

Library of Congress

GATEWAY TO KNOWLEDGE

Traveling Exhibition



Is Rolling into
Pensacola, FL

At

Seville Square

In the parking lot adjacent to

Bayfront Parkway

Between

Adams St. and S. Alcaniz St.



July 3 & 4, 2011

Hosted by

West Florida public library
"Information is the currency of democracy."
◇ Thomas Jefferson



Hours 11 AM – 7 PM

Founded in 1800, the Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution. The Library seeks to spark imagination and creativity and to further human understanding and wisdom by providing access to knowledge through its magnificent collections, programs and exhibitions.



The exhibition outlines the history of the Library, Thomas Jefferson's role in re-establishing the Library after the burning of the U.S. Capitol in 1814, and his classification system of Memory, Reason, and Imagination. These three categories define the organization of the content inside the exhibition.

The exhibition features **facsimiles** of selected Library treasures such as the 1507 Waldseemüller Map (the first document to use the word "America"); the 1455 Gutenberg Bible; the rough draft of the Declaration of Independence, in Thomas Jefferson's hand with editing by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams; the 1962 drawings for the comic book that introduced Spider-Man to the world; the handwritten manuscript to jazz pioneer Jelly Roll Morton's "Frog-i-More Rag"; and Walt Whitman's poem "Leaves of Grass."



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