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- 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 knowledgeable Library of Congress personnel.



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- 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.