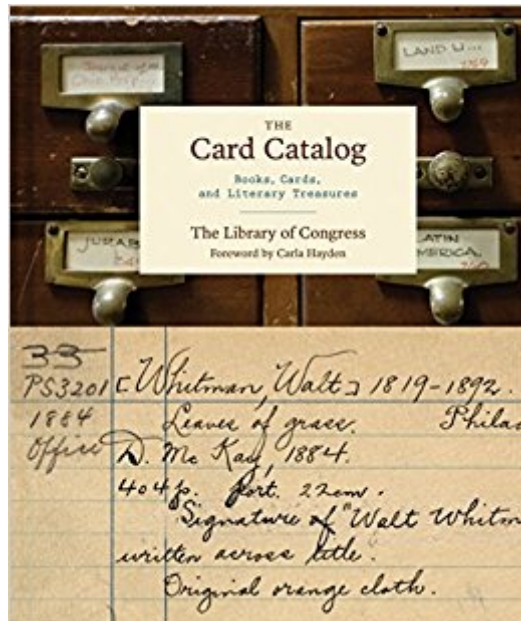


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Carla Hayden is the Librarian of Congress. The Library of Congress is an unparalleled world resource. Based in Washington, D.C., the library holds more than 165 million items.

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An interesting book on the Congressional Library. Has an over abundance of pictures and illustrations that don’t really contribute to the overall story. It does have a place in the overall understanding of library development, but there are other sources available on that do a more complete review of that topic. Some of them do not cover all the years that book does, so it does have a niche. I read this book as a result of a review in a local newspaper and am not sorry that I did. If your interests are library science or how the Congressional Library operates, then this book will be of interest. It is marginally useful if your interest in the larger topic of information or knowledge management.

What a fun book! I got this book for my bookworm husband and he loves it. Card catalogs have so much history- the librarians, the patrons who checked them out, and the time an older book was

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