# FDLP: Staying or Leaving? We don't have to make the choice

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### Background

- Jack Tarver Library 0123A
  - FDLP participant (48%) since 1964
  - Current collection -- located on the main floor
    - ➤ Print materials 135,578
    - ➤ Microfiche 126,818
    - >CDs/DVDs 1,544
    - ➤ Videos 45
    - ➤ Maps 1,429

#### Background - Continued

- Government Documents Staffing
  - One librarian
    - 60% government documents
    - 40% Subject Librarian responsibilities
  - One part-time staff
    - 20 hours a week
  - Two student assistants
    - 10 to 20 hours a week

#### Challenges

- Documents Usage Statistics
  - 17% decline over last six years
- Library Budget Constraints
  - Budgets are tight and getting tighter
  - Need to reduce cost of documents processing

#### Challenges - Continued

- Need more study and service space
- Growth in academic programs and collections
  - Curriculum materials
  - Juvenile Literature materials
  - Media Center materials
- Depository collection in prime-space

## Transition in Depository Collections

- Reduction of tangible documents
- Increase in available electronic resources
- Growth of digitized documents
- More documents distributed online only
  - 95% of documents received in electronic format

Now is the time to make a change!

#### **Decisions to Make**

- Transitioning to a more electronic depository collection
- Reducing the size of the tangible collection
  - Deselecting tangible items
  - Weeding materials
- Retaining legacy documents
- Changing MARCIVE services
- Shifting to create more space

#### Implementation Plan

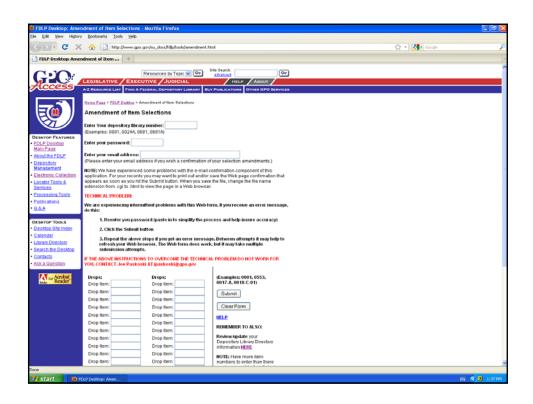
- Submit a well-defined proposal
- Ensure library administration support
- Deselect items in tangible formats through Amendment of Item Selections
- Subscribe to MARCIVE Documents Without Shelves (DWS)
- Initiate an extensive weeding project
- Track online document usage

#### **Proposal Components**

- Background
- Current trends
- 0123A depository profile
- Recommendations
- Action steps
- Projected results

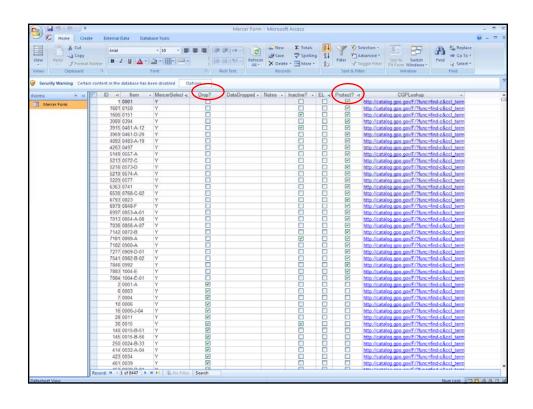
#### **Item Deselection**

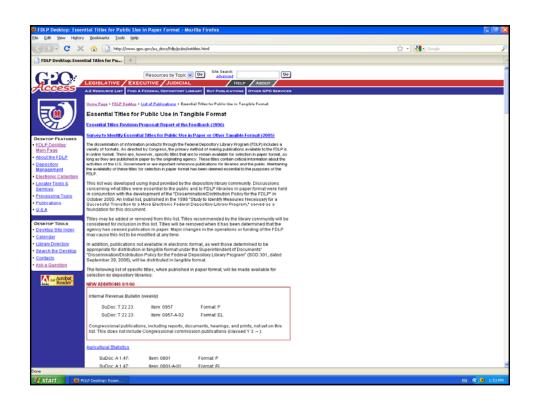
- Downloaded profile spreadsheet using DDM2
- Amendment of Item Selections challenge!!
- Chris Brown's Tool University of Denver
  - Download completed Class List from DDM2
  - Download your library's selections and nonselections in a single column from Item Lister
  - Construct Access database with 7 columns
  - Bring the previous two files into Access matching on the Item Number



### Chris' Drop Script

- Mercer Item Profile Access database created by Chris Brown
- Use Access database to generate:
  - Drop List
  - Protect List
- Export the Drop List from the Access database
- Use Chris' script to make drops on the fast track http://fdlp.gov/home/repository/doc\_details/631-item deselection-on-the-fast-track [Slide 15]





#### Results of Item Deselection

- 0123A total items 4,113
  - Dropped items -- 1,975
  - Selected items -- 29
- Mercer Depository Profile
  - 48% item selection before July 2009
  - 26% item selection after July 2009

#### Documents Without Shelves (DWS)

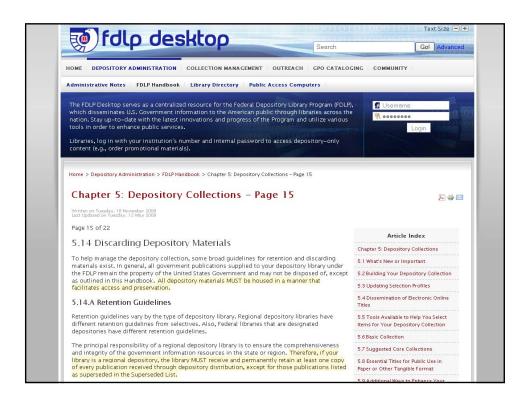
- MARCIVE subscriber since 1997
  - Shipping List Service (SLS)
  - Enhanced GPO Database Service
- Changed MARCIVE subscriptions
  - Dropped SLS and GPO records
  - Added MARCIVE DWS
- Received 100% electronic items with DWS
- Reduced cost by 64%

#### **Weeding Procedures**

- Followed the FDLP Disposal Guidelines (FDLP Handbook Chapter 5.14, Page 15)
- Complied with the Georgia Depository Discard List Procedures

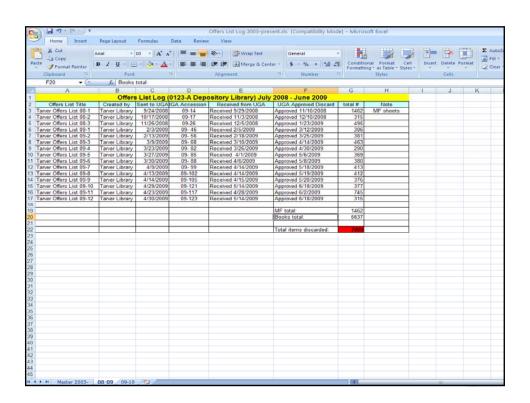
http://www.libs.uga.edu/govdocs/depository libraries/discardlists.html

Created Offers Lists for submission to regional depository for approval



## **Managing Offers Lists**

- Ensure materials retained more than five years
- Create Offers List Log
  - Number of Offers Lists
  - Date Sent to UGA
  - UGA Accession Number
  - Receipt Date from UGA
  - Approved Disposal Date
  - Number of Discarded Items



#### **Documents Shifting Project**

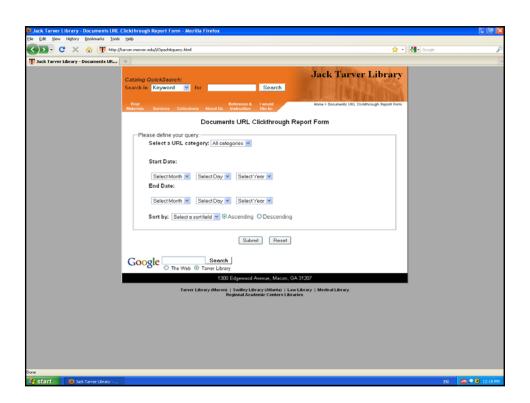
- Part of library-wide re-carpeting project
- Back-shifted and compressed documents into six ranges
- Freed up space for Reference materials
- Created new space for Curriculum and Juvenile materials

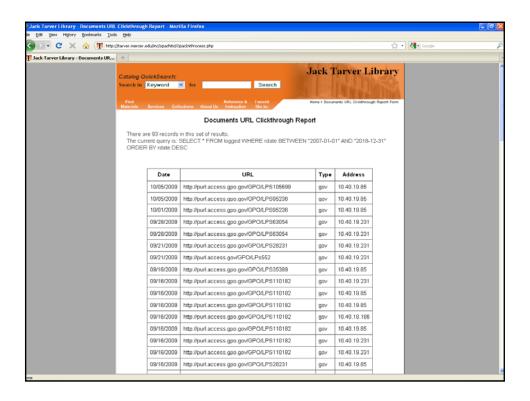
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- Track online document usage
- Promote use of government information
- Manage electronic government resources

### URL/PURL Clickthrough

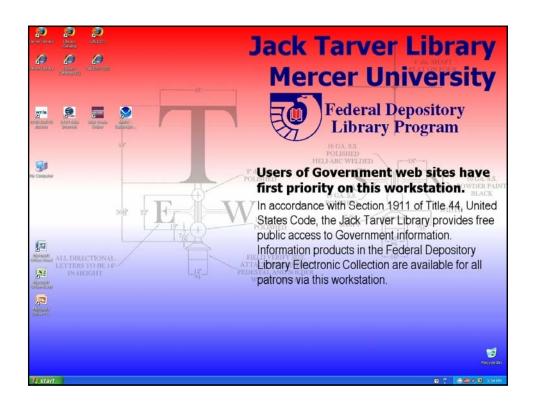
- Write a script to connect between Library Catalog and MySQL database
- Generate a prefix
- Add prefix in Field 856 before the URL/PURL
- Create a web form to display the information by pulling the data from MySQL database

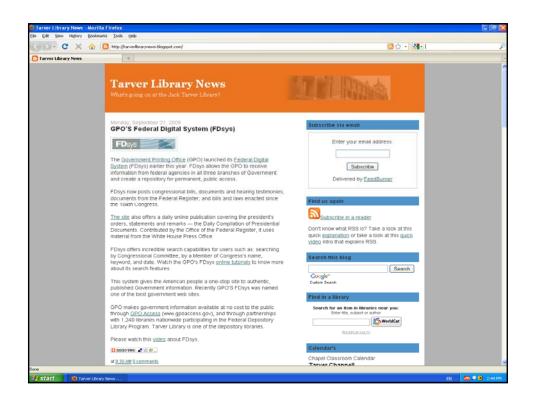




# Promoting Government Information

- Redesign Government Documents web page
- Use Tarver Library News Blog
- Organize documents open house in spring
- Offer workshops on topic-specific government information
- Create web guides/online tutorials on specific government publications/databases





#### **Managing Electronic Collections**

- Customize batch-loaded MARCIVE records
- Regularly update records
- Enhance public services in an electronic environment
  - Virtual reference
  - Instant Messaging (IM)
- Provide training for staff and users

#### **Final Thoughts**

- Enlist support of library administrators
  - Share the value and benefits of FDLP participation
  - Keep your supervisor informed
- Collaborate with other library units
- Use FDLP Desktop great centralized resource
- Keep up-to-date by monitoring listservs
- Network in documents community

Many thanks
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## Questions



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