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"The Natural," "To Kill a Mockingbird" featured

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Book talk April 3

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Asekoff & Black to read April 5

Mapping Washington D.C.
Conference May 18

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Preserving & presenting traditional culture

Center for the Book
Promoting books, reading & literacy

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Determining statutory royalty rates & distributing royalties

Digital Preservation
A national partnership to preserve new media

Kluge Center
Enriching the bond between scholars & leaders

Law Library
U.S. & foreign legal collection materials

Poetry & Literature
Home of America's Poet Laureate

Preservation & Conservation
Caring for collections

Teaching with Primary Sources
Resources for instructors

World Digital Library
Global partnership of cultural treasures

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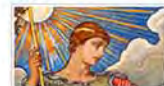**⑧** Explore & Discover

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Travel back in time via the Library's rich collections

Places in the News
Headline locations from the Library's map collections

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Compelling stories and fascinating facts from diverse voices in the Library

MyLOC
Personalize your own virtual collections from the Library experience

Read.gov
Celebrating the joy & wonder of reading for all ages

National Book Festival
Webcasts, podcasts & more from this year's two-day event

Services **⑪**

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The Library of Congress homepage is organized logically into three columns, corresponding loosely with "Who We Are," "What We Have," and "What We Do." The following is an overview of the type of information that can be found in each column.

① Section 1 is the Library of Congress Website header. It contains links to the Ask a Librarian, Digital Collections, and Library Catalogs pages.

Column #1
Who We Are

② Section 2, "About the Library," contains an image slider of featured topics. Users can click the links to access the featured item.

③ Section 3, "Visit the Library," features information about planning a visit to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

④ Section 4 highlights current exhibitions featured at the Library of Congress, as well as a link to interactive digital versions of past exhibitions.

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Column #2
What We Have

⑤ Section 5 is the global search feature. Users can search the entire Library of Congress website, refining their search by format, subject, contributor, and date.

⑥ Section 6, "Collection Highlights," contains a selection of some of the most popular Library of Congress collections, including a section especially for Teachers.

⑦ Section 7, "Featured Webcasts," highlights videos from a variety of topics and personalities. Click on More Webcasts to access the archive.

⑧ Section 8, "Explore & Discover," features frequently updated informational and educational content. Click on Blogs for a variety of unique topical perspectives.

Column #3
What We Do

⑨ Section 9 contains prominent links to beta.congress.gov (legislative information) and the U.S. Copyright Office, which is part of the Library of Congress.

⑩ Section 10 has links to major Library resources and programs, and collaborative initiatives, including the Teaching with Primary Sources program and World Digital Library.

⑪ Section 11, the "Services" area, contains a list of services the Library provides to the public, including the Ask a Librarian section, which allows for direct communication with knowledgable Library of Congress personnel.

⑫ Section 12, "Connect with the Library," has links to the Library's social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.), links to subscribe to RSS or email lists, and other useful information.