



LOVE DATA WEEK

Douglass Day Transcribe-a-thon: Help Transcribe the Letters of Frederick Douglass

Wednesday, February 14 • 12:00 — 3:00 p.m.
Main Library, DSL Flex Space, 2-West

*Registration is encouraged but not required:
<https://bookings.lib.msu.edu/event/11753835>

Participate in a birthday celebration (with cake!) for Frederick Douglass and transcribe-a-thon that brings together thousands of participants at more than one hundred simultaneous events around the world. Students, teachers, and community members will help to transcribe an unprecedented collection of digitized papers left by Frederick Douglass. These papers have been digitized and made available through collaborations with the Library of Congress and the ByThePeople platform.



DOUGLASS DAY 2024

“Without a struggle,
there can be no
progress.”

— Frederick Douglass

The transcribe-a-thon will be streamed live on YouTube in the DSL Flexspace and Classroom. The transcribing will be done on [Crowd.loc.gov](https://www.crowdloc.org), a citizen science platform led by the Library of Congress. Douglass Day invites people from all backgrounds to join in this effort to make Douglass's correspondence more widely accessible and searchable.

* Registration is encouraged but not required, especially if you are an instructor planning integrate this event into your class. Signing up for the event will allow us to communicate with you prior to the transcribe-a-thon.

This event is being co-sponsored by DH@MSU and the Libraries for “Douglass Day” and “Love Data Week.”

Visualizing Data in Flourish

Wednesday, February 14 • 4:00 — 5:30 p.m.
Main Library, DSL Classroom/Lab, 2-West

Learn how to use the free data visualization application Flourish to explore data and make maps.

Presented by Amanda Tickner, GIS Librarian and Jonatha Barber, Data Librarian.

Ask a Business Librarian About Data

Thursday, February 15

10:00 — 11:30 a.m. AND 2:00 — 3:30 p.m.

Broad College of Business, Eppley Center,
E104 Conference Room

In-person, drop-in sessions. No registration required.

What questions do you have about finding business data? Drop in for a 15 minute consultation with a Business Librarian to get the ball rolling!

Presented by Breezy Silver, Interim Director and Collections Coordinator, Gast Business Library; Alex Hauser, Business Librarian, Gast Business Library; Terence O'Neill, Entrepreneurship Librarian, Gast Business Library.

Learn Text Analysis with Python: A Case Study with Fredrick Douglass' Writings (Virtual)

Friday, February 16 • 12:00 — 1:30 p.m.

Register here to receive Zoom link:

<https://bookings.lib.msu.edu/event/11764930>

Building upon the Douglass Day Transcribe-a-thon, this workshop asks the logical next question: what do we do with all of this text data?

Participants will analyze the previously transcribed works of Frederick Douglass to understand the fundamentals of both python and computational text analysis.

“Once you learn
to read, you will be
forever free.”
— Frederick Douglass

No python experience is required. All materials necessary will be provided, no installation or downloads are required.

Presented by Kate Topham, Digital Humanities Archivist, MSU College of Arts and Letters.

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