



Newsletter

July 2022

DCPL is 50! Celebrate with a gift today!

Most Endangered Places, 2022



Clockwise, from top left: DC Recorder of Deeds; Lord & Taylor, Chevy Chase Branch Store; Folger Shakespeare Library Addition (Bond Reading Room); Washington Canoe Club; Northwest Savings Bank (Trust Bank); Mount Zion and Female Union Band Cemeteries; Superintendent's House at Dalecarlia Reservoir; Alexander Crummell School; Main Reading Room, Jefferson Building, Library of Congress. [Library of Congress image courtesy of Highsmith, Carol M., 1946- Carol M. Highsmith Archive. Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Collection.]

DC Preservation League recently released its list of **Most Endangered Places**. For the full Most Endangered Places list, as well as the Watch List, please click below.

[Most Endangered Places](#)

Call To Action: Join DCPL in Opposing the Ill-Advised Alterations to the Library of Congress Main Reading Room



Artist renderings: February 13, 2020 LOC Article shows concepts for three core components that are central to the visitor experience plan. (Pure + Applied, Library of Congress).

The Main Reading Room at the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress is currently threatened by a proposal that would remove the Central Circulation Desk and replace it with an "oculus," a circular window in the floor. The plan would also incorporate an "orientation center" further harming the historic integrity of the Desk and the overall space. These proposed alterations to the historic Main Reading Room are unnecessary interventions in this much-loved National Historic Landmark that will fundamentally compromise the design intent and function that researchers and visitors have experienced and enjoyed for more than 125 years.

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Request for Proposals: Alexander Crummell School

On July 8, 2022, the DC Department of General Services issued the following notice:

"The District of Columbia Department of General Services is issuing this Request for Proposals [RFPs] to engage a design firm to serve as the Architect/Engineer to provide a full range of architectural and engineering services for the modernization of the Crummell Community Center, located at 1900 Gallaudet Street NE, Washington, DC 20002."

Although historically designated, this center of the Ivy City neighborhood has continued to deteriorate since the school's closure in 1972. In 2021, the DC Government appropriated \$20 million to repurpose the property into a much-desired community and recreation center that would serve residents. The property is currently listed on DCPL's list of [Most Endangered Places](#). For more information about the RFP, please click the below link.

[Crummell School RFP](#)

Longtime DC Restaurant & Bar Receives Grant and Recognition



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[Mr. Henry's](#), a restaurant, bar, and entertainment space that has been a popular Capital Hill destination since the late-1960s, has received a [Backing Historic Small Restaurants](#) grant. The grant program, which started in 2021, is a joint project of both the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) and American Express. The individual grants are for \$40,000, and are distributed to restaurants "to improve, upgrade, and preserve their exterior physical spaces and online operations." Mr. Henry's is one of only 25 restaurants around the nation to receive this grant. DCPL congratulates this longtime small business and community anchor for this well-deserved recognition and support!

Save the Date!

Webinar on DC's Historic Apartment Buildings
Wednesday, August 3rd, 12:00pm/Noon



Join the DC Preservation League and [EHT Tracerics, Inc.](#) on Wednesday, August 3rd at 12:00pm/Noon for a webinar exploring [the history of apartment buildings in Washington, DC](#). Apartment living was first introduced to DC in the 1870s due to a

rapidly growing population in the nation's capital. This led to converting existing buildings and single-family houses into multi-unit residences and by the 1880s, DC began to see its first "purpose built" apartment buildings. Since then, the nation's capital has become home to thousands of historic and architecturally diverse apartment buildings. [Registration will open soon](#)

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar!

- **September 9:** Realtor Seminar - Historic Preservation 101/201
- **October 1:** Annual Crab Feast
- **November 1:** 2022 District of Columbia Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation

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