

OTHER THINGS TO EXPLORE

These diversions (probably) don't pertain to our story, but you may enjoy them nonetheless.

The Bartholdi Fountain by The Botanic Garden (100 1st St. SW)

Spirit of Justice Park - A park on a parking garage!

(South of the Capitol between C & D Streets)

Library of Congress Book Conveyor Tunnel - A fantastic array of trays and cables once whisked books over to the Capitol at 600 feet per minute.

(Not around anymore but learn more at atlasobscura.com)

The Summerhouse - A hidden gem on the northwest lawn of the US Capitol Building

Library of Congress Card Catalog - A nostalgic bibliographic gem. (Available to see during LOC Open Houses)

Hungry?

Madison Cafe, Library of Congress

We The Pizza

Let's Mix! Bibl!ja!

Jimmy T's Place

Check out these songs on the platform of your choice to enhance your DCPC experience!

DISSO NANT CITY SOUNDTRACK

Driving Levee

Traditional Field Holler

La Media Noche

United States Marine Band

Arirang

Korean Folk Song

You'll Miss Lots of Fun When You're Married

John Phillip Sousa & Edward M. Taber

At Home Experience

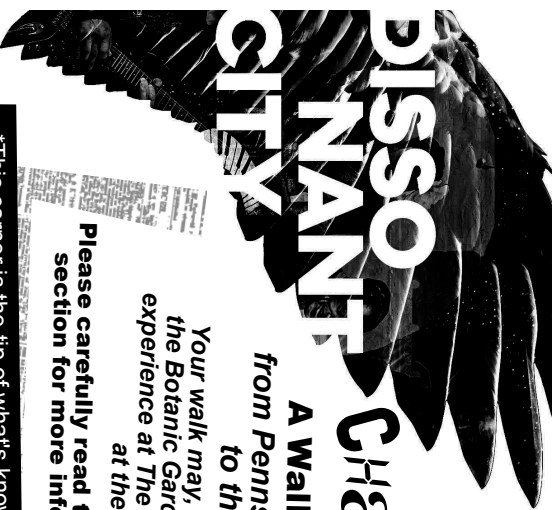
If you choose not to leave home right now, or you live far away, find a place that is tranquil, stately, perhaps with a few books in sight.

Take a deep breath. Can you smell the biblosmia as woody, smoky, vanilla scents stimulate your senses?

Breck the seal of the envelope. Begin by exploring the items in the order described in "WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE".

Watch the video here as you read through the notes and journal entries:

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DISSO NANT CITY CHAPTER TURRE

A Walk Around Capitol Hill from Pennsylvania Ave and 3rd St NW* to the Library of Congress

Your walk may, if you choose, include a visit to the Botanic Garden and an exclusive Rorschach experience at The American Folklife Reading Room at the Library of Congress.

Please carefully read the Visit the Library of Congress section for more info on what to do before you go.

*This corner is the tip of what's known as Federal Triangle. Much like its Bermudian counterpart, The Federal Triangle is often steeped in mystery and intrigue. The area, however, was never officially named the Federal Triangle, but instead owes its name to journalists of the time adapting and evolving the name over time.



what you need to know

If you plan to visit the American Folklife Center Reading Room you must acquire a free readers card. Keep reading for details.

Bring your Chapter 3 envelopes.

The route we recommend isn't a full circle, so just plan your departure strategy accordingly

Restrooms are available at the Botanic Gardens

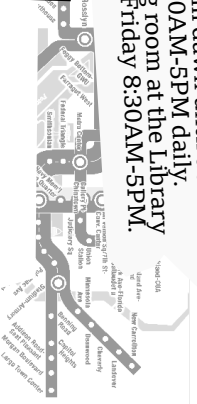
HOURS

You may explore the outside route from dawn until dusk daily. The Botanic Gardens are open 10AM-5PM daily. The American Folklife Center Reading room at the Library of Congress is open Monday through Friday 8:30AM-5PM. Keep reading for more details.

GETTING THERE

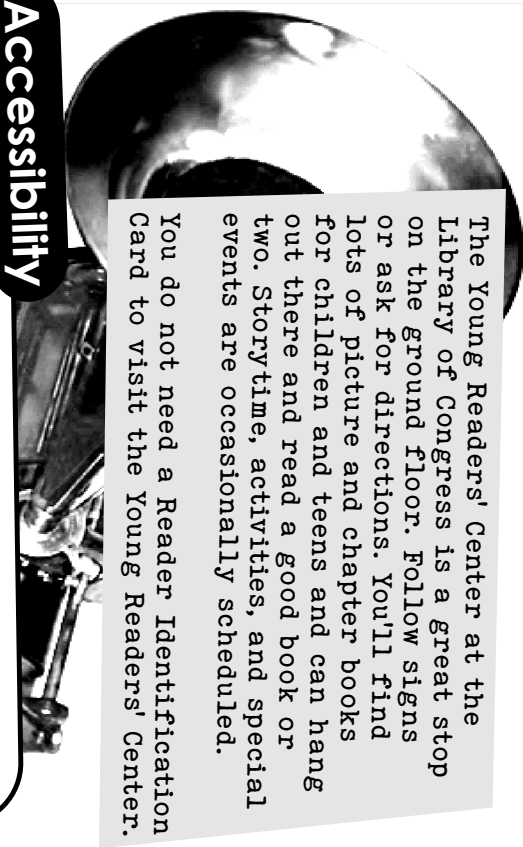
Metro - take the Green or Yellow line to the Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter station. Head east on Pennsylvania Avenue NW toward 7th St NW towards the National Gallery of Art.

Parking - parking is available on nearby streets or parking garages. Please pay close attention to all posted signs and meters.



IF YOU'VE BROUGHT A YOUNG (OR YOUNG AT HEART)

RORSCHACHER ALONG



The Young Readers' Center at the Library of Congress is a great stop on the ground floor. Follow signs or ask for directions. You'll find lots of picture and chapter books for children and teens and can hang out there and read a good book or two. Storytime, activities, and special events are occasionally scheduled.


You do not need a Reader Identification Card to visit the Young Readers' Center.

Accessibility

The 25-minute walk each way consists of paved pathways with moderate inclines. Some areas of the sidewalk may be uneven, so please pay attention.

A video of the full walk is available via the At Home Experience included here.

DON'T MOVE THE REFRIGERATOR* NOTES



The Capitol is a stately building full of history and grandeur. We do ask, however, that you please refrain from wearing horns and furs, painting your face, or performing any civil disobedience.

* "Don't move the refrigerator" is a shorthand phrase invented in the early days of Rorschach to mean-- "This should be so obvious we don't think we have to say it...but we're saying it anyway."

What To Do When You Arrive

Come to the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and 3rd St. NW on the block of the National Gallery of Art – this is where Charlotte and Julia get off the electric streetcar.

Walk down Pennsylvania Ave towards the Capitol. Pass the Capitol Reflecting Pool and sit on a bench in the park to your left. Open your envelope as you read the first page of the letter on Alice Fletcher's stationary. Also read the first two sections of CHARLOTTE'S ADVENTURES AT HOWARD: "THE ARRANG BOYS" and "THE STREETCAR."

Then walk toward the Peace Monument at Pennsylvania and 1st St. NW. Once there, take a seat near the base of the monument or on the benches to the North or West. Consider the statue as you read "THE CAPITOL." Make your way to the US Botanic Garden (100 Maryland Ave, SW) and take a break here to visit and perhaps take photographs as Charlotte and Julia would.

Walk east on Independence Ave. SW to its intersection with First St. SE and stand near the Cannon House Office Building. Read the rest of Charlotte's story and letter here. Explore the other items in your box. Consider the Library of Congress in front of you and the former site of Alice Cunningham Fletcher's home right behind you.

From here you may choose to visit the American Folklife Center Reading Room for a chance to experience Alice's work first hand. (See instructions below and attached.) Alternatively, you can head back to your mode of transport or take one of our recommendations for local eateries – including cafeterias at the Madison Building or Supreme Court!

VISIT THE AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

A free Reader Registration Card is required but can be obtained on-site when you visit. A reservation is encouraged to avoid a wait time, but walk-ins are welcome. The attached doc from LOC explains how to obtain the reader card and an appointment if you wish.

When you arrive at the American Folklife Center Reading Room, please ask the librarian if Alice has left something for you.

From there you'll be invited in to listen to original recordings from Alice Fletcher, as well as get a close look at the kind of wax cylinder she would have used to record. About 15-20 minutes of recorded material is available as well as some additional info about Fletcher and her work.

The appointment registration form mentions single visitors, but 2-4 guests may join on a single appointment.

When completing the appointment registration form your reason for research is best listed as "Alice Fletcher recordings"

If you wish to visit the General Visitors area of the Library of Congress, a free timed ticket is available and their hours differ slightly from the Folklife Center. Details are on the attached doc.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to share your unique perspective, email us at info@rorschachtheatre.com or tag us on social media

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