

The New York Public Library

Picture Collection:

A Century of Inspiration



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# Facts and Figures:

- It contains 1,557 linear feet of material. That's 100 feet taller than the Empire State Building.
- If it was its own branch, it would rank 34th in regards to circulation, out of 91 NYPL locations.
- It remains an unparalleled visual resource for creative people in any medium.
- It contains well over 1.25 million images classified into over 12,000 different subject headings, from Abacus to Zoology.



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# Facts and Figures:

- On September 13, 2015 it turns 100.



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# Facts and Figures:

- 1915
- immigration
- artist + designer need for specific visual materials



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Europe. Holland	12	20		Cost. French
" Germany	16			Bible. O.T.
" Hungary	15			Illus.
" Austria	14			Port.
" Belgium	11			Theatre
Cathedrals	12	70		Port.
N. Y. State	1	1		France. Hist.
Asia. Japan	4			Illus. Scott.
Japan	4			Europe. Eng. f.
Transportation	1			Navigatn
Costume	1	10	8	Port.
South America	33	33		Painting. French
Costume	12			N. Y. City
Holland. Cost.	12	24		South Amer.
Liberty bell	1			Europe. France.
Lighthouses	1			" Germany
U.S. Penn. Phila.	1	3		Tombs
Europe. Italy. Venice	21			Churches
Cathedrals	8			Cathedrals
Palaces	5	34		Port.
Europe. Italy. Florence	9			Europe. Eng.
Churches	1			Illus. Coleridge
Cathedrals	2	12		Houses. H. Hawthorne
Flags	1	1		Arthur. rom.
Fur trade	1			Chivalry
Mining	5			Theatre.
Indians	6			Painters
Canning industry	2			Mythology
Alaska	38			Port.
Cost. Roman	2			Horses. A.
Rome. Hist.	1	55	9	Sculpture.
Port	2			Sculptors.
U.S. Hist. Civil war	2	4		Birds
Animals	6			Costume
Lumber	3			Cap. prints
Wheat	1			Reptiles
Fur trade	2			Divine
				Crustaceans
				Amoebae



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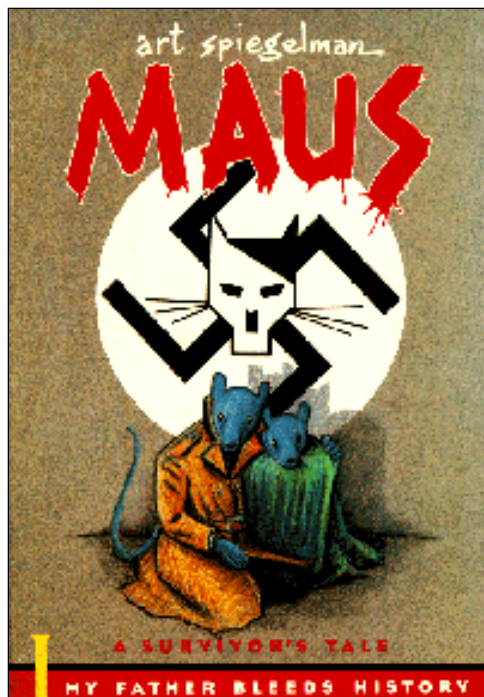
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I hunted up as many images as I could find of mice and cats drawn through the ages, especially anthropomorphic images. The New York Public Library's [picture collection](#) was invaluable. I found a photo there, from a Beatrix Potter ballet, that had humans wearing very furry, large-sized animal heads. I kept a copy of it around for a long time. It was evocative: the outsized and rather convincing heads on the biped dancers.

A series of postcards made in Europe—I think in Belgium—were very popular in the '30s and again in the '50s. They were very sweetly painted watercolor scenes of daily life that had cats, mice—some were with pigs—as anthropomorphized characters. It seems to have been a popular postcard genre. I never found out the artists' names,



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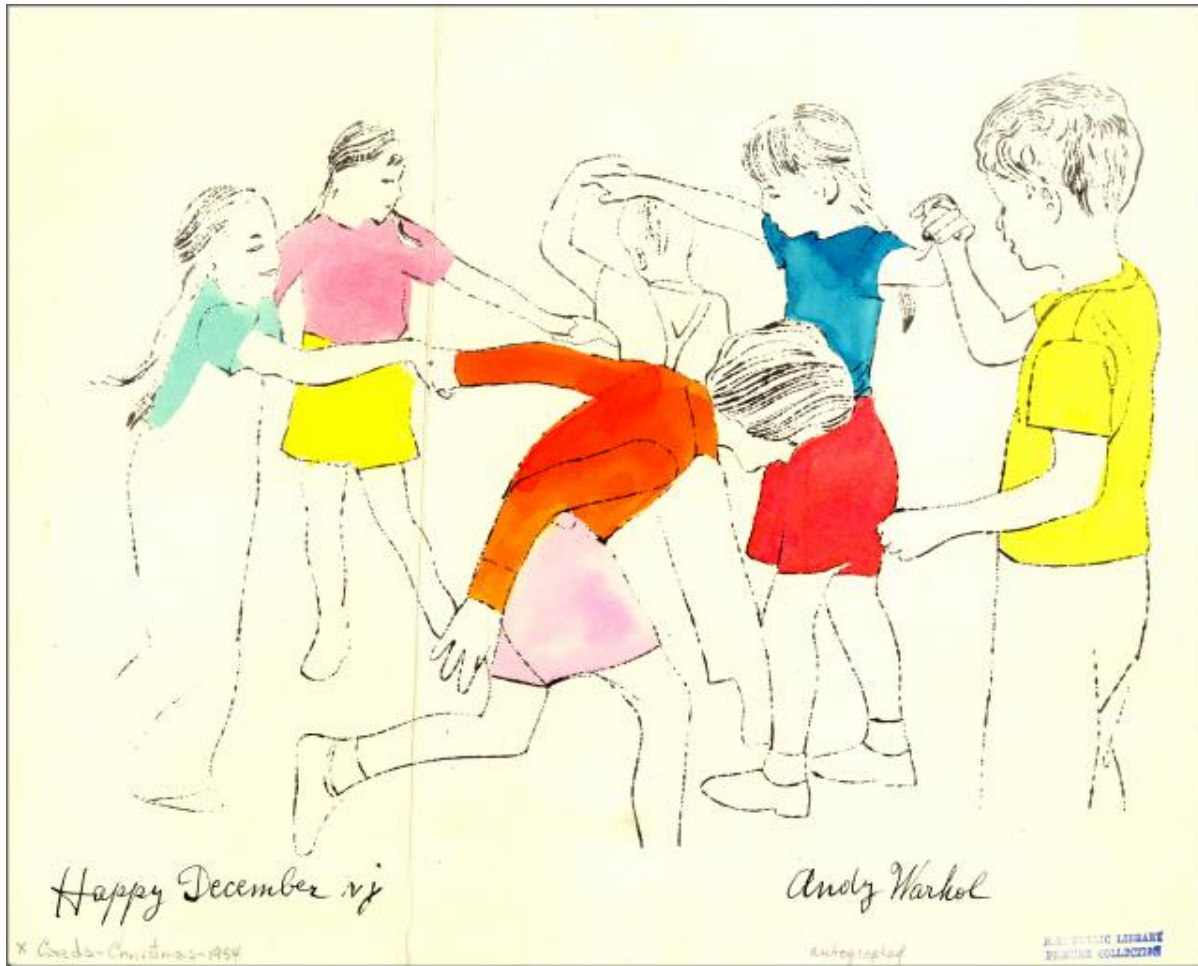


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