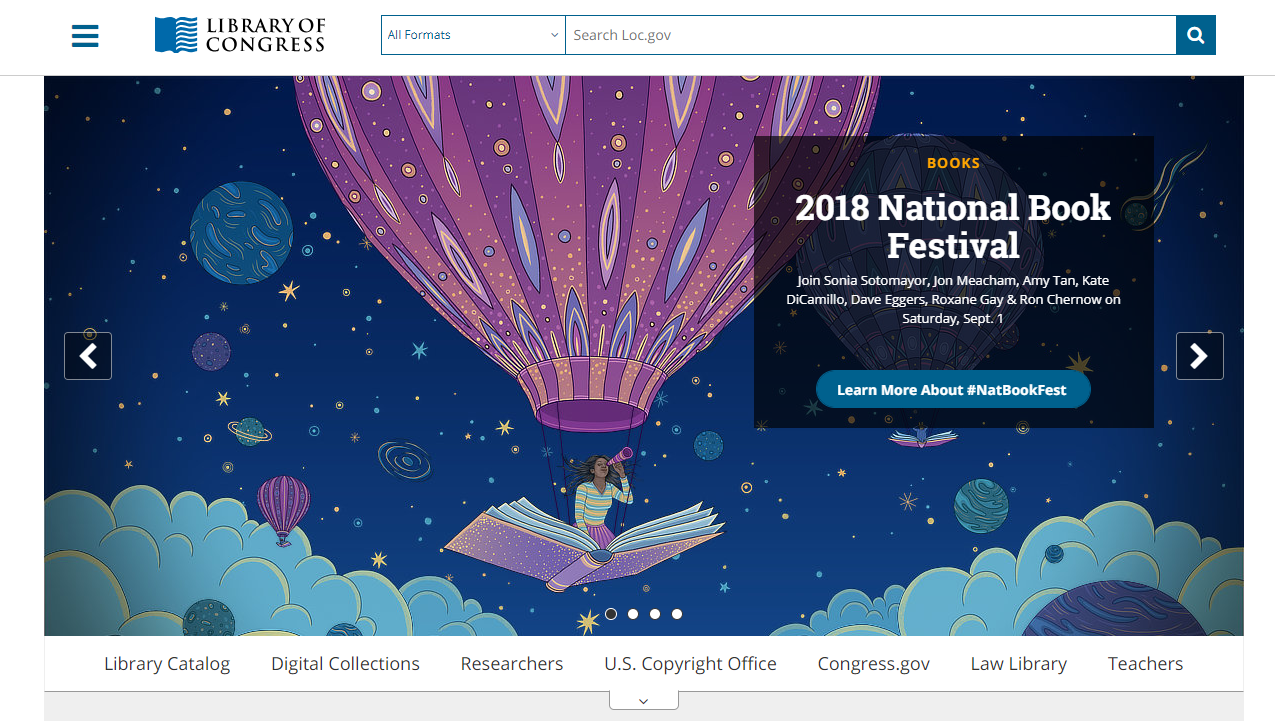
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**How to Navigate the LOC.GOV Website**

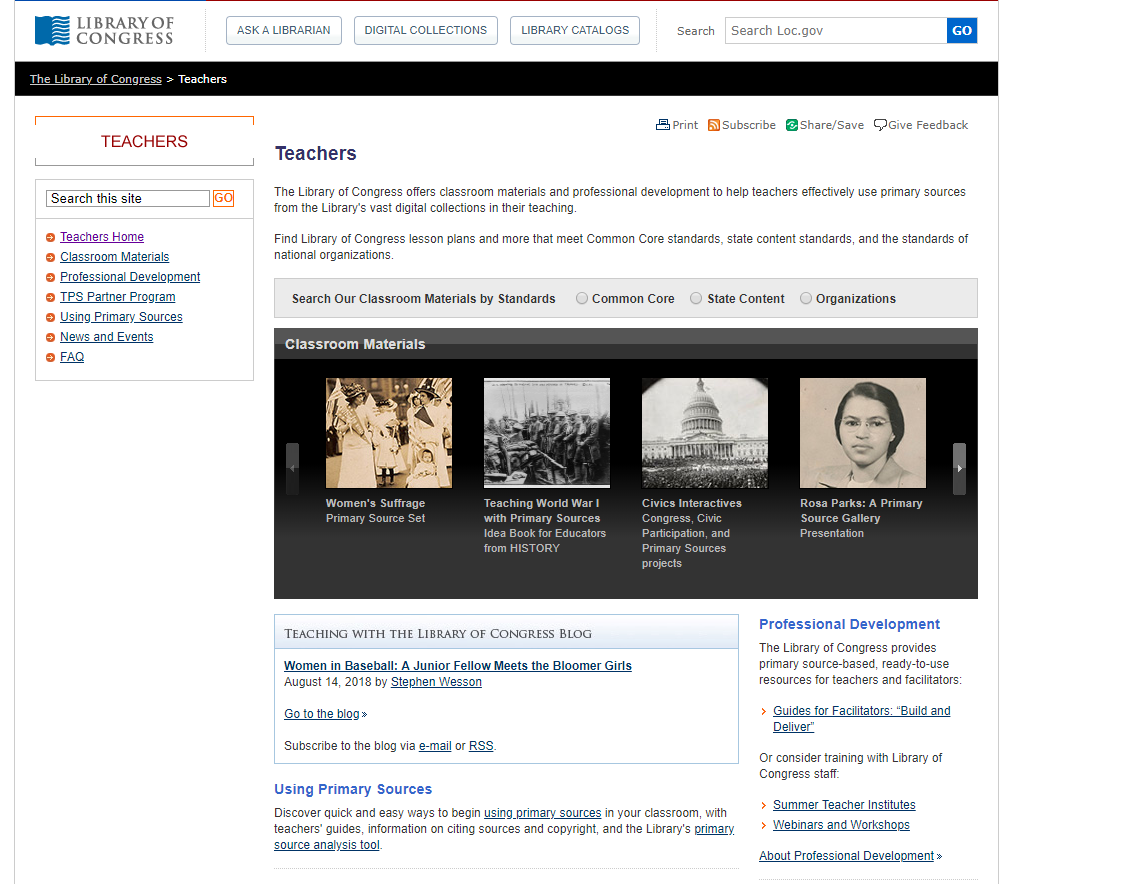
WARNING: This is a difficult site to navigate! Here are a few key helps to make it easier to find Primary Sources for your Library Class use.

Go to **LOC.GOV**

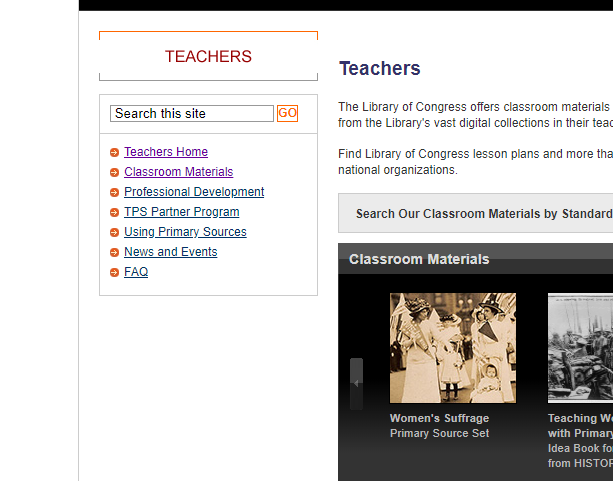
Click on **TEACHERS** *(JUMPING OFF POINT!!)* This will take you to the Teachers Page on the Library of Congress website.



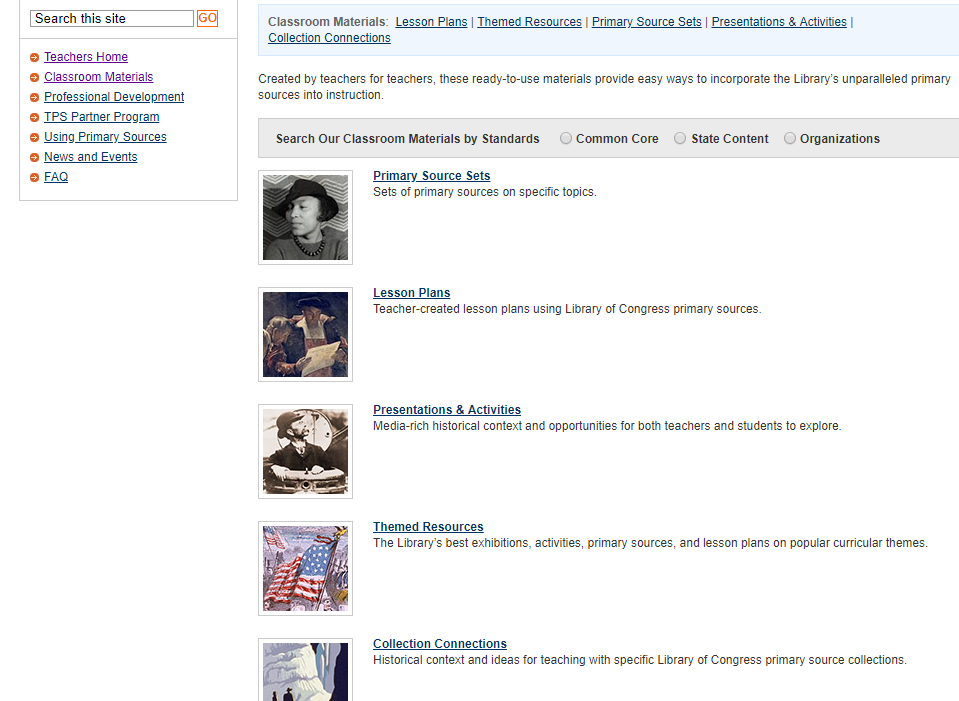
Once on the Teachers Page, you have several options on the LEFT SIDE BAR.



On the **LEFT SIDEBAR** of the Teachers Page, look for **CLASSROOM MATERIALS**. This option drills down to the MOST beneficial uses for the LOC.GOV website.



On the **CLASSROOM MATERIALS** page, you have the folloing options::

*Primary Source Sets*: This lists a variety of topics.

Some primary source sets have free ebooks

attached.

*Lesson Plans*: Teacher created lesson plans with

grade level options. Plans can be searched

by “ERA” or “ALPHABETICALLY.

*Presentations and Activities*: The presentations

and activities are arranged chronologically.

Many of the presentations take you to

another site on the LOC.GOV website.

The activities can be interactive with a

Resource guide to assist the teacher.

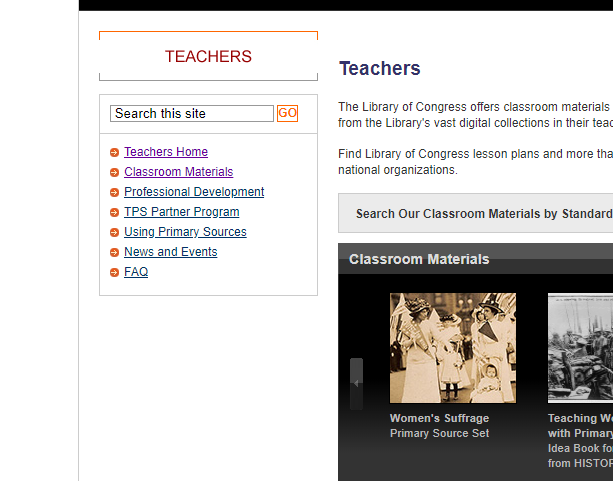
*Themed Resources*: Search primary sources by

theme (e.g. baseball, elections, holidays)

*Collection Connection*: Historical context and ideas

for teaching with specific Library of Congress primary source collections.

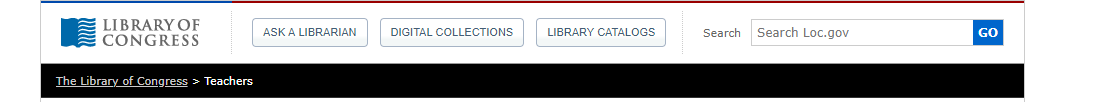
Again on the **LEFT SIDEBAR,** find **USING PRIMARY SOURCES** page. This page states the rationale for using primary sources, citing and copyright of primary sources helps are provided. This link also includes a Teacher’s Guide and the Analysis Tool.



**BENEFICIAL INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN TEACHING PRIMARY SOURCES**

At the TOP of the **TEACHERS PAGE** is a VERY IMPORTANT TAB: **ASK A LIBRARIAN**

Ask a Librarian is a form that you can fill out to receive assistance for use of the site or a primary source. It may take 24 hours for a reply.

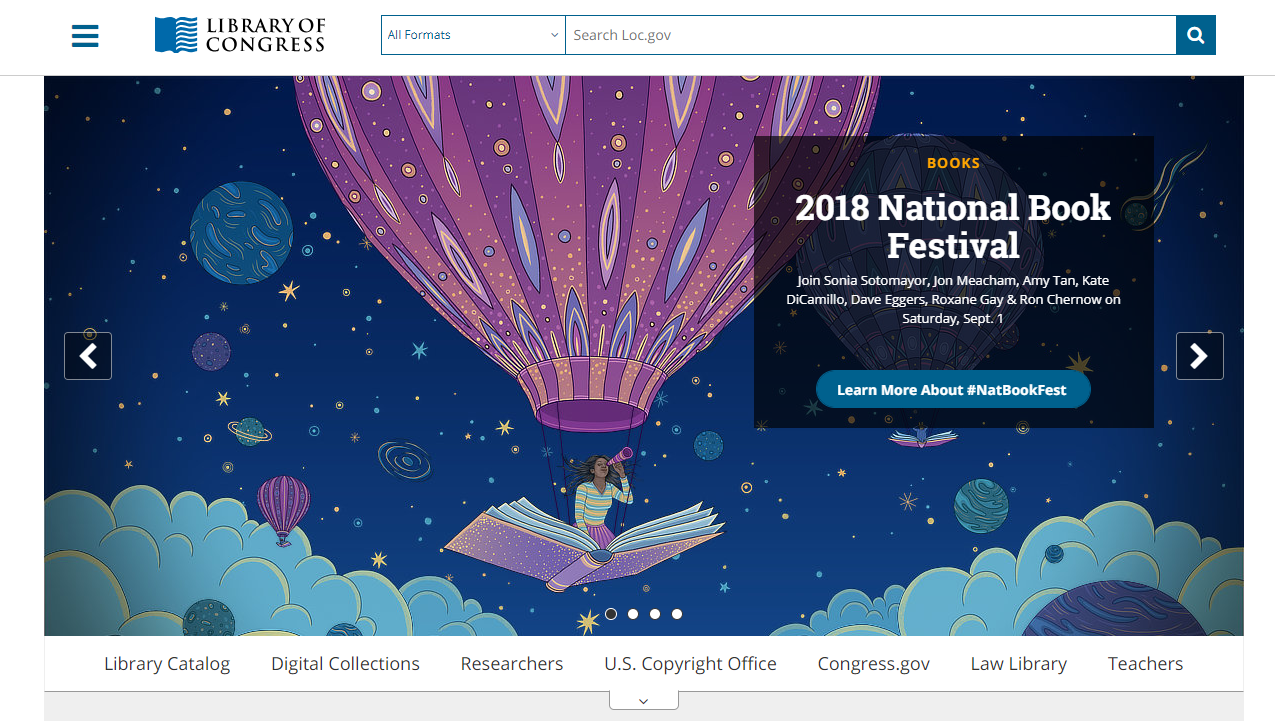


**LEFT SIDEBAR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

You can access PD Activities and Videos, Webinars and Workshops. The Webinar includes 2015 and 2016 Online Conferences. There is a variety of sessions discussing resources and teaching strategies.

You can also apply for the Summer Teacher Institute on this page.

Another helpful location is **DIGITAL COLLECTIONS** found on the **home page of loc.gov**



**DIGITAL COLLECTIONS** is a location that has a variety of resources available. You can search by subject, part of (a collection) or original format. Some of the original formats include: maps, video recordings, sound recordings, etc.

**CHRONICALING AMERICA: HISTORIC AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS**

Chronicling America provides access to historic newspapers and selected digitized newspaper pages. “The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (LC), is a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages.”

