

## INNOVATIONS IN POSTAGE STAMPS

- In 2013, the [William H. Gross](#) Stamp Gallery — the world’s largest gallery dedicated to philately — opened its doors. The gallery provides an experience available nowhere else and offers something for everyone, from casual visitors to experienced collectors. For more information, go to [postalmuseum.si.edu](http://postalmuseum.si.edu).
- In 2016, *Guinness World Records* presented the Postal Service with a record holder certificate: “The farthest distanced travelled by a postage stamp is 5,250,843,896 km (3, 262,723,132 ml).” A postage stamp was inside the New Horizons Spacecraft which was launched from Cape Canaveral, FL, on January 19, 2006 and arrived on Pluto on July 14, 2015.
- In June 2016, at the World Stamp Show, the Classics Forever stamp featured the first water-soluble pressure-sensitive adhesive — enabling philatelists to remove the stamps from envelopes after they have been used by simply soaking them in plain water.
- In May 2016, the first Postal Service Stamp app was introduced — the only official U.S. stamp collecting app — which includes a reference library along with user-generated content for philatelists to upload and manage stamp their collections.
- In May 2016, for the first time, the 42nd edition of the *Guide to U.S. Stamps* was offered in a digital format.