

Celebrating 'Outside the Box'

Federal Depository Library Conference, 10/20-22, 2008

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Little Egypt

- 10 cities have more than 10,000 population
- 29 counties are included completely or partially in Southern Illinois



SIUC



Morris Library



Goals

- More campus faculty and students, including library faculty and staff. They don't know much about our collections and services either. They also need to be educated so that they can be equipped with better knowledge to help patrons in a better way.
- Ordinary citizen beyond campus: better have a larger regional impact in the whole Southern Illinois



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Celebration Website



Chronicle – A Department History

CELEBRATING 75th ANNIVERSARY
1931-2007

U.S. Federal Depository Library Program at Morris Library

Home Events History Planning Committee

1932: DRG's Wheeler Library was congressionally designated as a selective Federal Depository Library (FDL). At that time, Carbondale was in the 29th Congressional District and Kent Edwards Keller (D-Ill.) was the Congressman. Wheeler Library had about 32,000 items in the total collection.

1932 - 1953: All government documents arrived through the Library's Serials Department. Various subject librarians made decisions on what government documents to receive.

1953 - Early 1960s: During this time, library materials were moved to the new Morris Library. With more room and additional funding to develop the collection, older volumes, such as War Department annual reports, were bought from places like the New York Mercantile Library.

1948 - 1974: Rudy Kelley was the Social Studies Librarian overseeing the Government Documents Collections. Rudy received her B. Ed. from Southern Illinois University in 1929, her B. S. from the University of Illinois in 1933, and her library degree A.M.L.S. from the University of Michigan in 1941.

1974 - July 2001: Wall Stubbs was the Social Studies Librarian/Government Documents Librarian. Wall received his B.A. in History from SIUC in 1965, his M.A. S from Northern Illinois University in 1968, and his Ph.D. in Education from SIUC in 1983. He is living now in Cobden, Illinois.

January 2001 - August 2003: Susan Tutts was the Government Information Librarian and, beginning November 2001, also served as interim Associate Dean for Public and Collection Development Services. She received her BA in Psychology from University of Connecticut in 1975, and her M.S. from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1977.

September 2003 - Jan Anna Jiong is the Government Information Librarian. She received her BA in German Language and Literature from Nanjing University, Nanjing, PR China in 1992, her MA in German Language and Literature from Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, PR China in 1998, her M.S. from Indiana University - Bloomington in 2003.

At this time, there are about 1.5 million tangible government documents - in print, on microfiche, CDs, DVDs, video tapes, disks, and maps.



Wall Stubbs



Susan Tutts



Jan Anna Jiong

February First display "Black History through Government Documents"



March

- Invited Speech at Morris Library Friends Board Meeting

Library Newsletter Article

Pruett, G. "[Library Celebrates 75th Anniversary as Government Documents Depository.](#)" *Cornerstone* 2(3) (Spring 2007), p. 7.

Library Celebrates 75th Anniversary as Government Documents Depository

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the library at Southern Illinois University Carbondale serving as a depository of government documents. In 1932 Wheeler served as the National Library and in 1933 the Government Printing Office (GPO) printed documents that were stored by the Government Printing Office (GPO). In that year Wheeler learned a total of 22,000 volumes under the title of 2007 government documents include a variety of publications—books, pamphlets, maps, videos, monographs, and online resources, etc.—that ensure the American public access to information. The GPO's core mission, to inform the public, dates from 1815 when Congress recognized the need to make information of the three branches of government available to all Americans.

Jan Ann Xiong, the government documents librarian, has spearheaded efforts to address Morris Library's access and maintenance of these available public documents. Despite restricted space imposed by the library's renovation, an exhibit, *Discover Black History through Government Documents*, appeared in the courtyard of Morris in early February.



Despite the lack of space in Morris during the renovation, government documents that highlighted Black History were displayed in February.

In September there will be a presentation by Dr. John Y. Simon, nationally noted expert on Lincoln, U.S. Green, the Civil War, and nineteenth-century U.S.



During World War II the federal government noted how these documents emphasized the importance of conservation and maintenance of nonrenewable resources.

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Join us in the SIU Alumni Association tent for homecoming, October 7, and help us celebrate the 75th anniversary of Morris Library as a government documents depository with events in November.

April
Second display "Discover Civil War Communication."



June

- Third display "Stay Healthy! - Government Information"
Location: Recreation Center

September 12th

Listen to Jian Anna Xiong introduce [Dr. John Y. Simon](#) (.wav format)
Listen to [Dr. John Y. Simon's lecture](#) (.wav format)



Lecture

Wednesday, September 12
7:00pm, LAWSON 141

Free and open to the public. (More information, 618.536.2163)

Dr. John Y. Simon will be speaking on the value and significance of government documents as part of the celebration events of the 75th Anniversary of Federal Depository Library Program at SIUC-Morris Library. As a historian and scholar, as well as editor of the noted *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant*, Dr. Simon is well versed in the many unique resources available under the umbrella of "government documents".

Dr. John Y. Simon

Executive Director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association
Professor of SIUC Library Affairs; Professor of SIUC History Department



John Y. Simon moved to Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, in 1964, where he is a professor of history as well as the editor of the *Grant Papers*. Simon is a leader among documentary editors, a founder of the Association for Documentary Editing, and a spokesman for the craft. The recipient of numerous awards, Simon has held offices in national professional associations and served as consultant for a variety of research and editorial projects.

September 13th

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Gala Event



celebrating our **75th** anniversary
1932-2007
U.S. Federal Depository Library Program at Morris Library
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Join us as we
celebrate

**SIUC's 75 Years
participation in the
Federal Depository Library Program**



Chautauque St.
SEUC Campus
Peabody Center Dr.
McLafferty Rd.
University Dr.
W. Pleasant Hill Rd.

McLafferty Annex
1785 University Press Drive

Friday, November 9
1:30 - 3:00
Ceremony
including presentation of
75th Anniversary Plaque

3:00 - 4:00
Light Refreshments,
Tours, and Exhibits

- November 8, 2007 (.mp3 format)
[Listen Jian Anna Xiong interviewed on WSIU radio,](#)
- November 9, 2007 (.mov format)
[Watch Jian Anna Xiong interviewed on WSIL TV-3,](#)

04 Morris Library GovDocs 75th Anniversary Exhibit "U.S. Federal Government Documents Through Decades"



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017 Keynote Speaker Charley Seavey giving a presentation at the Gala Event



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021 Robin L. Haun-Mohamed (Director, Collection Management and Preservation, Representative of U.S. Government Printing Office) speaking at the Gala Event



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Thank you!

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