

Library Encounters

Level 1

AN INTERACTIVE & VIRTUAL TOUR

Huntington Education



THE HUNTINGTON
Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens

Welcome to the Library Encounters Level 1 virtual tour!

Each slide features an object with questions, activities, and links to additional information.

Henry and Arabella Huntington loved to collect art, books, and plants.
What do you like to collect? Rocks? Pokémon cards? Legos?

In this interactive journey you'll dive further into the Library collections.

Let's go exploring!



Library Vocabulary

Click on a vocabulary word to start your tour. Each word relates to something at The Huntington.

Color
Lithograph

Family
Album

Greeting
Card

Painting
Book

Paper

Puzzle

Once you have explored all six cards, click here!

Painting Book

A type of coloring book

- Do you like to color? Do you ever use coloring books? If so, do your coloring books have a theme, such as TV show characters, space, or animals?
- Pictured at right is an example of a coloring book from around 1910. Instead of using crayons to color inside the lines, paint would have been used. The theme of this book is butterflies.
- The pages in this book are perforated, which means it was easy to tear them out to hang on the wall or save. Do you save your coloring pages? If so, do you display them or keep them in a safe place?
- If you were going to paint one of the butterflies, what colors would you use? Why those colors?

Activity

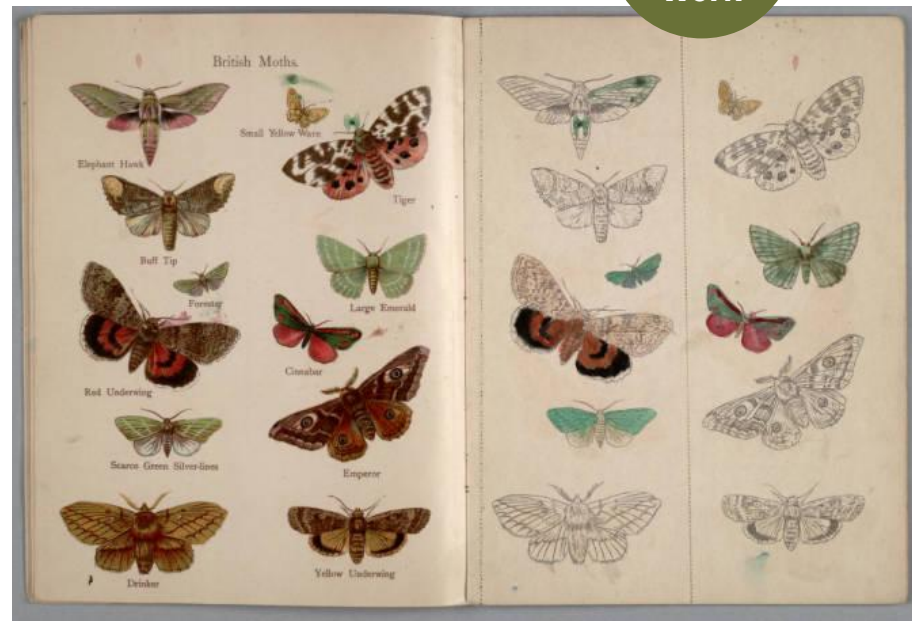
There are Huntington coloring pages on the website. You can download and print one you like and color it with paint, crayons, colored pencils, or markers. You can also print out this image and color in the butterflies.

Click on these links to explore more

[Zoom in for a closer look at this painting book](#)

[See other painting books in the collection](#)

Pick
Another
Work



Father Tuck's Butterfly Painting Book, circa 1910. Diana Korzenik Collection of Art Education Ephemera, The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.

Greeting Card

A folded and decorated piece of paper that often features a message of friendship or other feeling

- Have you ever sent someone a card for their birthday or a holiday? Have you ever made your own greeting card?
- The Huntington has thousands of vintage cards in its collections. Shown here is one of the cards that was collected and saved. Do you save your cards?
- Do you exchange Valentine's Day cards with your friends? This card is a friendship Valentine.
- Does this card look similar to Valentine's Day cards you see today? Or does it look different? How?

Activity

Design your own card! Pick a holiday or event to feature. Using whatever art materials you have, make a card that celebrates that occasion. If you want, you can give or send your card to someone.

Click on this link to explore more

[See more cards in the collection](#)

Pick
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Biedermeier friendship card, 1847. Nancy and Henry Rosin Collection of Valentine, Friendship, and Devotional Ephemera. The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.

Color Lithograph

An artwork printed in ink on paper using a smooth stone or a metal plate

- E.L. Trouvelot was a 19th-century astronomer—a scientist who explores the night sky. Trouvelot loved studying stars and space.
- Do you like science? Do you also like art? Trouvelot loved both, and he combined his love of art and space to create illustrations. He created works that showed comets, eclipses, the Milky Way Galaxy, and planets such as Mars and Jupiter. The image at right shows a meteor shower. Have you ever seen a meteor shower?
- This is a color lithograph, which is a complicated type of printmaking. The process involves the artist drawing on a stone with a greasy material like a pencil or crayon then adding solutions and ink. You can watch a short video on the process [here](#).

Activity

Look up at the night sky, or log on to [Google Earth](#) to see planets and moons. Draw what you see, just like Trouvelot did.

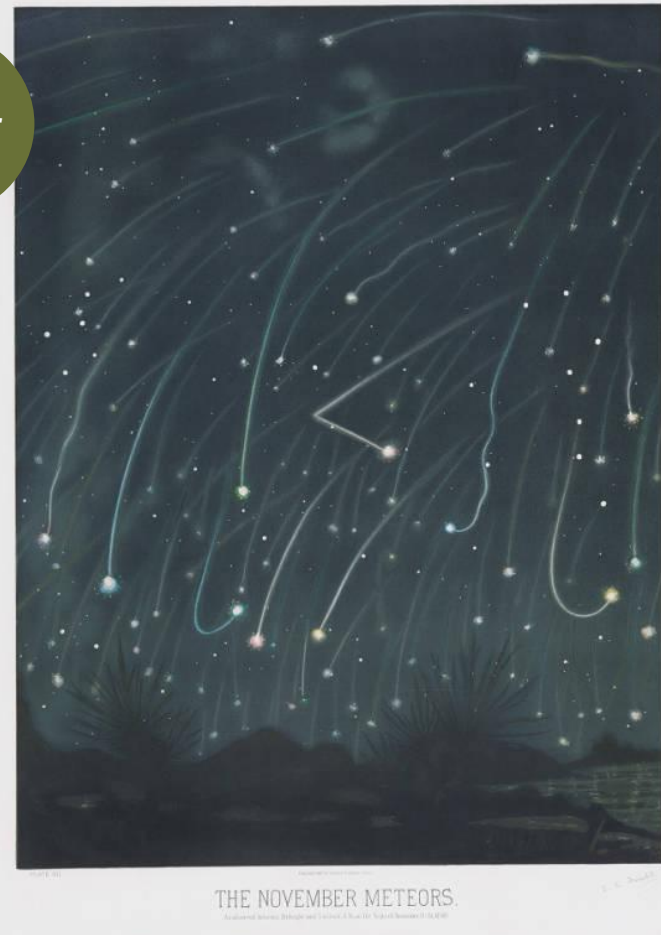
Click on these links to explore more

[Zoom in to this print](#)

[See other prints by Trouvelot](#)

[Watch a short video about Trouvelot's lithographs](#)

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The November meteors by E.L. Trouvelot, 1881. Color lithograph. Jay T. Last Collection. The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.

Puzzle

An activity that tests your skill and knowledge to solve, like fitting pieces together to form a picture or finding a word in a jumble of letters

- What types of puzzles do you like to do? Picture puzzles? Word puzzles? Number puzzles? Are there puzzles you have completed that you have saved?
- There are old games and puzzles in The Huntington's collections, like this Criss Cross Spelling Slips puzzle from the 19th century.
- This is a puzzle where each strip contains a letter and part of an image. The strips can be stacked or arranged to form a word and image.
- Exploring games and puzzles from the past can teach us about the culture and time period during which they were created. Who do you think would have enjoyed this puzzle? Why do you think that?

Activity

Can you solve the puzzle? [Click here](#) to download and print a version of *Criss Cross Spelling Slips*. You can play it by yourself, with a friend, or a family member. Is this fun to play? Is it hard or challenging? Does it remind you of a game or puzzle you like to play?

[Click on these links to explore more](#)

[Watch a short video of the game](#)
[LOOK >> Spelling Slips](#)

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Criss Cross Spelling Slips, Set Two, ca. 1885. Jay T. Last Collection, The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.

Family Album

A collection of photographs of a family put together in a book

- Do you have family photos? If so, are they displayed or stored—or both? Are the photos on a phone or computer, or are they printed?
- There are many family albums in the Library collections at The Huntington. Shown here is a page from an album created by the Chang family. The photos in the album document their life with friends and family over the years.
- When you look at these photos, what do you see? Why do you think these images were put on the same page?
- When put together in a book, the photos tell a story about the Chang family, who they were, and what they enjoyed doing.

Activity

Make your own family album! Think about a time with your family that you want to remember or document. You can either use family photos (ask permission first!) or draw from a photo or from memory.

Click on this link to explore more

[See the rest of the photo album](#)

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A page from one of several photo albums kept by the Chang family between 1918 and the 1950s. Chang Family Papers. The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.

Paper

A thin sheet made from trees, grasses, or rags and used for writing, drawing, or crafts

- Shown here is a set of antique paper flowers designed to be cut out and arranged on the paper vases.
- What's fun about this is there is no wrong or right way to arrange the flowers! You can make one arrangement one day and a different one the next day.
- What flower would you add to the pink rose in the vase? Why did you pick that flower?

Activity

Make your own paper flower arrangement! First, draw a vase for your flowers on a piece of paper. Then, draw some flowers or cut some out from magazines. Once you have your collection of flowers, arrange them on your vase. You can keep repositioning your flowers to create different arrangements.

Click on this link to explore more

[Zoom in to the paper flowers](#)

Pick
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Myrianthea, or Numberless Groups of Changeable Flowers, Superior Edition, 1823. Diana Korzenik Collection of Art Education Ephemera. The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.



Now that you have explored six different Library topics,
do you have a favorite? Which one? Why do you like that
one best?

Was there an object you really didn't like? Which one?
Why don't you like it?

What is one thing you learned about the Library
collection today?

Thank you for coming on this journey with us!
We would love to see the art and writing you made!
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