



# LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

## GATEWAY TO KNOWLEDGE

A Traveling Exhibition made possible by a gift from the Abby & Emily Rapoport Foundation

Canal Place at the Festival Grounds

Cumberland, MD

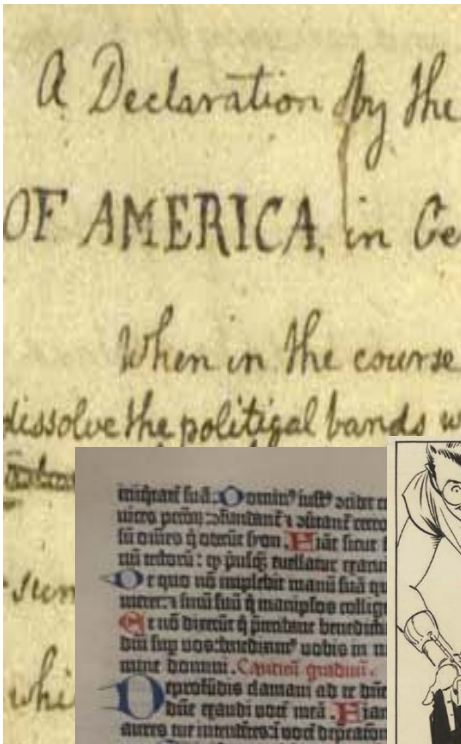
September 30 Noon – 6:00 pm

To schedule tours; contact Abigail Van Gelder at 586-565-0173 or [JAVanGelder@gomra.com](mailto:JAVanGelder@gomra.com)

### || ABOUT THE EXHIBITION ||

School groups visiting the exhibition will be able to learn about the history of the Library of Congress and see a selection of facsimiles of its unique treasures including:

- Jefferson's rough draft of the **Declaration of Independence**
- 1507 **Waldsemuller Map**, the first map to include the word "America"
- 1455 **Gutenberg Bible**
- Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*
- Original 1962 artwork for **Spider-man**



### || ONLINE MATERIALS TO PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT ||

Visit [www.loc.gov/teachers](http://www.loc.gov/teachers) to find a special Web site related to the Exhibition, which includes lesson plans, related primary source sets, student activities and a variety of contextual materials.



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## || EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FROM THE LIBRARY ||

### **The Teaching with Primary Sources Program**

The Library shares its collection of 19 million digitized artifacts, offering guidance and support to enrich classrooms through the Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) program. Providing access to free, easy-to-use teaching tools, the program empowers teachers to fundamentally change how students think and learn. As a result, hundreds of thousands of students have explored photographs, maps, manuscripts, and recordings across many disciplines and periods of history - all available online.

In addition, the Library of Congress and its network of partners offer professional development onsite, online and in communities across the nation. The Library's program helps teachers use primary sources to engage students while meeting state standards. The Teaching with Primary Sources program also provides grants and professional development materials to local school districts, libraries and media centers to extend its national network for educators.

By giving teachers and students a personal experience with the past – an experience that both reinforces essential subject matter and enhances critical thinking skills – the Library of Congress prepares teachers and students for success. Visit [www.loc.gov/teachers/tps](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps)

## || ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE CLASSROOM ||

### **Teachers Page**

The Library offers a variety of classroom materials through its Web site for teachers, <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/>. Resources are designed by and for educators who want to put primary sources to work in their classrooms. There are more than 85 lesson plans correlated to state teaching standards, interactive activities, Web casts, primary sources sets on topics ranging from civil rights to the Constitution that are all teacher-tested, and all incorporate the Library's online collections.

Information on the TPS professional development program and other educational opportunities from across the Library can also be accessed through the Teachers Page.

