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**PROJECT NAME:**

World's Columbian Exposition of 1893

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The material to be digitized includes six content-rich monograph volumes published in the early to mid 1890s' that will provide users with both general as well as specific details on the World's Columbian Exposition that was held in Chicago, Illinois from May through October, 1893. This collection of materials including official reports, directories, and transcripts of speeches as well as pictorial depictions of the exposition, will provide access to thousands of pages of text and images (including black and white photography and water color depictions) highlighting the exposition that will be of interest to a variety of users at all levels from the scholar to the casual browser. Digitizing this collection will also enrich an already extensively used collection of materials on the Fair that that were digitized by IIT and have been accessible at <http://columbus.iit.edu> for almost a decade.

This collection is particularly relevant to the theme of "Illinois Culture & Heritage". The titles to be digitized not only highlight Illinois' achievement in being selected for the site of the Fair but also provide a unique, cultural snapshot of Illinois and Chicago, at the close of the 19th century. This collection highlights the specific role that Illinois citizens, organizations, and businesses played in the planning, implementation, and management of the exposition. The volumes to be digitized will also provide historical, political, and social context to the Columbian Exposition and the 1890's through the speeches, reports, and addresses made by prominent Illinois citizens and political figures during the Fair, as well as the coverage of the participation of Illinois citizens in various exhibits and events throughout the exposition.

Title	Publication Year	# of Volumes	Edition	Publisher	OCLC #	Checked OCA site yes/no
The White city : the historical, biographical and philanthropical record of Illinois / by John Moses and Paul Selby. To which is added a sketch of the District of Columbia, the presidents of the United States, and Illinois at the World's Columbian Exposition.	1893	1	1st	Chicago Wold Book Co.	(OCoLC)ocm00330439	Yes Digitized
From Peristyle to Plaisance, or, The White City Picturesque Painted in Water Colors	1893	1	1st	Chicago	Not yet cataloged	Yes
The dream city : a portfolio of photographic views of the World's Columbian Exposition / with an introduction by Prof. Halsey C. Ives.	1893	1	1st	N. D. Thompson Publishing Co.	(OCoLC)ocm10517103	Yes
The official directory of the World's Columbian exposition, May 1st to October 30th, 1893. A reference book of exhibitors and exhibits; of the officers and members of the World's Columbian commission.	1893	1	1st	W.B. Conkey Company	(OCoLC)ocm04705050	Yes
Electricity at the Columbian Exposition, including an account of the exhibits in the Electricity Building, the power plant in Machinery Hall, the arc and incandescent lighting of the grounds and buildings ... etc.	1894	1	1st	R. R. Donnelley	(OCoLC)ocm03725369	Yes

Dedictory and opening ceremonies of the World's Columbian exposition. Historical and descriptive. As authorized by board of control, ed. under the direction of the joint committee on ceremonies ...

1893	1	1st	Stone, Kastler & Painter	(OCoLC)ocm01875960	Yes
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