

# MAGNOLIA

## Celebrate 250 Years of America with MAGNOLIA

This summer, the United States of America is turning 250 years old! This is the perfect time to dive into America’s history and explore the stories, legends, and landmark moments of our past.

As you do, use MAGNOLIA to find the pieces of America’s history that speak to you. Researchers of all ages can discover these stories through databases such as Britannica School, Explora, and Humanities International Complete.

Britannica School offers interactive educational tools as an accessible way for parents and young learners to explore our shared past, while databases like Explora and Humanities International Complete allow researchers to delve into the nuanced and exciting stories of American history.



Welcome to MAGNOLIA

Click the welcome video below to find out more about MAGNOLIA.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

### MAGNOLIA Available for Patron Programming

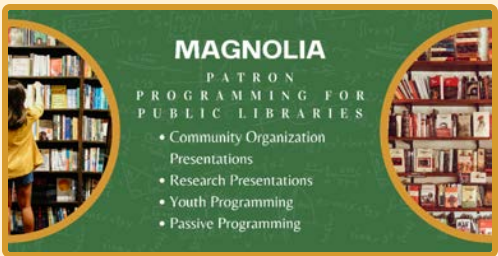
The MAGNOLIA Outreach Coordinator is available for patron programming at all Mississippi public libraries. From community

### MAGNOLIA on the Road

In June, MAGNOLIA joined Talking Book Services and MLC’s America250 display at the Southern Regional Educational Services

organization presentations and special research trainings to youth programming and activity-based passive programs, MAGNOLIA offers a broad selection of library opportunities. These programs will help your patrons become more aware of the digital resources available to them, make better use of MAGNOLIA databases, and feel more connected to their libraries.

These opportunities do not require planning or preparation from library staff, and all program materials are prepared through MAGNOLIA. For more information and to schedule a patron program at your library, reach out to [magnolia@mlc.lib.ms.us](mailto:magnolia@mlc.lib.ms.us).



Agency's (SRESA) 2026 Making Connections conference.

MAGNOLIA connected with educators, school library and media specialists, and school administrators from across the state. This was a great opportunity to discuss how MAGNOLIA can be used in the classroom and the ways it can help strengthen digital literacy across subjects and grade levels. Direct resource examples and database handouts were provided to educators and administrators attending the conference, as well as information on how to integrate MAGNOLIA into their classrooms.

Are you planning an education or library-related conference? Consider having MAGNOLIA in attendance to help attendees make the most out of the digital resources provided to every Mississippian for free through MAGNOLIA.

Contact MAGNOLIA at: [magnolia@mlc.lib.ms.us](mailto:magnolia@mlc.lib.ms.us) to request our services for your next event.



## MAGNOLIA MINUTES

### TESTIMONIAL 1

“MAGNOLIA is a vital tool that allows us to bridge the gap between simple web searching and true academic research.”

—Lacey Hedgepeth, Secondary Library Coordinator, Rankin County Public School District.

### TESTIMONIAL 2

“The MAGNOLIA database is a useful tool when working on grant applications, which is a common task as a library director. When I start a grant project, I first compose a project concept paper, which consists of specific questions that I need to answer to address the project... I use the MAGNOLIA database to research articles and resources that help answer these questions, compose the concept paper, and then develop a project for the grant applications.”

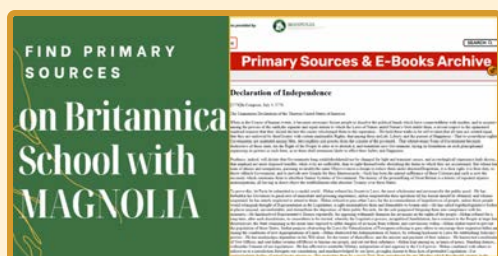
—Mary Ann Griffith, Director, Sunflower County Library System.

## MAGNOLIA FEATURES

## Primary Sources Available on Britannica School

Britannica School, for both elementary and middle school students, offers access to hundreds of primary sources. These resources are perfect for classroom activities and public library programs. They include historic documents, classic poetry, and scientific texts, all provided in full to allow easy access for students, educators, and librarians.

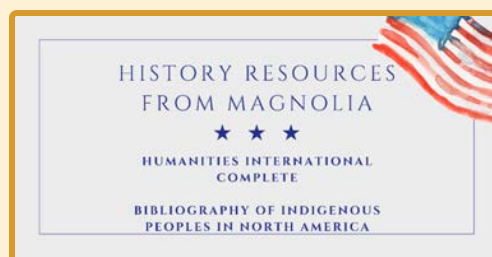
This summer, as America celebrates its 250th birthday, remember that these primary sources offer access to our nation's founding documents. From the Declaration of Independence and Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* to the Articles of Confederation and the United States Constitution, America's founding documents are available in full on MAGNOLIA, free through every public school and public library in the state.



## American History Resources on MAGNOLIA

As we dive into America's past during the America 250 celebrations, remember that MAGNOLIA provides every Mississippian with access to full-text history databases through their local public library. Both Humanities International Complete and Bibliography of Indigenous Peoples in North America offer access to academic journals and professional publications focused on a broad array of American history topics.

Use these resources to find the background information you need for personal research projects, community presentations, and public displays this summer. Explore America's history and celebrate 250 years with MAGNOLIA.



## MAGNOLIA FEATURES

### See Local History on the Mississippi Digital Library

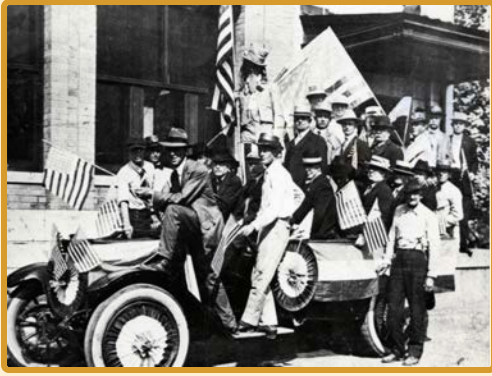
America 250 celebrations aren't just about America's founding; they're also about looking to our local stories to find the pieces of Mississippi's history that make the state a part of the national moment. One of the best ways to do this is through historic photographs that capture our history as it really was.

MAGNOLIA offers quick access to the Mississippi Digital Library, where any researcher can find historic photographs and documents from their communities to connect with their past. Use this resource to find the pieces of your local history that speak to you as the entire nation celebrates 250 years of America.

### CONTENT SHOWCASE

The MAGNOLIA Library Resources YouTube channel features training videos designed to help users get the most out of many MAGNOLIA databases.

Check out this recent video on the Bibliography of Indigenous Peoples in North America and learn to make the most out of the resource. This database is a reliable way to explore Indigenous histories and cultures in North America, including stories and histories that long predate the founding of the United States.



## ATTENTION EDUCATORS AND LIBRARIANS

### FREE CEUS

The Mississippi Library Commission is offering free monthly CEU sessions on the fourth Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, with schedule variations for holidays. Licensed educators and library media specialists are encouraged to attend the virtual sessions and learn how to make the most out of MAGNOLIA. Topics will cover a variety of subjects and grade levels.

After attending five sessions, participants will receive 0.5 CEUs and their official certificate from the Mississippi Library Commission.

[Sign up here for free MAGNOLIA CEUS.](#)



### Upcoming Sessions:

**July 23rd | The Explora Scavenger Hunt**

**August 27th | Welcome to MAGNOLIA, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM**

### MAGNOLIA ON-SITE TRAININGS

Are you a school administrator, library media specialist, licensed educator, or public library director? Could your staff benefit from a firsthand training session with MAGNOLIA?

Trained staff can provide short, topic specific opportunities or full length, in-depth trainings--in-person or virtual--for your next program.

**MAGNOLIA Library Resources is a collection of free research databases offered to all Mississippians through their local Public Libraries, Public School Libraries, and Academic Libraries. Managed and offered by the Mississippi Library Commission with support from the Mississippi State Legislature, MAGNOLIA seeks to provide increased library information access to all Mississippians.**

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