

New Resource: Explore Chicago Collections is Open!

Chicago State University, a member of Chicago Collections, is pleased to announce its participation in the in the [Explore Chicago Collections](#)— a free, centralized, web-based search engine and record-finding tool that will allow researchers, teachers, students, and the general public to locate or access over 100,000 maps, photos, letters, and other archival materials. These twenty-one members include the likes of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago History Museum, the Newberry Library, and others such as Alliance Française de Chicago, and the Chicago Zoological Society. Rather than negotiate traditional online boundaries between these institutions, users will be able to browse an enormous wealth of digital material (as well as guides for locating physical objects related to Chicago history) by topic, neighborhood, city, and more. Additional resources available through the Explore Chicago Collections site will include library guides, a virtual reference desk, educational materials, and eventually, digital exhibits, and more. The free and unfettered access to Chicago history and culture that Explore Chicago Collections affords is unprecedented.

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