shows a woman in a yellow dress dancing.
- Exhibitions** section with a "View all »" link and a photograph of men on tractors in a field.
- Explore by Place** section featuring a map of Clemson, South Carolina, and a portrait of a man in a suit.
- Explore by Date** section with a photograph of a horse race.

At the bottom left, there is a search bar with the text "Search the Library" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, the URL <https://dp.la/item/d498d3ce75e3fede0f8b4bd79fdc7146> is visible. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 4:11 PM on 8/3/2017.



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[The Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA) is a collection of millions of cultural heritage objects from libraries, archives, and museums across the country.



Medicine Pendant
[National Museum of Natural History](#)



Lewis Hine Photo of Jewish Immigrant at Ellis Island
[New York Public Library](#)



Japanese at Internment Camp
[Los Angeles Public Library](#)

More than 400,000 of the resources are provided by North Carolina institutions.

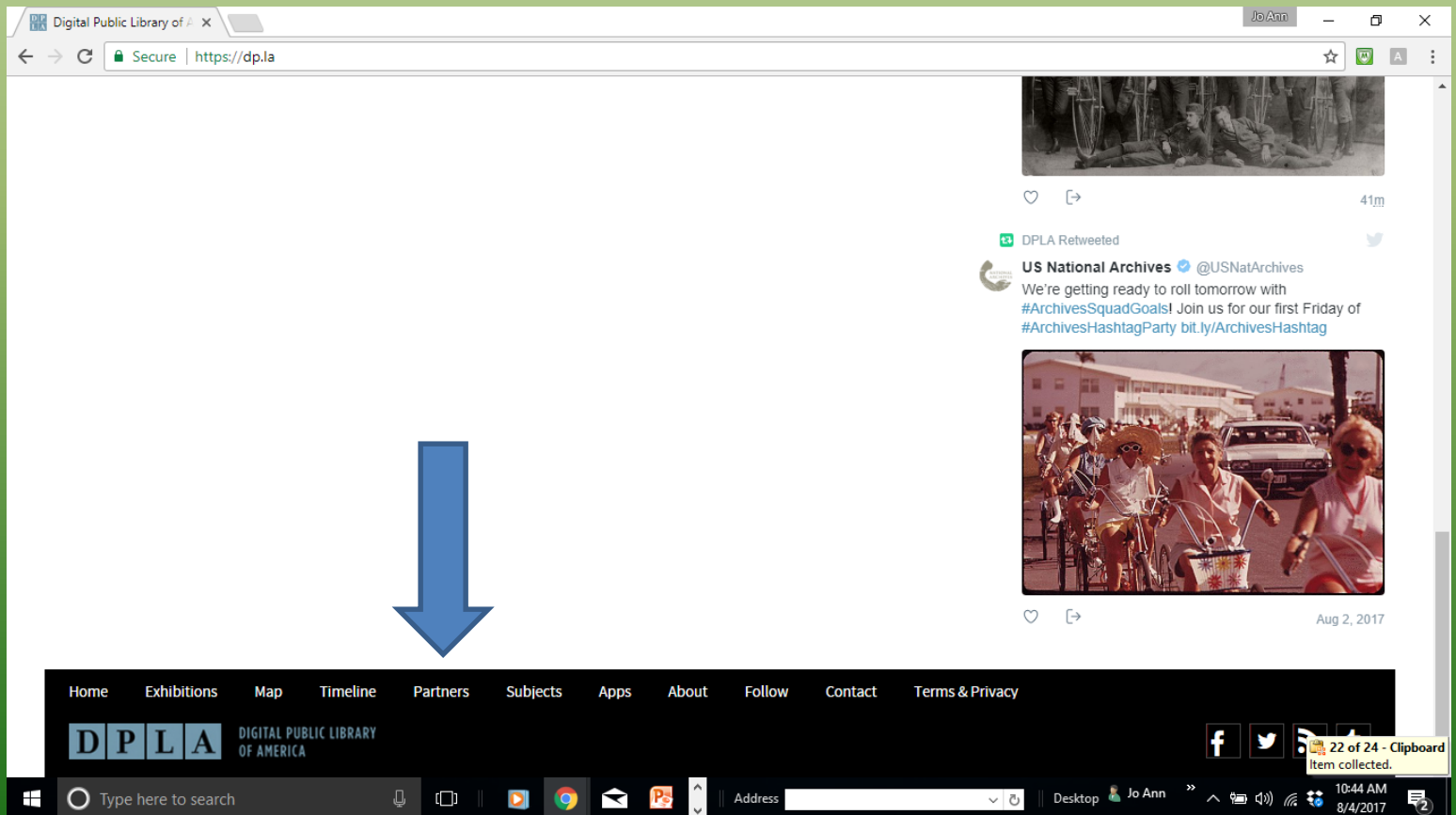


Women Sorting Sliced Cucumbers
[East Carolina University](#)



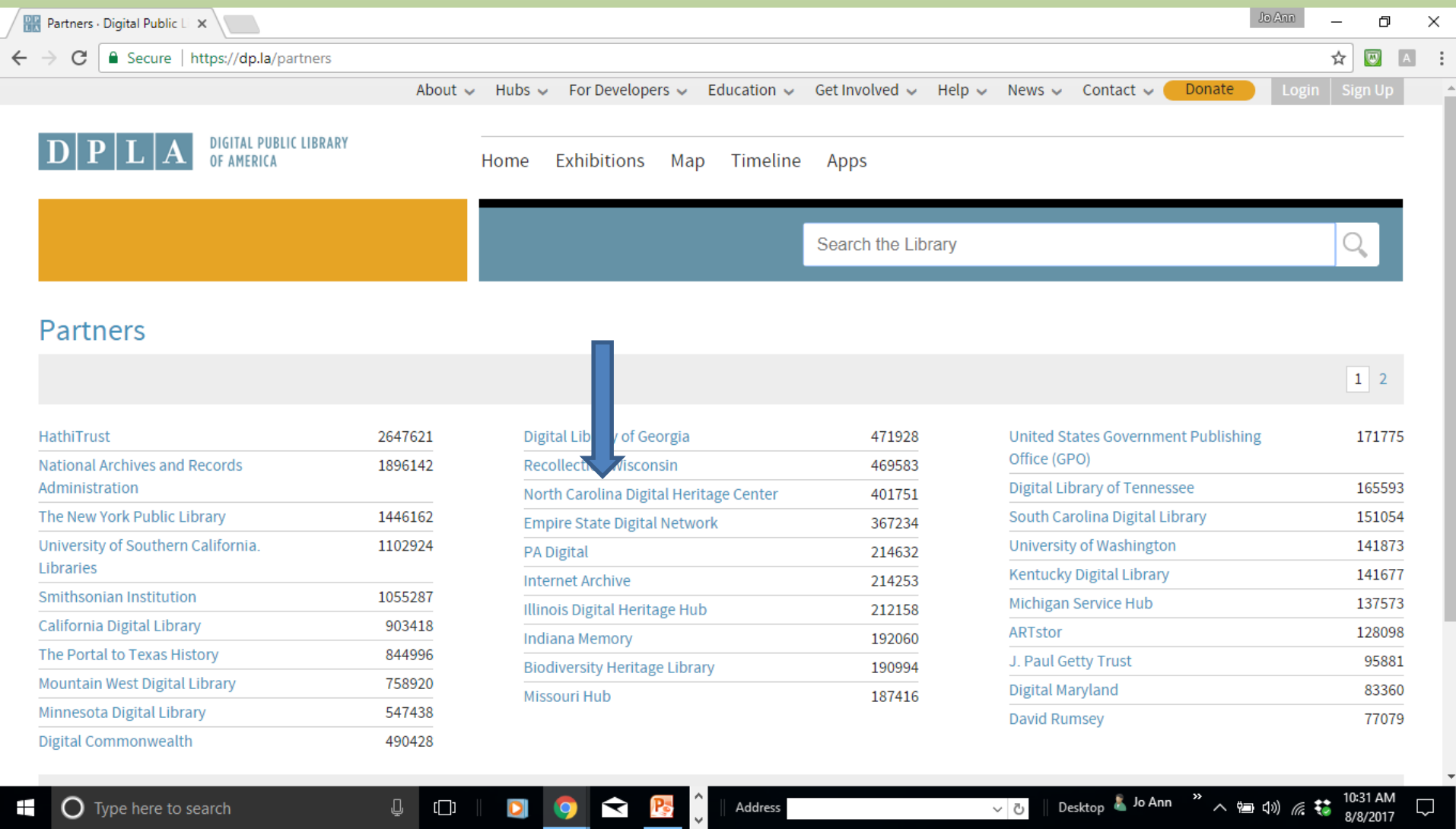
Civilian Conservation Corps Company 443
[Haywood County Public Library](#)

To access North Carolina sources, scroll to the bottom of the DPLA homepage, and click on “Partners.”



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) homepage. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://dp.la>. The page content includes a large blue arrow pointing downwards towards the navigation bar at the bottom. The navigation bar contains the following links: Home, Exhibitions, Map, Timeline, Partners, Subjects, Apps, About, Follow, Contact, and Terms & Privacy. The DPLA logo and the text "DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA" are visible in the footer. On the right side of the page, there is a social media feed showing a tweet from US National Archives (@USNatArchives) dated August 2, 2017, with a photo of people on bicycles. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, taskbar icons for Chrome, Mail, and Photoshop, and the system tray with the date and time (10:44 AM, 8/4/2017).

Click on “North Carolina Digital Heritage Center”



The screenshot shows the DPLA website with a search bar and a list of partners. A blue arrow points to the 'North Carolina Digital Heritage Center' entry in the list.

Partners

HathiTrust	2647621	Digital Library of Georgia	471928	United States Government Publishing Office (GPO)	171775
National Archives and Records Administration	1896142	Recollect Wisconsin	469583	Digital Library of Tennessee	165593
The New York Public Library	1446162	North Carolina Digital Heritage Center	401751	South Carolina Digital Library	151054
University of Southern California Libraries	1102924	Empire State Digital Network	367234	University of Washington	141873
Smithsonian Institution	1055287	PA Digital	214632	Kentucky Digital Library	141677
California Digital Library	903418	Internet Archive	214253	Michigan Service Hub	137573
The Portal to Texas History	844996	Illinois Digital Heritage Hub	212158	ARTstor	128098
Mountain West Digital Library	758920	Indiana Memory	192060	J. Paul Getty Trust	95881
Minnesota Digital Library	547438	Biodiversity Heritage Library	190994	Digital Maryland	83360
Digital Commonwealth	490428	Missouri Hub	187416	David Rumsey	77079

From here you can search all North Carolina collections. In this example the search is for sources related to World War I.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://dp.la/search?utf8=✓&partner%5B%5D=North+Carolina+Digital+Heritage+Center&q=World+War+I>. The page header includes the Digital Public Library of America logo and navigation links: Home, Exhibitions, Map, Timeline, Apps. A search bar contains the text "World War I" and is highlighted with a blue arrow. Below the search bar are icons for List, Map, and Timeline. The search results section is titled "Search Results" and shows "Your search for World War I returned 4,189 results from 27 contributing institutions". It is refined by "North Carolina Digital Heritage Center". The results are sorted by "Relevance" and show 20 items per page. The first result is titled "World War I - General" and is a folder of photographs showing student activities at the North Carolina State Normal and Industrial College during World War I. A small thumbnail image of a student is visible next to the result.

Search Results

Your search for World War I returned 4,189 results from 27 contributing institutions

Refined by: North Carolina Digital Heritage Center

Items per page: 20 Sort by: Relevance

1 2 3 ... 209 210

Refine search

Subject	Count
(1900-1929) North Carolina's industrial revolution and World War One	2430
World War, 1914-1918	1857
World War, 1914-1918--Maps	541
1910-1919	511

IMAGE

World War I - General

1917-1918

Folder of photographs showing student activities at the North Carolina State Normal and Industrial College (now The University of North Carolina at Greensboro) during World War I.

[Get full image from University of North Carolina at Greensboro](#)

To find a specific repository, scroll down the page to “Contributing Institution.”
Click on “More.”

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Italian	198
More »	
Contributing Institution	
North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	88393
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	83157
Duke University Libraries	43437
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	41744
East Carolina University	31971
More »	
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North Carolina Digital Heritage Center	
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Cookout at ECU
1990-1999
Line of people getting food from the table at a cookout at East Carolina University. Date approximated.
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Annual Banquet of the International Students' House. December 2nd, 1939. Philomusian Club. Phila., PA.
19391202
Panoramic view of the banquet hall during the annual banquet of the International Students' House Philomusian Club on December 2, 1939 in Philadelphia, PA. The large crowd is in formal dress, with the members of the head table standing.
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Homecoming Queen Kimberly Hines
Walters, Thomas
1987
East Carolina University 1987 Homecoming Queen Kimberly Hines on the football field holding her trophy and flowers with Terry Fuller.
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A list of repositories that have materials related to the topic is displayed, along with the number of sources on the topic contributed by each.

Contributing Institution

North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	2566	Wake Forest University	6	Granville County Public Library	2
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	750	Duke University Libraries	5	Appalachian State University	2
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	634	Wilson County Public Library	3	University of North Carolina at Asheville	1
East Carolina University	98	Oliver Nestus Freeman Round House Museum	3	The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina	1
New Hanover County Public Library	33	Edgecombe County Memorial Library	3	Sandhill Regional Library System	1
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	26	Davie County Public Library	3	Reynolda House Museum of American Art	1
Western Carolina University	20	Benson Museum of Local History	3	Pender County Public Library	1
Elon University	14	Wayne County Public Library	2	Montgomery County Public Library	1
Durham County Library	8	Stanly County Museum	2	Gaston County Museum of Art & History	1

Choosing a specific repository will refine the search to that collection. In this example it is the New Hanover Public Library.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://dp.la/search?partner%5B%5D=North+Carolina+Digital+Heritage+Center&provider%5B%5D=New+Hanover+County+Public+Library&q=World+War+I&utf8=✓>. The search bar contains "World War I". Below the search bar, there are navigation options: "List", "Map", and "Timeline". The search results section is titled "Search Results" and indicates "Your search for World War I returned 33 results". The results are refined by "New Hanover County Public Library" and "North Carolina Digital Heritage Center". The interface includes options for "Items per page" (set to 20) and "Sort by" (set to Relevance). A "Refine search" sidebar on the left lists categories such as "Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A" (16 results), "Lawyers" (5 results), "World War I" (3 results), "North Carolina. General Assembly" (3 results), and "World War, 1914-1918" (2 results). The main content area displays an image titled "Shipyard Canteen, World War I" with a description: "Photograph of Liberty Shipyard Commissary during World War I. Marion Reaves is the young boy at the counter in the white shirt and tie. He worked from 11:30 through 12:30 for dinner, earning 50 cents a day. Marion W. Reaves (1904-1970) was the father of Wilmington, NC historian Bill Reaves. He was the son of Richard Martin Van Buren Reaves, one of the last surviving Confederate Veterans of Wilmington. After working in the shipyards as a boy, h...". A link to "Get full image from New Hanover County Public Library" is provided. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 10:46 AM on 8/8/2017.

Clicking on the image provides additional information about the source.

Shipyards Canteen, World War I

« back to search results

Search the Library

Next » Save To... Share

Partner	North Carolina Digital Heritage Center
Contributing Institution	New Hanover County Public Library
Description	Photograph of Liberty Shipyards Commissary during World War I. Marion Reaves is the young boy at the counter in the white shirt and tie. He worked from 11:30 through 12:30 for dinner, earning 50 cents a day. Marion W. Reaves (1904-1970) was the father of Wilmington, NC historian Bill Reaves. He was the son of Richard Martin Van Buren Reaves, one of the last surviving Confederate Veterans of Wilmington. After working in the shipyards as a boy, h... more ▼
Format	black-and-white photograph
Type	image
Subject	Shipyards World War I Local history


Get full image from New Hanover County Public Library

10:53 AM 8/8/2017

Clicking on the image again will enlarge it and provide options for viewing.

Shipyards Canteen, World War I

[View Description](#)



Reference URL

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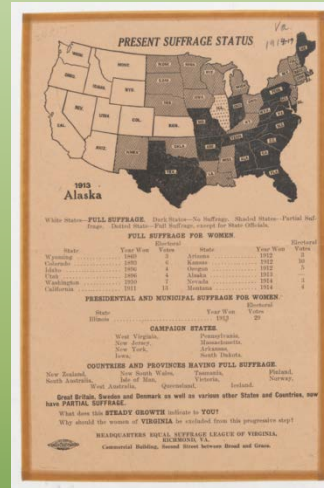
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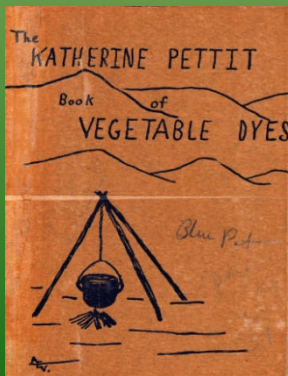
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Suffrage Map
[Duke University Libraries](#)



Speaker Ban Law Article
[NC Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources](#)



Book of Vegetable Dyes
[Western Carolina University](#)



Cotton Press at Norfleet Plantation
[Edgecombe County Memorial Library](#)