



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

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The Laboratory's Bradbury Science Museum has been a collecting institution since 1953. Our photographs, archives, and objects document and preserve the history of the groundbreaking science accomplished at Los Alamos, beginning with the Manhattan Project and continuing today.

Which is why we're delighted to launch our new [online artifacts collection](#) with images of the history and groundbreaking science 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 explore some of the Museum's gallery exhibits online. The site provides a combination of objects, archives and photos that offer surprising insights into an important time in our nation's history.

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 form part of the online archives. We count on donations to build our collections and these family heirlooms can help us understand and exhibit the history of our community.

Online access helps to reach a much wider audience: people can request images from the online collection and museums can borrow items from the catalog for their exhibits.

Looking to the future, 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 grow to include the Laboratory's current research, science and engineering achievements that are showcased via interactive exhibits at the Museum.

**We're grateful to the Laboratory's Manhattan Project National Historical Park project, which partially funded the online database.**

The [online artifact collections can be accessed here](#).

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