

# INTERNET ARCHIVE

## Letter from Founder and Digital Librarian, Brewster Kahle

Dear Internet Archive Supporter,

You're one of the special people who keeps the Internet Archive going strong—**independent and ad-free**. We're a nonprofit website that the whole world depends on. Not everyone can afford to give. But you can. And it's been great having you with us! [Will you chip in again to support a library you can trust?](#)



Every day, I turn to my screen for information. To make decisions, I depend on the reliability of what's on the Web. More and more, that means I depend on the Internet Archive. So do 1000 journalists. And the readers of Wikipedia.

Maybe you do, too.

When I started this nonprofit, people called me crazy. *Collect web pages? Why? Who would want to read a book on a screen? Why collect TV--isn't it all garbage anyway?* For 21 years, the Internet Archive has been dedicated to a single mission: to give everyone access to all knowledge, forever. For free.

We're working 24/7 to back up the Web. To digitize books and music and television before they're lost. So if climate change data or entire newspapers disappear, we can tell you with confidence: **We Got This.**

Did you know, this year we've:

- saved 200 terabytes of government data that are now dark?
- fixed more than 3 million broken links in Wikipedia using the Wayback Machine?
- archived 757 million tweets?

Keeping up with the Web is a big challenge. **It's because of your support that we've been able to respond to these challenges year after year.**

The Internet Archive has only 150 staff but runs one of the top websites in the world. Reader privacy is very important to us, so we never track you. We don't accept ads. But we still need to pay for servers, staff and rent.

**The Internet Archive is a bargain, but we still need your help.**

If everyone reading this [donated \\$25 now, we could end this fundraiser today.](#) It takes less than 90 seconds. I know because I'm a donor, too.

If you find our site useful, please consider contributing [\\$25, \\$50, \\$75 or whatever you can afford](#) to keep the Internet Archive going in 2018. I promise you, it will be money well spent.

Thank you for joining me.

Brewster Kahle  
Founder & Digital Librarian