Using the Digital Public Library of America to Access North Carolina Sources
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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.
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.”
Click on “North Carolina Digital Heritage Center”
From here you can search all North Carolina collections. In this example the search is for sources related to World War I.
To find a specific repository, scroll down the page to “Contributing Institution.” Click on “More.”
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.
Choosing a specific repository will refine the search to that collection. In this example it is the New Hanover Public Library.
Clicking on the image provides additional information about the source.
Clicking on the image again will enlarge it and provide options for viewing.
Take advantage of the wealth of North Carolina treasures found in the Digital Public Library of America.

SNCC Button
North Carolina Collection

Suffrage Map
Duke University Libraries

Book of Vegetable Dyes
Western Carolina University

Speaker Ban Law Article
NC Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources

Cotton Press at Norfleet Plantation
Edgcombe County Memorial Library