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**Celebrate National Library Week April 12-18 by Exploring the  
Mountain West Digital Library Online**

*Site provides free access to historical documents, photos, audio, video, art, and more*

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – April 12-18 is National Library Week, and one way to celebrate is to dig up some history in the Mountain West Digital Library (MWDL). This free online database offers centralized access to digital collections in and about the Mountain West and includes historical documents, photos, songs, video, art, letters, oral histories and more.

“The MWDL is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in the history of our region,” said Sandra McIntyre, Director of the Mountain West Digital Library. “We’ve partnered with educational institutions, public libraries, museums, government entities, and historical societies to create an extensive database of historical materials from the Mountain West.”

MWDL brings history to life through collections such as the Topaz Museum’s internment camp photos and records, the Utah State Archives’ papers from Governor Leavitt during his administration, and the photos and diaries of the many peoples of the American West. The library currently contains more than 227,000 items from 264 digital collections, contributed by 48 partners across Utah, Nevada and Idaho.

The project is funded through the Utah Academic Library Consortium, the Library Services and Technology Act grants administered by the Utah State Library, and by individual partners of the MWDL.

National Library Week, first sponsored in 1958, is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide - and the perfect time to explore the growing online library dedicated to the digitization of the region’s history. Visit the Mountain West Digital Library at [www.mwdl.org](http://www.mwdl.org).

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