

Co-Lab



Your collaboration portal

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THE TOOL

Library and Archives Canada launches Co-Lab, a brand new tool to transcribe, translate, add keyword tags, image tags and describe digitized images in Library and Archives Canada's collection.

Imagine transcribing handwritten letters like the one that Louis Riel wrote the day before his death to his wife and children, asking her "to make them pray for me," or tagging the names of soldiers in photographs from the First World War. You can help to unveil a great part of our history by using Co-Lab.

TWO-WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

LAC put together Challenges that brings together all the records under a same theme. For example, all of Rosemary Gilliat (Eaton)'s arctic Diary and photographs that LAC preserves can be worked on. Those interested in helping to make these records more accessible can browse and select from among a large variety of written documents and pictures.

But Canadians are also invited, when searching for the materials that matter most to them in LAC's Collection Search^{BETA}, to work on any digitized image found. Making them opens for any type of contributions.

FUNCTIONALITIES

Contributors can create a user account and log in; they will also be able to look back on their contribution history at any time.

A fellow contributor made an error when transcribing a page of the letters from Wilfrid Laurier to his future wife Zoé. Canadians can edit the previous contributions and enhance them with more keywords tags.

Every addition to a record becomes more searchable, or discoverable, in both our new Collection Search^{BETA} and other web search engines within 24 hours, improving access for all.

Give a hand to history, try Co-Lab today!

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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