



Searching the City's Historical Web

What we'll cover

This course will walk through how to use two Seattle Municipal Archives search tools to find City web and social media content, even if it is no longer available on the internet.

Why preserve websites?

Websites are ephemeral and always changing. Capturing snapshots allows us to see what was published at various points in time.

City websites and social media document outreach and interactions with citizens.

Some information on websites may not have been shared anywhere else.

The Seattle Municipal Archives (SMA) has two search tools for the historical web:



Archive-It
for archived
websites



ArchiveSocial
for social
media

Both are linked from the [Digital Archives page](#) on our website.



Archive-It

City of Seattle websites have been harvested quarterly since 2012 and are publicly available through [Archive-It](#).

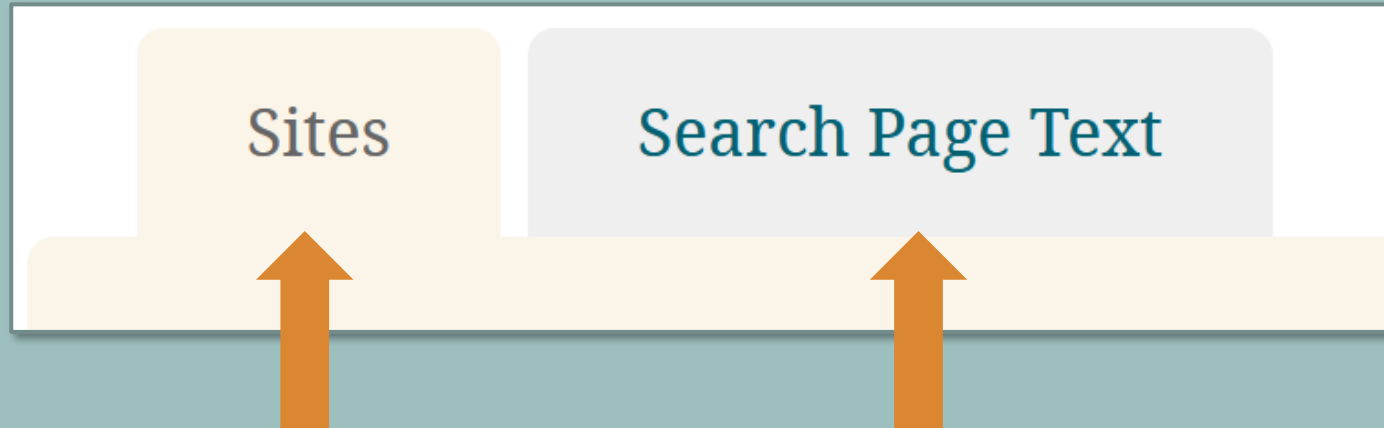
From the City's main Archive-It page, you can search for specific departments, topics, people, programs, or other keywords. Search results will display all dates for which captures are available.

Archive-It results are displayed in two tabs.

Sites

Search Page Text

Page 1 of 2 (175 Total Results)



Use **Sites** if you want to see what a City website looked like at particular points in time

Use **Search Page Text** if you're looking for information found on a City website no matter where it appeared

In the SITES tab, you will see results listed with:



Sites

- Title
- URL
- The number of times and dates when the site was captured
- Any existing videos
- Group, creator, notes (if applicable)

Example:

Title: Parkways: Seattle Parks and Recreation news and events

URL: <https://parkways.seattle.gov/>

Description: Seattle Parks and Recreation public blog including news and information.

Captured 264 times between July 26, 2012 and January 30, 2026

Videos: 567 Videos Captured

Subject: PARKS, **PARKS-DEPARTMENT**, RECREATIONAL-FACILITIES

Creator: Seattle Parks and Recreation

Date: 2012-

Title: Seattle Parks and Recreation - Parks | seattle.gov

URL: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/>

Description: Parks and Recreation page for the city of Seattle.

Captured 582 times between July 26, 2012 and February 01, 2026

Videos: 655 Videos Captured

Subject: DEPARTMENT-OF-PARKS-AND-RECREATION, **PARKS-DEPARTMENT**

Creator: Seattle Parks and Recreation

Date: 2012-

When you select a result, you'll have the option to choose which capture date to see.

Found 48 Captures between Jul 26, 2012 - Feb 4, 2021

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
7 pages	4 pages	5 pages	3 pages	6 pages	11 pages
Mar 19, 2014 *	Apr 16, 2015 *	Mar 29, 2016 *	Mar 7, 2017 *	Jan 23, 2018 *	Mar 7, 2019 *
Mar 21, 2014 *	May 14, 2015 *	Mar 29, 2016 *	Oct 31, 2017 *	Jan 23, 2018	Apr 15, 2019 *
Jun 23, 2014 *	Sep 29, 2015 *	Jul 12, 2016 *	Dec 7, 2017 *	May 4, 2018 *	Apr 17, 2019 *
Aug 6, 2014 *	Dec 30, 2015 *	Aug 9, 2016 *		May 4, 2018 *	Apr 25, 2019 *
Sep 25, 2014 *		Dec 29, 2016 *		Jun 13, 2018 *	Apr 25, 2019 *
Sep 25, 2014				Oct 24, 2018 *	May 1, 2019 *
Dec 15, 2014 *					May 1, 2019 *
					Nov 21, 2019 *
					Dec 12, 2019 *
					Dec 12, 2019
					Dec 19, 2019 *



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Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections



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Search

CATEGORIES

Select Category



ARCHIVES

After choosing the date, you'll see the page as it was on that date along with the Archive-It header letting you know this is an archival capture and not a live site.

Search Page Text



To find specific text on archived websites, you can use the quick search box in SEARCH PAGE TEXT or use the advanced search to narrow by host, date, and other options.

In the SEARCH PAGE TEXT tab, you will see results listed with:



Search Page Text

- Search term
- URL
- Capture date
- Text where search term was found
- Content size
- More results from that host

Example:

stormwater

URL: <https://artbeat.seattle.gov/tag/stormwater/>

This text was captured on Dec 31, 2022 [Show All Captures](#)

Filed Under: Art Beat , News , Public Art Tagged With: performance , Stokley Towles , **stormwater** , **stormwater** : life in the gutter , temporary artwork Catch Stokley Towles' performance on **stormwater** this

Content: text/html Size: 70 KB

More Results from artbeat.seattle.gov

stormwater code

URL: <https://buildingconnections.seattle.gov/tag/stormwater-code/>

This text was captured on Jul 15, 2024 [Show All Captures](#)

2016 **Stormwater** Code Public Hearing and **Stormwater** Manual Public Meeting September 1, 2015 by SDCI Community Engagement Want to let us know what you think about the 2016 **Stormwater** Manual?

Content: text/html Size: 58 KB

More Results from buildingconnections.seattle.gov

Green Stormwater Infrastructure - Utilities | seattle.gov

URL: <http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/your-services/sewer-and-drainage/green-stormwater-infrastructure>

This text was captured on Jul 01, 2022 [Show All Captures](#)

Home Your Services Sewer & Drainage Green **Stormwater** Infrastructure Together, we can use Green **Stormwater** Infrastructure (GSI) to collect, slow, and treat rain once it hits the earth and becomes **stormwater**

Content: application/xhtml+xml Size: 232 KB

More Results from www.seattle.gov



Art Beat Blog

Office of Arts & Culture

Adam Kuby's artwork at celebration for new Madison Valley Stormwater Project, May 22

May 16, 2013 by [Tamara Childress](#) — [Leave a Comment](#)




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Clicking on a result will take you directly to the captured page.



A select number of social media sites that were no longer available for capture as of 2020 can be found in Archive-It. However, the best place to start a search for archived social media sites is on ArchiveSocial.



ArchiveSocial

[ArchiveSocial](#) captures official City social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and others), as well as some older legacy accounts.

All posts and comments back to the beginning of the account are searchable.

ArchiveSocial has tabs for quick search and advanced search. The advanced search allows you to narrow in several ways.



DATE RANGE



CONTENT
TYPE



MATCHING
SEARCH TERMS

Date Range

Choose from set date ranges or enter custom dates.

Quick Search Advanced Search

Date Range **Past 7 days**

Content Types

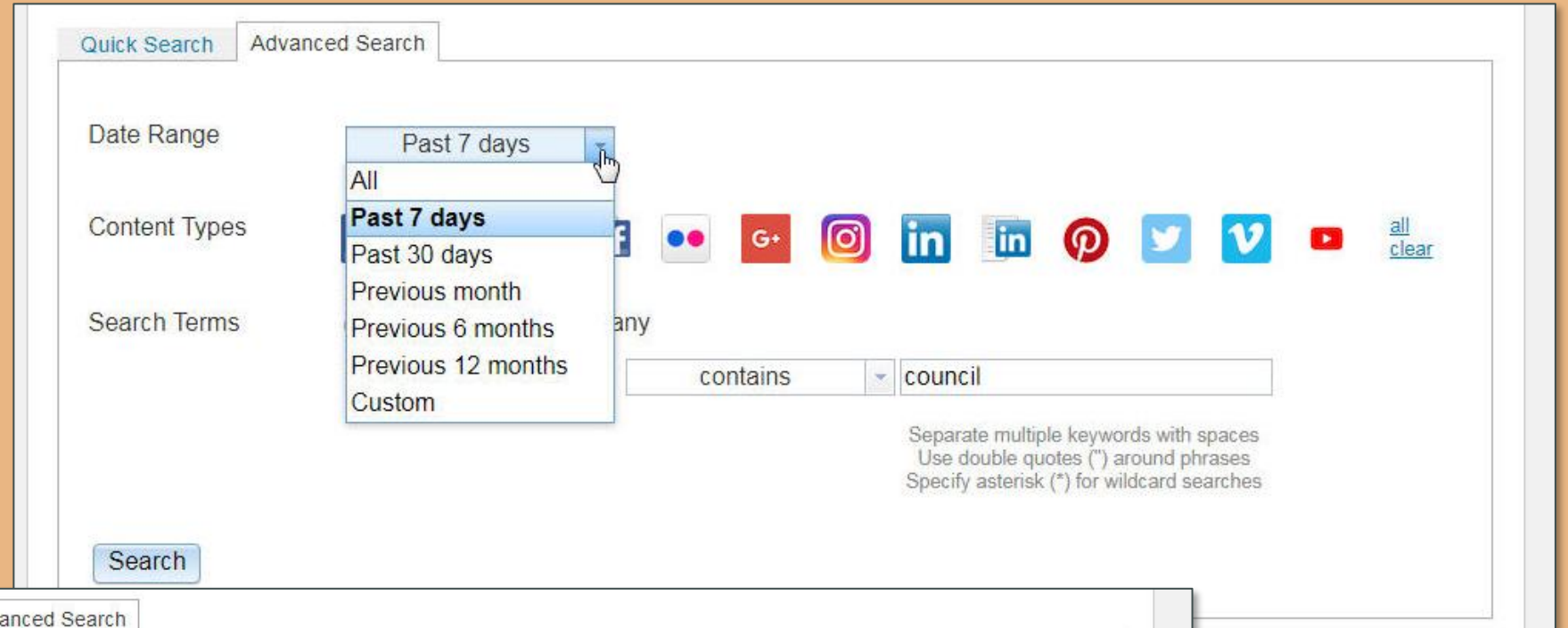
Search Terms any

contains council

all clear

Separate multiple keywords with spaces
Use double quotes (") around phrases
Specify asterisk (*) for wildcard searches

Search



Quick Search Advanced Search

Date Range Custom 4/23/2021 - 4/30/2021

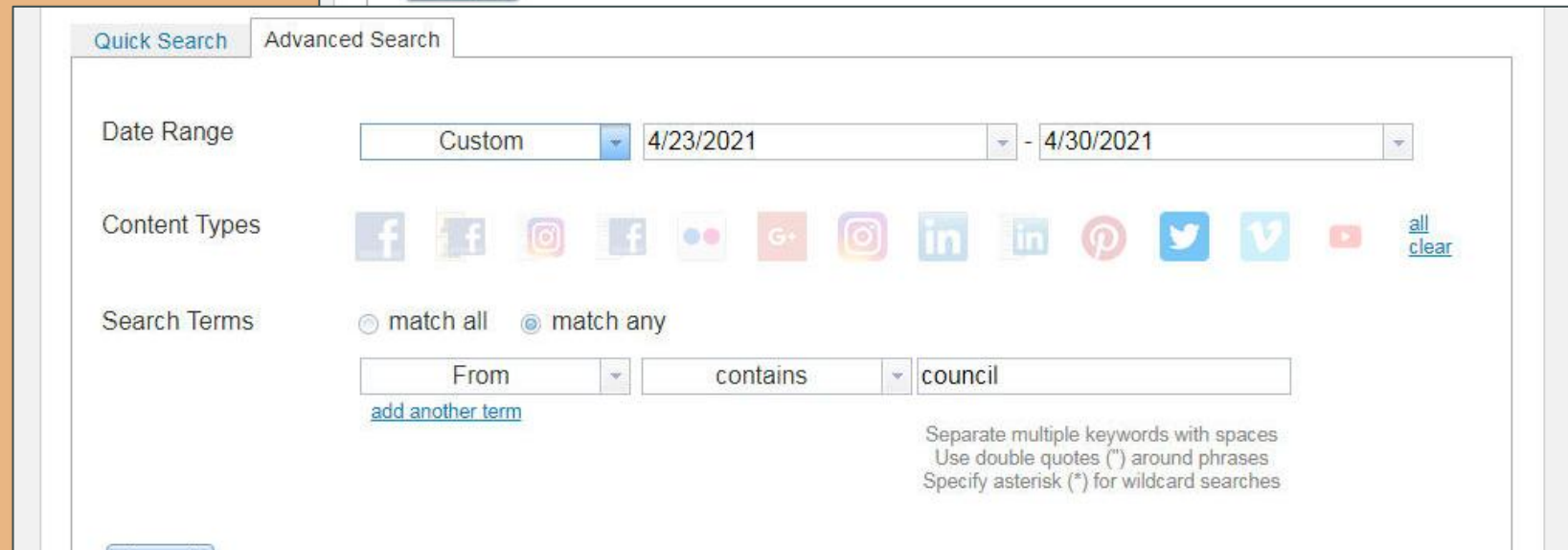
Content Types

Search Terms match all match any

From contains council

[add another term](#)

Separate multiple keywords with spaces
Use double quotes (") around phrases
Specify asterisk (*) for wildcard searches



Content Type

Limit search by type of social media. The default is to search all types. Use ALL or CLEAR on the right to select everything or clear all selections.

Powered by [ArchiveSocial](#)














BETA: City of Seattle - Social Media Archive

This open archive provides public access to social media records from selected City of Seattle departments and elected officials across various social media platforms. The City of Seattle offers this archive for transparency and preserving these records into the future. **It is currently in beta.** Social media activity is continually being captured and indexed as additional City accounts are added. This site is powered by ArchiveSocial and the City of Seattle's Privacy Policy doesn't apply; we recommend that you check [their privacy policy](#) for details about information collection and use.

Enter a keyword to search across the entire archive of social media sites, or use the [Advanced Search](#) for more options.

[Quick Search](#) [Advanced Search](#)

Date Range:

Content Types:              [all](#) [clear](#)

Search Terms: match all match any

[add another term](#)

Separate multiple keywords
Use double quotes (") around phrases
Specify asterisk (*) for wildcard searches

- ✓ Likes
- ✓ Mentions
- Profile
- ✓ Tweets

Search Terms

- Match all (AND) or match any (OR)
- Search specific fields (Text, From, To, Account)
- Choose CONTAINS or DOES NOT CONTAIN

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City of Seattle Search Results

These results include content captured, made, or received in the connection with the transaction of public business, including original content and any replies or posts about that content.

Accounts (133) >

Facebook Page (8) >

Twitter (4) >

Instagram (4) >

Flickr (0) >

YouTube (2) >

LinkedIn Page (3) >

TikTok (2) >

Vimeo (0) >

Facebook Profile (0) >

LinkedIn Personal (0) >

Matching Dates (1) ▾

November 2024 (0)

June 2020 (0)

June 2025 (97512)

February 2023 (0)

March 2023 (0)

July 2025 (0)

July 2020 (0)



September 2020 (0)

October 2024 (0)

May 2025 (0)

Sort by Relevance ▾ Descending ▾

1 - 10 of 2244 results

 Seattle Office of Economic Development ▶ Seattle Parks and Recreation, #downtownisfun, #downtownseattleevents 
June 10, 2025 at 11:13PM

Summer fun is here! 🍷

Join Seattle Parks and Recreation for free events all summer long at your favorite park! 🍷


Check out the full schedule: <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/recreation/events-and-attractions/park-activation-events>


#DowntownIsFun #DowntownSeattleEvents



Join Seattle Parks and Recreation for loads of FREE events at amazing parks this summer!

From movie nights under the stars, salsa dancing, and midday ping pong to live music, yoga in the park, and family-friendly scavenger hunts, there's something for EVERYONE this season.

 Events start in June and run through September!

 Happening across downtown and neighborhood parks – check out the full schedule.

<https://www.seattle.gov/parks/recreation/events-and-attractions/park-activation-events>

#SeattleSummerVibes #DowntownSeattleEvents

You can filter search results by:

- Account
- Type of social media
- Date

Give it a try – use the filter links on the left side of **this page** to narrow the search results.

Clicking on a result will show the record details.

Seattle
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[Edit search](#) 1 - 10 of 14 results for **Advanced Search** Sort by Relevance Descending

- ▼ **Accounts**
 - @SeattleCouncil (9)
 - @cmkshama (2)
 - @Lisa_Herbold (1)
 - @SeattleChannel (1)
 - @SeattleHSD (1)
- ▼ **Twitter**
 - All (14)
 - Tweets (11)
 - Likes (3)

Seattle City Council @SeattleCouncil
Council passed a proclamation recognizing #SAAM2021 and the 7,152 survivors in King County who sought help from organizations in 2020. "Healing and recovery are possible. Ending sexual violence is possible. And everyone has their role to play." Lesbia Orellana of @ConsejoWa pic.twitter.com/olbK93lCdP



4 days ago

Seattle City Council @SeattleCouncil
Replying to @SeattleCouncil
@KCSARC Sexual assault takes many forms, including rape, coercion, human trafficking and harassment. And the result is not only physical, but mentally and emotionally damaging. #SAAM

4 days ago [show thread](#)

Seattle City Council @SeattleCouncil
NEWS RELEASE: Councilmember @cmkshama celebrated City Council's approval of her resolution calling on President Biden to end the U.S. opposition to the international campaign for an Intellectual Property Rights waiver from the WTO for COVID-19 vaccines. council.seattle.gov/2021/04/26/saw...

3 days ago



Record Details

Content type
Twitter - Tweets

Account
@SeattleCouncil

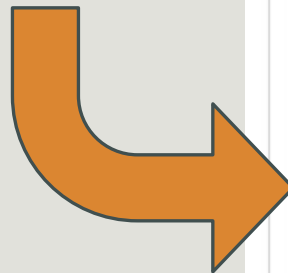
Version history
April 26, 2021 at 2:21:59 PM GMT-07:00 (Current)

Archive status
Digitally signed; Indexed

For posts with threads in the archive, you can click on **SHOW THREAD** to view.



Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda @CMTMosqueda
Replying to @CMTMosqueda and 1 others
@lisabendermpls @jeremiah4north They presented on the Council's ARPA resolution, which outlines the Council's vision & values on how to spend federal funds. And highlighted our partnership w/ Mayor's office and Council President's office to transparently, collaboratively, efficiently appropriate ARPA funds.
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In reply to ↴


Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda @CMTMosqueda
So proud of #TeamTeresa & our Central Staff for presenting to the Minneapolis City Council today on how the City of Seattle is supporting an equitable recovery from the COVID crisis. Thanks to Councilmembers @lisabendermpls & @jeremiah4north for having us! youtu.be/l4iJzFD2VGI?t=...
1 day ago

For posts with video or photos, you can see the media in a larger view.

Aging King County 15 days ago

Thank you so much for posting this wonderful video. Right now it's more important than anything to conserve animal habitats and continue to provide safe drinking water for our communities. [show thread](#)

Open link in new window
[Play video](#)

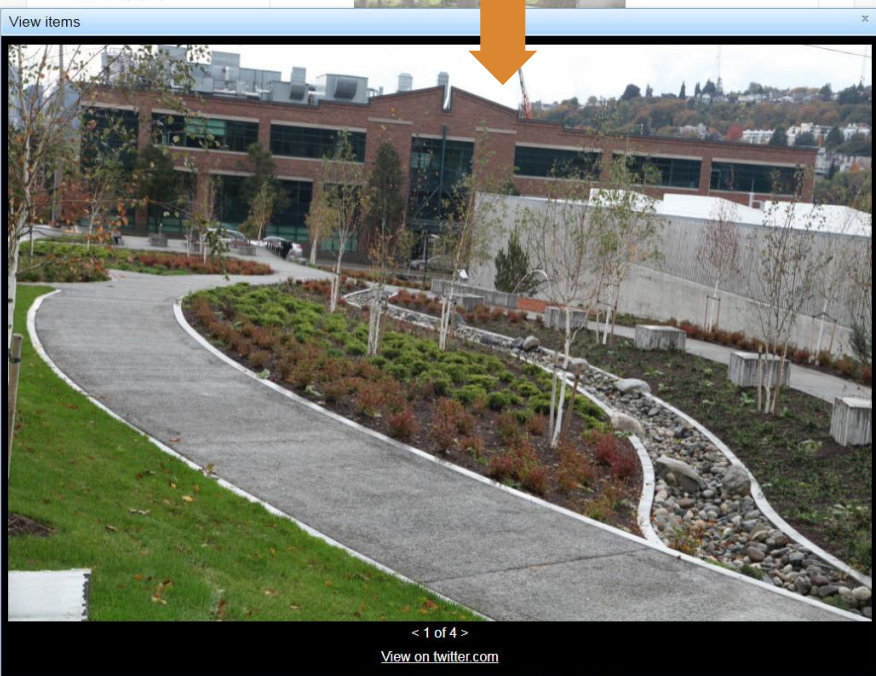


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Dongho Chang @dongho_chang

Amazing interactive public open spaces at the new @seattlespu north transfer station. pic.twitter.com/wgqpRNDAD1

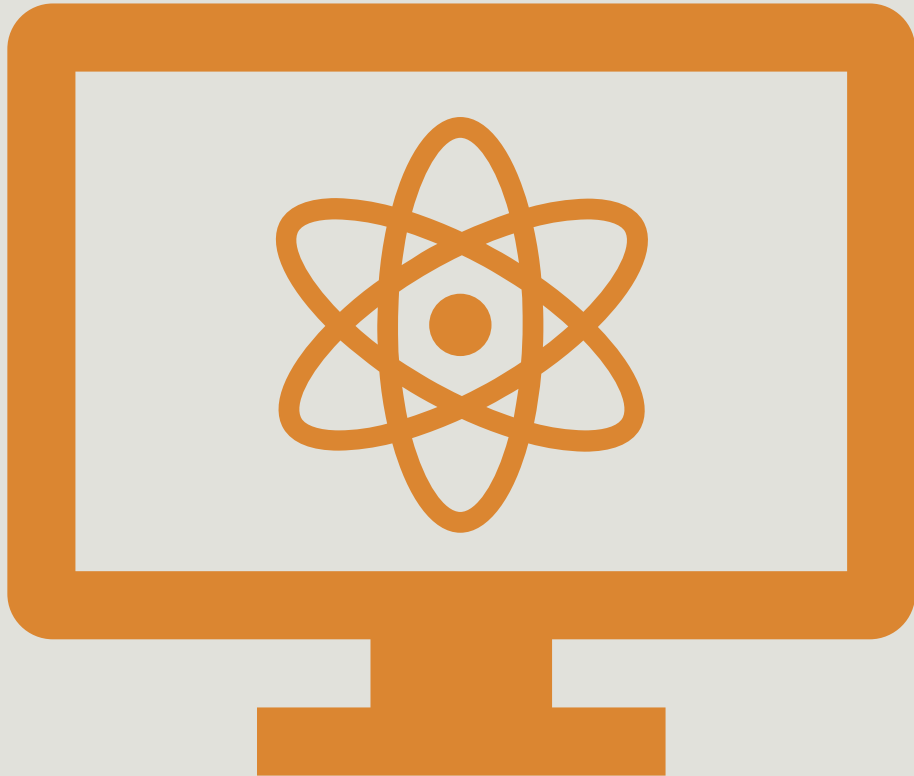
4 photos



View items

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PARKS



Both Archive-It and ArchiveSocial are accessible from anywhere and can be useful tools for research and discovery of web content, even when it is no longer available on the internet.

We welcome questions!

Contact us at
archives@seattle.gov
if you need assistance
using these tools or
locating other records in
the archives.

Check out our other
e-learning courses to
learn more about
searching and accessing
our records.