

Exploring our Collections: The Many Colors of the UNT Digital Library

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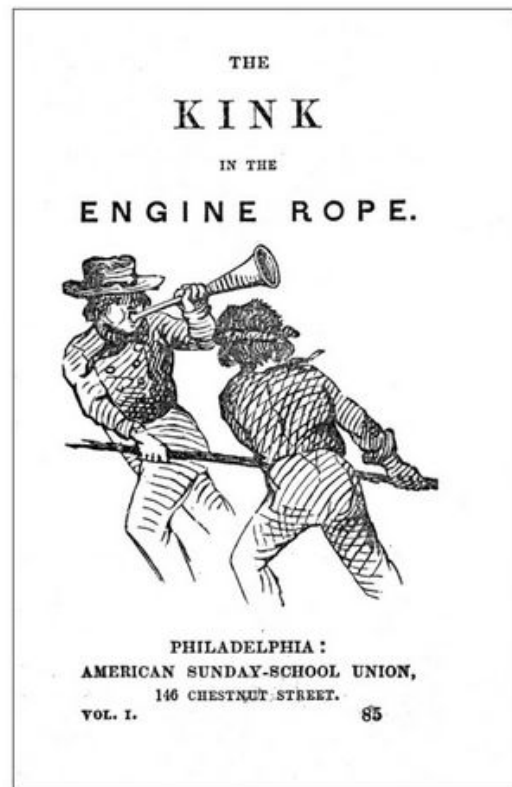
Bot sharing items from the University of North Texas Digital Library collections.

 Joined February 2018



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#ColorOurCollections with the Weaver Collection of Juvenile Materials from @UNTSpecColl



Goals for the project:

- Way to promote items without investing a lot of time, i.e. easily automated
- Way to integrate smaller or experimental promotional pushes with other UNT accounts as applicable such as @UNTSpecColl, @UNTSoc and individual academic departments



Creating the Twitterbot

The primary guide for putting this together came from Scott Carlson's (Rice University) blog post:

<http://www.scottcarlson.info/you-should-make-a-twitter-bot/>

Instructions for deploying it through Heroku came from Brian Caffey's blog:

<https://briancaffey.github.io/2016/04/05/twitter-bot-tutorial.html>



Putting It Together

Materials needed:

- Twitter account
- Heroku account (to continue running the script)
- List of items, including URLs and metadata
- Any descriptive text for the tweet itself, including hashtags



#ColorOurCollections

“A week-long coloring fest on social media organized by libraries, archives, and other cultural institutions around the world.”

[-http://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/about/](http://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/about/)

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#ColorOurCollections

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ColorOurCollections.org | [@nyamhistory](https://twitter.com/nyamhistory)

Explore, color, and connect with libraries and their collections



Making the Coloring Pages - Attempt 1

These are instructions for creating coloring sheets for the #ColorOurCollections campaign, using the templates provided below. First, select a public domain illustration from your collection; the best images to use are simple, without much shading, and black on a light background (the paper is likely not a true white). You must then create a true black and white version of your image before entering it into the template.

PREPARING YOUR BLACK AND WHITE IMAGE:

Suggested image sizes for use with the PPT templates:

Vertical: approx 8" x 8"

Horizontal: approx 10.25" x 5.75"

In Photoshop:

1. Open the collection image in Photoshop.
2. Crop image if needed.
3. In the Image menu, select Mode > Grayscale. This will convert your image to grayscale.
4. In the Image menu, select Threshold. Move the carrot to adjust the black and white areas.
5. In the Image menu, select Image size and adjust your image to the recommendations above, at 300dpi

- Used instructions given by #ColorOurCollections
- Texas Fashion Collection



Making the Coloring Pages - Result 1



Making the Coloring Pages - Attempt 2

HOW TO MAKE A COLORING BOOK

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- Googled it
- <http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-a-Coloring-Book/>

Making the Coloring Pages - Result 2



Making the Coloring Pages - Attempt 3



- Graphic Design student



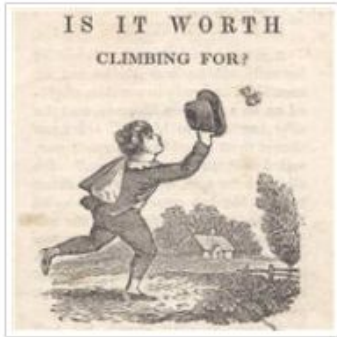
Making the Coloring Pages - Result 3



Making the Coloring Pages - Final Product

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Weaver Collection of Children's Books



This collection contains a small selection of juvenile literature from the much larger physical collection housed in the UNT Libraries' Rare Book Room. Included are toys from the collection as well as books with religious and moralistic themes.

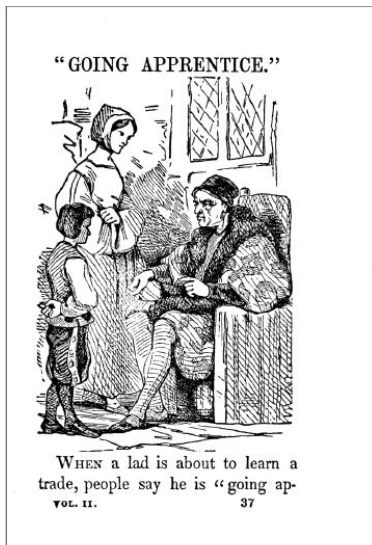
New collection: Weaver Collection of Children's Books from the UNT Libraries Special Collections

Final Product

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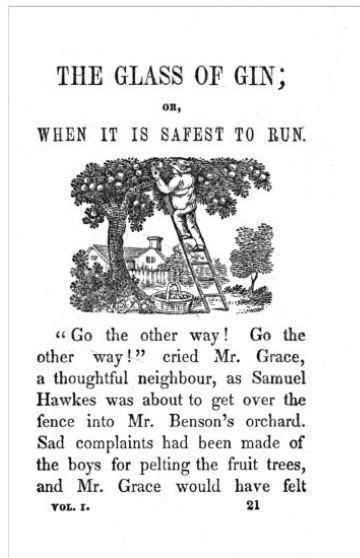
Going apprentice., book, 1827 - 1853; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. American Sunday-School Union (digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc21089/), University of North Texas Libraries Rare Book and Texana Collections – Weaver Collection of Children's Books.

For more coloring pages, visit ColorOurCollections.org

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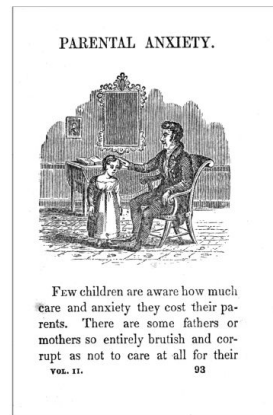
The glass of gin; or, when it is safest to run., book, 1827 - 1853; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. American Sunday-School Union (digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc21089/), University of North Texas Libraries Rare Book and Texana Collections – Weaver Collection of Children's Books.

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Parental anxiety., book, 1827 - 1853; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. American Sunday-School Union (digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc21089/), University of North Texas Libraries Rare Book and Texana Collections – Weaver Collection of Children's Books.

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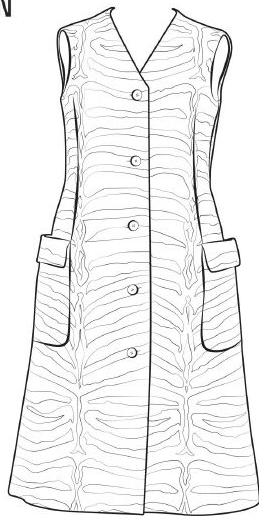
Happy Extra Results



TFC Promotional Materials



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Givenchy, Hubert de, 1927-. Coat, physical object, 1970/1978;
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De la Renta, Oscar. Evening Gown, physical object, 1992;
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TFC Promo Materials in Action



Suggestions for Making Your Own Coloring Pages

- Pick the right images. Etchings and drawings work best.
- Photographs may not work, but some can if you're willing to put in the effort.
- Tracing is very time consuming.

For more information on #ColorOurCollections:

[*http://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/*](http://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/)



Twitterbot in Action



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BETSEY was a very pretty child, and her fond mother was not a little proud of her. When she became able to walk alone, she was very much admired wherever she went. Some people, who did not think of the effect of what they said, would often make such remarks as these

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What's next?

- Coloring Book for TFC
- ColoringOurCollections Entry for 2019



What's next?

- Modifying the script to pull items from the RSS feed to promote newly added items
- Putting together list of other institutional department twitter accounts to include when their items are promoted.





Thanks!

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