



Bradbury Science Museum launches online archives with Manhattan Project science and history

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LOS ALAMOS, N.M., May 18, 2020—The [Bradbury Science Museum](#) premiered its [online artifacts collection](#) with images of groundbreaking science and history of the Manhattan Project, which developed the world's first atomic bombs at Los Alamos Laboratory that helped to end World War II.

“People can now virtually experience a part of the museum never seen before as well as some of our gallery exhibits,” said Wendy Strohmeyer, collections specialist at the Bradbury Science Museum, which interprets the Laboratory’s history during the Atomic Age of the Manhattan Project. “The online site provides a combination of objects, archives and photos that may help people gain surprising insights into an important time in our nation's history. We hope people find this resource interesting and informative.”

Around 100 online records include official correspondence, an iconic speed camera that documented the research and science at the Laboratory, radio broadcast transcripts and a mineral called trinitite created from the explosion during the Trinity Test in 1945 near Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Families of former Laboratory employees donated some of the memos and letters that are part of the online archives. “We count on donations to build our collections,” said Strohmeyer. “These family heirlooms can help us understand and exhibit the history of our community.”

People can request images from the online collection and museums can borrow items from the catalog for their exhibits. “Online access helps to reach a much wider audience,” said Strohmeyer.

The online database will be updated with more records from the Manhattan Project and other collections such as supercomputing, space exploration and underground testing.

It will also include the Laboratory’s current research, science and engineering achievements that are showcased via interactive exhibits at the Museum.

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