

Finding Old Time Radio & Music From Archive.org and National Jukebox

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This handout will tell you how to find old time radio programs from Archive.org, and how to find vintage music recordings on both the Archive.org and Library of Congress National Jukebox websites. We'll begin with general navigation on the Archive.org site. Begin by clicking into the address bar of your browser and entering "http://www.archive.org" and pressing the go button.



This is the speaker icon that activates the audio drop-down menu.

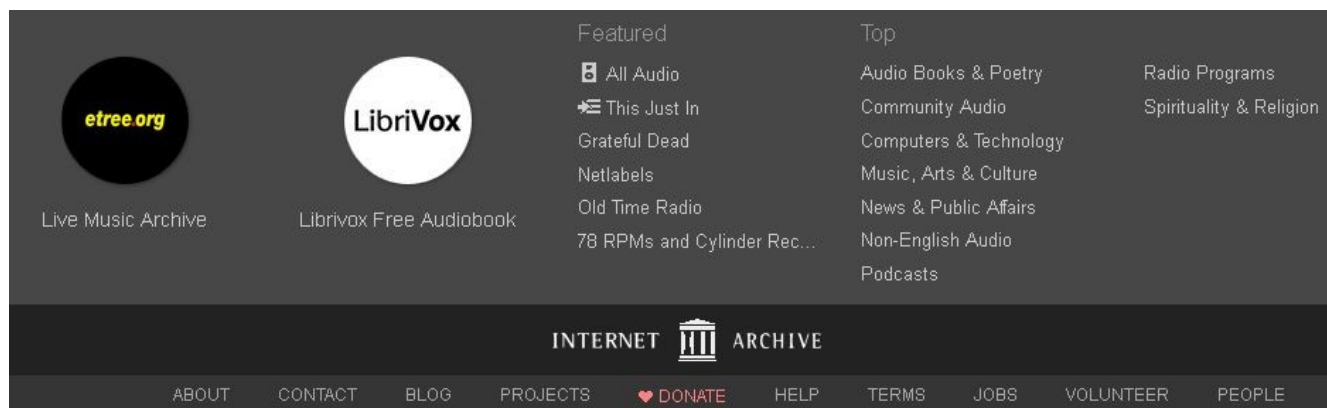
After 12 years it is our pleasure to announce

A new Internet Archive.

The Archive.org website was recently updated. To access the different collections from the homepage, click on the icons at the top left of the page (shown above). The icon that looks like a stereo speaker will open the Audio Drop-Down menu, which will appear at the top of the Archive.org page.

There's an incredible amount of content to explore on this website, but for now we'll begin with the Old Time Radio Programs section.

Audio Dropdown Menu



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Program cards shown include:

- Gunsmoke - Single Episodes** by Old Time Radio Researchers Group (1.7M views, 111 stars, 29 comments)
- Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar - Single Episodes** by Old Time Radio Researchers Group (1.8M views, 124 stars, 17 comments)
- Dagnet the 50's radio show** by smurfmeat (1.2M views, 117 stars, 26 comments)
- Sherlock Holmes --> 125+ episodes, properly titled** by smurfmeat (705,998 views, 146 stars, 21 comments)
- Suspense 01** by Suspense (555,995 views, 104 stars, 32 comments)
- CBS Radio Mystery Theater** (546,435 views, 92 stars, 38 comments)
- Richard Diamond, Private Detective - Single** by Old Time Radio Researchers Group (650,745 views, 88 stars, 9 comments)
- Theater Five - Single Episodes** by Old Time Radio Researchers Group (571,021 views, 81 stars, 22 comments)
- Suspense - Single Episodes** by Old Time Radio Researchers Group (483,750 views, 73 stars, 20 comments)
- TheHorror4** (429,747 views, 34 stars, 3 comments)
- X Minus 1** by X Minus 1 (398,468 views, 80 stars, 25 comments)
- Isaac Asimov - The Foundation Trilogy** by Isaac Asimov (351,761 views, 81 stars, 16 comments)
- Adventures of Philip Marlowe - Single** by Old Time Radio Researchers Group (542,610 views, 98 stars, 11 comments)

Click on the icon for a radio program to go to its *Program Page*, or search for a particular program using the search-box at the top right of the page.

Archive.org Program Pages

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- xminusone 550422 AndTheMoonBeStillAndBright - 24:17
- xminusone 550424 NoContact - 27:58
- xminusone 550501 TheParade - 28:16
- xminusone 550508 MarsIsHeaven - 26:24
- xminusone 550515 Universe - 28:10
- xminusone 550522 Knock - 28:25
- xminusone 550529 TheManInTheMoon - 28:08
- xminusone 550605 PerigisWonderfulDolls - 28:17
- xminusone 550707 TheGreenHillsOfEarth - 23:59
- xminusone 550714 DrGrimshawsSanitorium - 23:25
- xminusone 550721 Nightmare - 24:10
- xminusone 550728 TheEmbassy - 23:46
- xminusone 550804 TheVeldt - 23:54
- xminusone 550811 AlmostHuman - 23:51
- xminusone 551207 Nightfall - 28:52
- xminusone 551214 ToTheFuture - 28:50
- xminusone 551221 MarionettesInc - 29:06
- xminusone 551228 ALogicNamedJoe - 27:07
- xminusone 560104 TheRoadsMustRoll - 27:43
- xminusone 560111 TimeAndTimeAgain - 28:20
- xminusone 560118 PerigisWonderfulDolls - 24:18
- xminusone 560125 TheParade - 26:34
- xminusone 560201 TheCaveOfNight - 28:19
- xminusone 560208 C-Chute - 28:46
- xminusone 560215 SkulkingPermit - 28:58
- xminusone 560222 Junkyard - 27:58
- xminusone 560229 HelloTomorrow - 24:15
- xminusone 560307 AGunForDinosaur - 28:04

Click on the title of the episode with your mouse to select it, then click on the VCR style play button to begin playing the program. Once the program has started the *Play* button will be replaced by a *Pause* button, which you can use to stop the program if you need to step away for a moment.

LOC National Jukebox

The Library of Congress National Jukebox website is located at <http://www.loc.gov/Jukebox>.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Library of Congress logo and links for 'ASK A LIBRARIAN', 'DIGITAL COLLECTIONS', and 'LIBRARY CATALOGS'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search Loc.gov' and a 'GO' button. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: 'The Library of Congress > National Jukebox'. The main content area features a 'NATIONAL JUKEBOX' header, a 'National Jukebox' title, and a subtitle 'Historical Recordings from the Library of Congress'. A search bar with the placeholder text 'Example: Artist, Song, Lyricist, Genre, Composer, Year, Place' and a 'Go' button is provided, along with a link to 'Advanced Search'. A warning message states: 'WARNING: Historical recordings may contain offensive language. [Read the disclaimer](#)'. A 'Library of Congress Audio Player' is embedded, showing a progress bar at 00:00 / 00:00. To the right of the player is a 'Now Playing...' section with a list of songs: 'Elk's reunion march', 'Le parlate d'amor', 'El teléfono a larga distancia', 'At the jazz band ball', 'Everybody's jazzin' it', and 'Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile!'. A 'View This Playlist' link is below the list. Below the player is an 'About the National Jukebox' section with a paragraph of text and a link to 'Find out more about the National Jukebox project'. A 'First Time Here?' section follows with a link to 'get the most from the National Jukebox'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a 'NATIONAL JUKEBOX' header and a list of links: 'National Jukebox', 'Browse all Recordings', 'Advanced Search', 'Artists', 'Genres', 'Jukebox Day By Day', 'Playlists of Recordings', 'Victrola Book of the Opera', 'Contact Us', and 'About the National Jukebox'. At the bottom right, there is a section for '1919 Victrola Book of the Opera' with two small images of the book cover.

At the top left are the National Jukebox *Search Options*. Keep in mind that this site specializes in recording that are in the public domain, so you won't find anything by current artists. The majority of what you will find on this page are vintage Library of Congress recordings from the early 20th Century.