connections, their mission is to increase the diffusion of knowledge to engage and inspire more people with greater impact, while catalyzing critical conversation on issues affecting humanity through sharing of diversity of culture, history, arts and sciences.

The institution was founded on August 10, 1846 and is named after its founding donor, British scientist James Smithson, to organize their vast collections in their purpose to expand human knowledge. The scope of objects in Smithsonian collections is staggering: 154 million artifacts, works of art, and specimens; 14 million digital records; and 2 million library volumes. The Smithsonian’s immense and invaluable collections attract more than 28 million visitors annually.¹

¹ [https://www.si.edu/](https://www.si.edu/)