



# The **Archivists Round Table** of Metropolitan New York, Inc.

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### News and Announcements

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**[New York Democrats Want to Preserve Records of Bad Behavior at ICE](#)** - Last month, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) asked NARA to reduce the time required to maintain documents related to law enforcement activity, including solitary confinement and deaths in custody. New York Democrats are calling out against these measures. Without proper monitoring of such records, what misconduct by law enforcement could fall through the cracks?

**[Bulk Downloads of Congressional Data Now Available](#)** - In a move improving public access to records related to the activities of our government ProPublica is now providing a massive dataset on every bill passed during the 115th Congress, including

### Upcoming Events and Classes

The big events coming up over the next month will be New York Archives Week. Check out the main feature for details!

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### Social Posts

[August](#)

**8/16 NYPL Archives** ([@NYPL\\_Archives](#)) - "We support Southern Students Peaceful Demonstrations Against Discrimination." Liberal Party of N.Y. State records. <http://archives.nypl.org/mss/1751>

**8/17 SAA** ([@archivists\\_org](#))

each bill's activity, sponsors, and floor votes. This data set will be updated twice a day, and will likely prove valuable to journalists and researchers.

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## Features

### New York Archives Week

It's time once again to get ready for New York Archives Week! October 18-25, institutions across the city will open their doors to the public with tours, demonstrations, and talks, all to show the importance of preserving the past and making it available for future generations.

Here's a look at some of the programs planned by A.R.T. for the occasion:

**Thursday, October 19th** - A.R.T. will host an [all-day symposium on Archives and Local History](#). Panels, discussions, and other programs taking place will focus on archives at the community level, including community records and local historical societies among other topics.

**Saturday, October 21st** - The annual [K-12 Archives Education Institute](#) will be at the National Archives. K-12 instructors can learn how to incorporate primary sources in their instruction, while archivists can learn how to connect their artifacts with Common Core and state requirements.

**Tuesday, October 24th** - At the Annual Awards Ceremony, the roundtable will honor colleagues for their contribution to A.R.T. and the archival profession throughout the year.

Along with these, the A.R.T. events calendar lists

- [PEN America launches its digital archive](#), featuring material from James Baldwin, Susan Sontag, Pablo Neruda & others

**8/18 SAA (@archivists\_org)** - The radio program [@STLonAir](#) discusses digital obsolescence & how librarians & archivists are tackling the problem

**8/21 US National Archives (@USNatArchives)** - [#Eclipse2017](#) is a historic event and we've got related historic documents: <http://bit.ly/2wdvprj>

**8/21 SAA (@archivists\_org)** - Check out this free best practices guide for managing digitization projects from [@StateArchivists](#) <http://ow.ly/x4xO30esOa8>

**8/22 SAA (@archivists\_org)** - [#SAAwords](#): version control: systematic tracking of modifications to docs, especially as a feature of auto doc mgmt <http://ow.ly/fpUu30eAMIV>

**8/24 SAA (@archivists\_org)** - An Open Letter to SAA Members Regarding the Location of the 2019 Annual Meeting <http://ow.ly/U4QA30eEOjr>

### September

**9/01 US National Archives (@USNatArchives)** - Before "Enter the Dragon," martial arts master Bruce Lee was an adorable baby! <http://bit.ly/2waY6Cm> [#ArchivesCute](#)

**9/02 SAA (@archivists\_org)** - [@nytimes](#) examines the life of Leo Hershkowitz, who unearthed New York City's history by scavenging archives

**9/04 US National Archives (@USNatArchives)** - A look back at [#LaborDay](#) through our historical records: <http://bit.ly/2wXtgR1>

**9/04 SAA (@archivists\_org)** - The posters and slides from

various tours and events going on at other archives around the city. Still want to be included on the calendar? **The deadline's been extended until this Friday, September 22nd.** Use A.R.T.'s [linked form](#) to submit information about your institution and what you have planned for the week.

Sign up, and get ready for a busy October!

presentations at the [#saa17](#) Research Forum are available for viewing. Take a look here: <http://ow.ly/PEEf30eLkBu>

**9/06** SAA ([@archivists\\_org](#)) - ProPublica now has an easier way to download info on bills introduced to Congress during each session.

**9/12** US National Archives ([@USNatArchives](#)) - Read the Founders' own words about creating the [#Constitution](#): <https://founders.archives.gov/#ConstitutionDay>

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