



ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2020 REPORT

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SUMMARY

At the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Archives & Special Collections, like other repositories across the globe, moved its services online, increased its digitizing program, created robust streaming classrooms, generated videos, and held remote research and instruction sessions in partnership with faculty and researchers.

Archives & Special Collections continues to provide informed and collaborative services for all, creating welcoming informal learning spaces, online and onsite, where researchers expand their experience, knowledge, and perspective by connecting with primary materials.

The insights gained in 2020 have given rise to additional ways in which students and researchers can interact with collections. These new methods will continue to play an important role in primary research into the future, offering new avenues for exploration, teaching, and investigation.

RESEARCH & INSTRUCTION

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS	GROUP RESEARCH	RESEARCH REQUESTS	CLASSROOM SUPPORT
83 virtual researchers	126 synchronous 2 asynchronous	9,659 times collections accessed	Created lesson plans, videos, worksheets to accompany increased digital content
204 onsite researchers	128 presentations	5,524 consultations	Worked closely with faculty to change in-person coursework to virtual
287 research consultations	2,115 attendees	5,811 research transactions	Digitized material for classes held virtually during spring/summer 2020

DIGITAL CONTENT STATISTICS

COLLEGE REPOSITORY	NEW ONLINE COLLECTIONS	ARCHIVE-IT CONTENT	PRESERVATION CONTENT
3,526 online items	<i>Capturing Quarantine</i> oral histories and journals & <i>Stuck Indoors</i> photography	.5 TB collected this year; nearly 37 million web pages, documents, and videos collected since 2010	Permanent retention of nearly 50 TB of data and manage an additional 60 TB of digital content
186 countries downloaded content	Andrea Leland Yurumein- <i>Homeland</i> materials	April quarterly crawl was 5 times larger than normal due to switch to remote learning	Archives is the only campus unit preserving digital content and output.
61,771 downloads	Campus Life images and Columbia Collective protest posters	The system collects the web activity of the Columbia College Chicago community	Archives oversees campus record management process, so future increases expected

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