Summertime

Welcome to the 8th issue of the Central Illinois Teaching with Primary Sources Newsletter, a collaborative project between the An Adventure of the American Mind / Teaching with Primary Sources Programs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Eastern Illinois University.

Summertime is the focus of the June 2007 issue. The Spotlight on Central Illinois looks at the different ways between work and leisure that Illinoisans spend in their summer months.

The Topic Collections provide primary sources on summertime from images to film. We have designated an area with lesson plans and activities to use in your classroom. Each lesson plan indicates the grade level it was created for. Teachers know the ability level of their students, so you may choose a part of a lesson or to elaborate as you see fit.

Spotlight on Central Illinois

Summertime has always been a time for fun and activities in Central Illinois. From fairs and festivals to camps and sporting events there always seem to be something to do.

The circus always tops the kids (big and little) list of events to attend in the summer. This picture http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/fsaall:@field(NUMBER+@band(fsa+8a17671)) shows a circus that has been stranded in Urbana, Illinois since 1925, this photo was taken in the summer of 1938.

Summertime is a great time to explore the outdoors. The local state parks or even wooded areas close to home are great for taking a hike. This image http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/aep:@field(LOCID+@lit(icuaep.ILS426)) from 1907 shows a cliff off of the Embarras River at Charleston, Illinois.

Summer with its holidays and festivals you can be sure that there will always be a parade to mark these events. Come to Eastern Illinois University in the summertime you are sure to hear the high school bands that come for competition and for camp. This poster http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/wpapos:@field(NUMBER+@band(cph+3f05169)) from the By the People, for the People: Posters from the WPA, advertises the outstanding Eastern Illinois bands that will perform.

Summertime also means it is time to travel. Going by airplane is the preferred way to travel today back in 1800's the train was the way to go. This flyer http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/rppebib:@field(NUMBER+@band(rbpe+01703600)) advertises a direct route from Chicago to St. Louis. When you get to your destination you will need a place to stay. This image is of the Old Wabash Hotel in Edwardsville http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/hh:@field(LOCID+@lit(IL0164)).
The Historic American Sheet Music collection presents 3,042 pieces of sheet music drawn from the Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library at Duke University. Sentimental songs from the late 1800 and early 1900’s that pertain to summer are found in this collection. No summer sheet music would be complete without "In the Good Old Summer Time". This version with its beautiful cover illustration is dated from 1902.

Special Presentations:
- Photographs from the Chicago Daily News http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/ichihtml/cdnhome.html
Photographs taken by photographers employed by the Chicago Daily News capture urban life from 1902 to 1933. This collection has images from not only summer and fresh-air camps but also a YMCA winter camp. There are also many photographs of summer activities in the city such as swimming in local pools or in local city fountains, at the beach and amusement parks.

Special Presentations:
- America at Work, America at Leisure Motion Pictures from 1894-1915 http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awilhtml/awilhome.html
The America at Work, America at Leisure collection contains motion pictures showing Americans during their leisure, vacation and just fun times. In this collection you can view a Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Parade along with an annual baby parade from 1904. You can see great games played at family reunions even today such as leap frog and egg tossing.

Special Presentation:
- America at Work, School and Leisure, 1894-1915 http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awilhtml/awlwsl.html

Small Town America; Robert Dennis Collection http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/nyplhtml/dennhome.html
This collection contains 12,000 photographs of the Mid-Atlantic states from 1850’s to 1910. There are images of vacation spots such as Niagara Falls in summer, parades in New York’s Central Park and photographs of tourism in these states. You can find photographs

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**By the People for the People: Posters from the WPA 1936-1943** http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaposters/wpahome.html
These vintage posters depict various programs sponsored by the government. Some of the programs included were art classes, story hours, local theatre, harmonica contests and more. These posters have bold colors and abstract designs to catch your eye. These programs were created to help out of work artist but also to enrich the lives of everyone who came in contact with the program. The subjects the posters took on were education, health and safety, cultural, travel and tourism and community activities.

Special Presentations:
- Collection Highlights http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaposters/highlights.html
- Interview with WPA Silkscreen Artist Tony Velonis http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaposters/velonis.html
- Federal Art Project Calendar http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaposters/calendar.html
- America at Work, School and Leisure, 1936-1943 http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awilhtml/awlwsl.html

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**Title:** Lakeside summer resort and camp ground, near Sandusky, Ohio. Sinz & Fausel Lith.

**Collection:** Maps Collection

**Created/Published:** Sandusky, A. J. Hare, 1884.
of people enjoying their summer at the beach, beautiful parks and small towns. The images are separated into subdivisions no sub group contains less than ten images.

**Special Presentation:**
**About Stereoscopic Views** [http://digital.nypl.org/dennis/stereoviews/about.html](http://digital.nypl.org/dennis/stereoviews/about.html)

**Mapping the National Parks** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html)
Many Americans in the summertime head out to one of the great national parks for vacation. The Mapping the National Parks collection documents the history, cultural aspects and geological formations of areas that eventually became National Parks. The collection consists of approximately 200 maps dating from the 17th century to the present, reflecting early mapping of the areas that would become four National Parks, as well as the parks themselves. Some of the maps in this collection show camping sites, trails and rivers that go through our national parks.

**Special Presentations:**
**Acadia** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html)
**Grand Canyon** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html)
**Great Smoky Mountains** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html)
**Yellowstone** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/nphome.html)

**Touring Turn of the Century America; Photographs from the Detroit Publishing Company** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/touring/index.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/touring/index.html)
In this collection you will find primary source images that unveil quiet seashores and sporting pavilions and events. The photographs were made in a variety of locations.

Most depict scenes in the United States (chiefly east of the Mississippi), together with some photographs of other nations in the Americas, Europe, and copies of paintings.

**Special Presentations:**
**Collection Highlights** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/touring/gallery1.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/touring/gallery1.html)


**Essay-Mammoth Plate Photographs** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/touring/detmamm.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/touring/detmamm.html)

**Baseball and Jackie Robinson** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/index.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/index.html)
One of the first things we think of when the weather turns warm, the skies are blue and we start to crave hot dogs must mean it is time for baseball. With 2007 marking the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson’s rookie year with the Brooklyn Dodger’s he became the first African-American in the twentieth century to play major league baseball. The collection has many images including the picture above which shows spectators at a Pittsburg-Detroit game who climbed a pole to get a better view of the game. Now that is some dedicated fans.

**Special Presentations:**
**Timeline** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/jr1860s.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/jr1860s.html)

**Essay-Early Baseball Pictures** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/jrgmabout.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/jrgmabout.html)

**Quilts and Quiltmaking in America 1978-1996** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/qlthtml/qlthome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/qlthtml/qlthome.html)
Summer is the time when the local fairs, festivals and activities take place and quilts are usually a familiar attraction at these events. As quilting has become more popular quilt designs have become more intricate. In this collection you not only see the quilts with their beautiful designs but also you can hear the quilters talk about their trade.
Topic Connections (cont)

The collection represents a wide range of quiltmaking, from highly traditional to innovative, and the quilts pictured exhibit excellent design and technical skill in a variety of styles and materials. These materials document quilts and quilting within the context of daily life and reflect a range of backgrounds, motivations, and aesthetic sensibilities.

Special Presentations:
Speaking of Quilts: Voices from the Late Twentieth Century http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/qlt/html/qltov.html
The Land’s End All-American Quilt Contest http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/qlt/html/qtle.html


This collection of photos was taken by faculty, staff and students at the department of Botany, University of Chicago. Included are landscape images taken in summer from Indiana, Utah, Illinois, Oregon and more. The photographs played an important role in conveying botanical information and ecological theories to students and members of the general public.

Special Presentations:
Timeline http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/ecology/aepchrono.html

Around the World in the 1890’s http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wtc/wtchome.html

Being able to take your summer vacation in Fiji, Morocco or Burma would be fabulous but most of us will probably not be able to make that trip. It would be easy enough to find photos of these countries as they are today but how about how they were in the 1890’s? This collection of images taken by William Henry Jackson presents beautiful images from 24 countries all in one easy to search collection.

There are remarkable images from Egypt of the Pyramids and Sphinx, a breathtaking photograph of a distant view of Hong Kong Harbor that is hard to believe it was taken in 1895. While this collection focuses on transportation there are plenty of scenes of landscapes, city streets, harbors and local inhabitants. Some images of unique transportation includes camel, elephant and rickshaws.


In this collection of film you can view everyday life in New York during the late 1800’s early 1900’s. There are also some hidden treasures in this collection that would interest the tourist such as; Ellis Island and the arrival of immigrants, lower Broadway and the Statue of Liberty. Clips from various parades and even some amusing films are available in this collection. Some of the humorous clips include “What Happened on Twenty-Third Street” and “Move On”. You can also watch the New York Harbor Police apprehend pirates on the New York Bay.

Tending the Commons: Folklife and Landscape in Southern West Virginia http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/tending/index.html

In the Tending the Commons collection you can view photographs and listen to audio about life in Southern West Virginia’s Big Coal River Valley. Images show 4th of July celebrations with music, barbecue’s and dancing. You can listen to the stories from the locals about their celebrations and everyday life. There are photographs and audio of fishing, camping and even wineberries.
Topic Connections (cont)

**Special Presentations:**

**Essay-American Ginseng and the Idea of the Commons**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/tending/essay1a.html

**Essay-Historical Maps of the Study Area**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/tending/relmap.html

**Essay-Landscape and the History at the Headwaters of the Big Coal River Valley**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/tending/essay5.html

**Essay-Ramp Suppers, Biodiversity and the Integrity of “The Mountains”**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/tending/essay4a.html

**Essay-Season Round of Activities on Coal River**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/tending/season1.html

**Essay-Seining for Hellgrammites on Coal River in West Virginia**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/tending/essay2.html

**Essay-Stalking the Mother Forest**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/tending/essay3a.html

**The South Texas Boarder 1900-1920**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/txuhome.html

The Robert Runyon Photograph Collection of the South Texas Border Area, a collection of over 8,000 items, is a unique visual resource documenting the Lower Rio Grande Valley during the early 1900s. These images show Pioneer Days celebrations along with May Fest, Patriotic celebrations and others. It includes May poles, roping, riding and fireworks. In summer especially in June there is usually a wedding to attend, this collection houses a variety of wedding portraits from the 1900’s.

**Special Presentation:**

**The Mexican Revolution: Conflict in Matamoros**
http://runyon.lib.utexas.edu/conflict.html

**The Emergence of Advertising in America 1850-1920**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/advertising/index.html

Emergence of Advertising in America presents over 9,000 images relating to the early history of advertising in the United States. You can find advertisements for everything you would need for your summer vacation. Kodak cameras, resorts, summer apparel and advertisements for summer excursion routes can all be found in this collection. Plenty of ads can be found on hotels for vacations, cheap excursions (New Orleans to Cincinnati just $12) and what to see in entertainment when you get to your destination.

**Special Presentation:**

**Timeline**
http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/eam/timeline.html

**American Landscape and Architectural Design, 1850-1920**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/mhsdhtml/aladhome.html

This collection represents the work of Harvard faculty, such as Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., Bremer W. Pond and James Sturgis Pray, as well as that of prominent landscape architects throughout the country. Images of Yosemite, Glacier National Park and many others are abundant in this collection. City views, estates and even maps are part of this collection.

**Special Presentations:**

**Charles Downing Lay: New York City Parks in Use, 1912**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/mhsdhtml/cday.html

**M.S. Sager: Glacier National Park, 1925**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/mhsdhtml/mssager.html

**F.L. Olmsted: Boston’s Emerald Necklace**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/mhsdhtml/olmsted.html
Activities and Lesson Plans

Search Terms:
- Amusement Park
- Amusements
- Baseball
- Bathing Beauties
- Beach
- Boating
- Camping
- County Fair
- Fireworks
- Fresh-air Fund
- Picnic
- Playgrounds
- Recreation
- Resorts
- Seashore
- Summer
- Summer Camp
- Summer Solstice
- Summertime
- Swimming
- Vacation

Lesson Plans:
- When Work is Done (Grade 11) http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/98/album/index.html
- Marco Paul’s Travels on the Erie Canal (Grade 3-8) http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/00/canal.html

Feature Presentations:
- America at Work, School and Leisure 1894-1915 http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awhtml/awlleis.html

Exhibits:
- Endless Summer http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/tri022.html
- Leisure Arts http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/tr33b.html#leisure
- Bob Hope and American Variety http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/bobhope/

Webcast:

Activities:
- Summer Days http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/ndpedu/features/puzzle/puzintro.html

Local Legacies—Illinois:
- Palestine Rodeo http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cocoon/legacies/IL/200002961.html
- Mendota Sweet Corn Festival http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cocoon/legacies/IL/200002971.html

Today in History:

Learning Page:
- Summertime http://memory.loc.gov/learn/community/cc_summertime.php
- Baseball: As American as Apple Pie http://memory.loc.gov/learn/community/cc_baseball.php

America’s Library:
Join America at Play:
Come Celebrate: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jp/celebrate
Hit the Road: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jp/vacation
Play Ball: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jp/bball
Swing your Partner: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jp/dance

Jump Back in Time:
June 21 http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jp/modern/summer_1
June 26 http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jp/recon/brdwalk_1

Everyday Mysteries:
How does Sunscreen Work http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/mysteries/sunscreen.html
Why is it Hot in Summer http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/mysteries/seasons.html

Wise Guide:
Summer’s Here http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/jun03/summer.html

Poetry 180:
This is a new section we are starting in the newsletter. Each month we will have a selected poem. This is just a sample of the poems available through the Poetry 180 A Poem a Day for High Schoolers

The Summer I was Sixteen http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/003.html
Veterans History Project Honors Vets with “The Great War”
The Veterans History Project, a program of the Library of Congress American Folklife Center, presents "The Great War," a tribute to World War I veterans, in a new section of its Web site at www.loc.gov/vets. Rich in personal detail, photographs, journals and letters, "The Great War" provides a virtual tour of some of the most compelling collections in the Veterans History Project archives and features stories of nearly two dozen men and women who served in WWI.

"In the Trenches" leads off the series of narratives and takes visitors to the front lines of the first mass war fought with modern weaponry. The second series, "Above and Beyond the Battlefield," takes viewers through an insider’s examination of the experiences of aviators and others who served in support of the infantry.

Library of Congress goes to Graceland
The Library of Congress will receive the works-in-progress manuscript in which Paul Simon worked out the lyrics for his song “Graceland,” Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced upon awarding the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song to Simon during a dinner on May 22 in the Great Hall of the Library’s Thomas Jefferson Building.

"The Library has been collecting Paul Simon’s music for more than 50 years, from the song 'The Girl For Me' by Simon and Garfunkel that was submitted for copyright in 1956 to his most recent album 'Surprise.' His 'Graceland' album was recently named to the National Recording Registry," said Billington. "This record of his creativity, tracing his progress from simple notes to phrases, will not only be a welcome addition to our collections but will also serve as an inspiration to the American people the Library serves."

The event will be broadcast in high definition on Wednesday, June 27 at 9 p.m. EDT on PBS stations nationwide (check local listings).

Tech Tip

Preserving your Digital Memories
The Library of Congress Digital Preservation website has a section on Preserving your Digital Memories http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/you/digitalmemories.html. Digital objects are considered much more fragile than physical ones. Digital objects can not be stored in a box or put on a shelf, the files can be easily destroyed by viruses or computer crashes. Below are some tips on preserving your digital memories.

Computer Files: In a recent survey cited by USA Today, only 57 percent of people back up their data. This is why it is so important to make sure you have a backup copy of your data. Make a schedule to burn your important material to a CD, DVD or an external hard drive.

Storage Disks: Just because you have burned your photos, music and important data to a CD or DVD doesn’t mean your worries are over. Even this type of media storage eventually fails after a few years. Also, it is best not to use stickers to label your CD or DVD.

Digital Photos: Digital cameras have made taking photos of special events so easy. But, ten years down the road the cameras and memory sticks are often obsolete. These digital photographs often require specific software to view, that is why it is important to migrate your photos to the latest storage media using freely available formats.
TITLE: Free summer art classes for high school students

COLLECTION: By the People for the People: Posters from WPA, 1936-1943

ARTIST: Velonis, Anthony
**Item Sources**

- Lakeside summer resort and camp ground, near Sandusky, Ohio. Sinz & Fausel Lith.
  - Map Collection
  - Library of Congress

- Stonecutter's Holiday
  - American Life History: Manuscripts from the Federal Writers’ Project 1936-1940
  - Library of Congress

- Panorama of beach and Cliff House
  - American Mutoscope and Biograph Company
  - Early Motion Pictures 1897-1920
  - Library of Congress

- In the golden summertime. 1915
  - Historic American Sheet Music 1850-1920
  - Library of Congress

- Two young women wearing bathing suits climbing on a lifeguard tower on the sand at the 75th Street beach, light exposure
  - Photographs from the Chicago Daily News 1902-1933
  - Library of Congress

- Reference prints, 1919-1920, numbers 2133-2377. Doris Gottscho, with fish and fishing pole, sitting on a fence I; Doris Gottscho fishing IX.
  - Architecture and Interior Design
  - Library of Congress

- Free summer art classes for high school students
  - By the People, For the People: Posters from the WPA 1936-1943
  - Library of Congress

- Strolling with your summer girl; Summer waltz song. 1906, Bendernagel, Lew P.
  - Historical Sheet Music
  - Library of Congress

- Two well-dressed young girls holding hands, going to summer camp
  - Photographs from the Chicago Daily News
  - Library of Congress

- Part of a circus stranded since 1925 near Urbana, Illinois.
  - America from the Great Depression to WW II: Photographs from the FSA-OWI 1935-1945
  - Library of Congress

- [A] cliff [on the Embarras River], Charleston, Illinois
  - American Environmental Photographs 1891-1936
  - Library of Congress

- Bands on parade : outstanding eastern Illinois high school bands.
  - By the People, for the People; Posters from the WPA 1936-1943
  - Library of Congress

- Original air line and United States mail route! 1857. Summer arrangement. 1857. St. Louis, Alton and Chicago air line railroad ... 1857. [Chicago? Ill.].
  - An American Time Capsule: Three Centuries of Broadsides and other Printed Ephemera
  - Library of Congress

- Old Wabash Hotel, Main & Union Streets, Edwardsville, Madison County, IL
  - Built in America
  - Library of Congress