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American Folklife Center Quick Links

The American Folklife Center

<https://www.loc.gov/folklife>

The American Folklife Center (AFC) was created in 1976 by the U.S. Congress to "preserve and present American folklife" through programs of research, documentation, archival preservation, reference service, live performance, exhibitions, publications, and training. Designated by the U.S. Congress as the national center for folklife documentation and research, the AFC continues to collect and document living traditional culture, while preserving for the future its unparalleled collections in the state-of-the-art preservation facilities of the Library of Congress.

American Folklife Center Collections Available Online

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/?fa=partof:american+folklife+center>

Explore our 45 (and counting) online collections, which span various eras and topics including some of our most popular collections – the *Civil Rights History Project*, *Voices Remembering Slavery: Freed People Tell Their Stories*, and the *Veterans History Project*.

American Folklife Center Research Guides

https://guides.loc.gov/american-folklife-center?b=g&d=a&group_id=17519

An array of Research Guides on folklife in the U.S. states and territories, including finding aids to collections, and highlighted multimedia materials. Our geographical level guides highlight select collections from every state and U.S. territory, and include helpful research tips to discover and access our collections.

Folklife Today Blog and Podcast

<http://blogs.loc.gov/folklife/> and <https://www.loc.gov/podcasts/folklife-today/>

Folklife Today is the AFC's official blog. Here, AFC staff offer explorations of folklife topics, highlighting the unparalleled collections of the Library, especially those of the AFC and Veterans History Project.

America Works Podcast

<https://www.loc.gov/podcasts/america-works/>

America Works features the voices of contemporary workers from throughout the United States talking about their lives, their workplaces, and their on-the-job experiences. Excepted oral histories are drawn from hundreds of oral history interviews collected by fieldworkers for the AFC's Occupational Folklife Project (OFP).

AFC Homegrown Concerts and Recorded Events

<https://www.loc.gov/search/?fa=partof:homegrown+concerts+%26+talks>

The popular Homegrown Concert Series is presented by the AFC annually. The series brings the multicultural richness of American folk arts from around the country (and beyond) to the nation's capital. One such concert includes a virtual program with LA-based band Changüí Majadero as part of our 2020 Homegrown from Home series, created as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Visiting the American Folklife Center

Getting to the Library

<https://loc.gov/visit/> and <https://loc.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/>

The Library is within walking distance of the Capitol South (Orange/Blue/Silver Lines, 2 blocks) and Union Station Metro (Red Line, .5 miles) stops. Limited two-hour zone and metered parking on streets may be available. Entry is on the ground floor carriage entrance of the Jefferson Building, 1st St SE.

Visitor hours for the **American Folklife Center Reading Room** are **Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5 p.m.** **General Library** visiting hours are **Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** and until 8:30 pm on Thursdays. The Library is closed Sundays and federal holidays.

While it is not necessary to make an **AFC Researcher Appointment** to visit the reading room, it is strongly encouraged. Visitors with general timed entry passes for the Library must make sure to note the AFC Reading Room is not opened on weekends. Book either a Reading Room researcher appointment or general Library timed entry pass below.

Making a Research Appointment

<https://research-appointments.loc.gov/> and <https://research-appointments.loc.gov/reserve/afc-center/>; <https://loc.usdirect.com/LOC/>

We encourage appointments at least 24 hours in advance, but walk in appointments are welcome. Visit Reader Registration in advance of your visit.

Reader Registration Cards

<https://loc.gov/rr/readerregistration.html>

New researchers can register in person at the Reader Registration located on the first floor office LJ 139 in the Jefferson Building. Pre-register online at the link above, and finish registration in person with a government-issued ID. Must be at least 16 years or older.

