Highlighting U.S. Government Information at Libraries

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Overview

As a democracy, citizens need information to make informed decisions.

"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or, perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." (The Writings of James Madison, 1822, p. 103)

Federal Depository Libraries can promote government information sources in addition to their websites by:

- Including government websites and sources in libraries' database listings
- Promoting FDLP webinars on institutional calendars
- Highlighting current efforts for alternative data sources on websites

Government Information

Informational matter which is published as an individual document at Government expense, or as required by law." 44 USC 1901

Government information can cover nearly any topic, can be used by any citizen, includes almost every type of information: historical documents, maps, statistics and datasets, scientific papers.



It is:

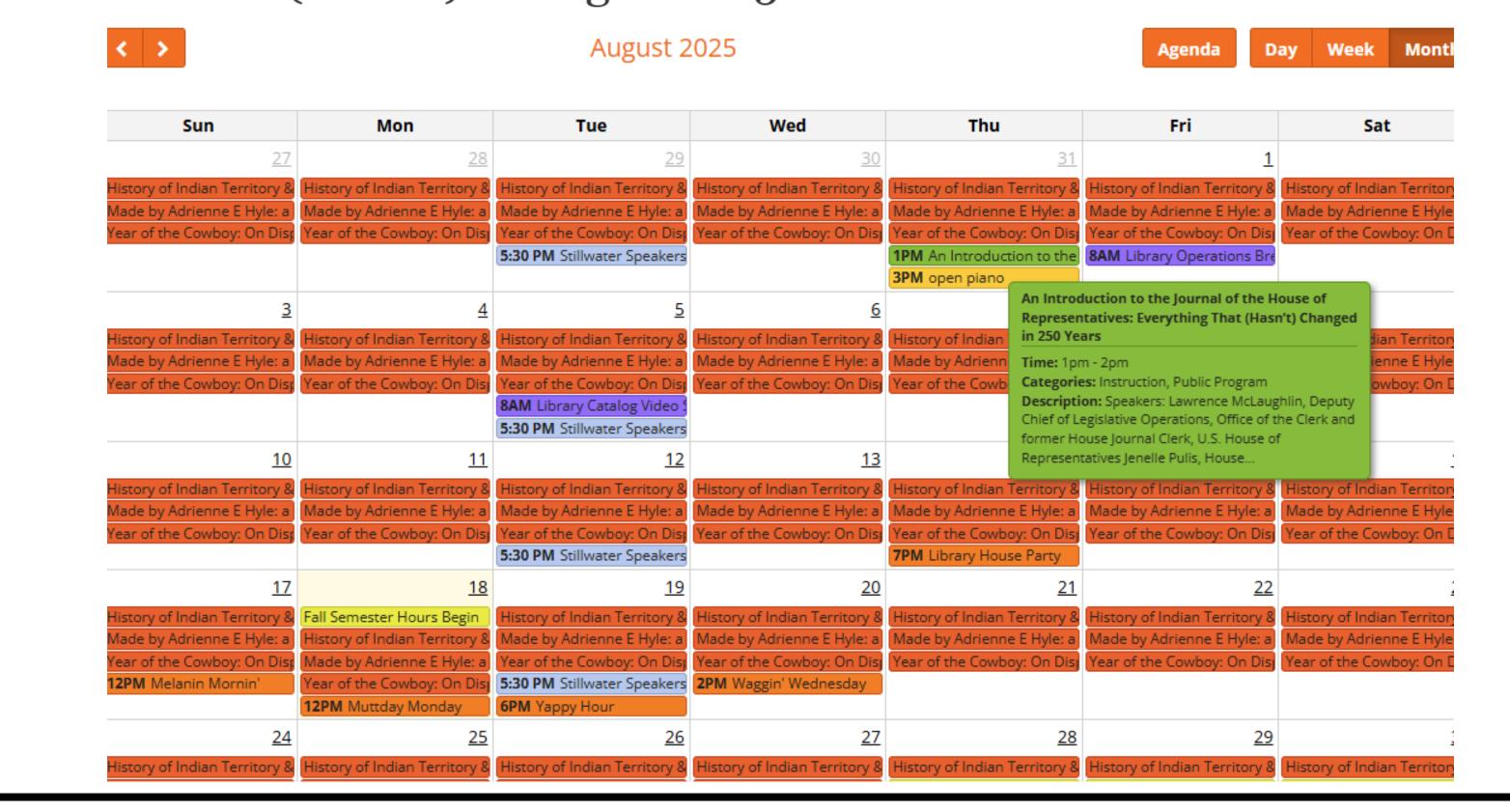
- Primary source data
- Authoritative
- Covers all subject areas, is a part of all curriculums
- Gives a national perspective
- Historical, 1895-
- Includes data and statistics
- Is without copyright and is free

Government Websites and Sources in Database Listings Agricultural **Statistics** A-Z Databases Catalog of U.S. Government Government Information Publications All A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z # Census.gov Data.gov The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) prepares reports covering virtually every aspect of U.S. agriculture. See the Data and Statistics tab. The Quick Stats database is the most comprehensive tool for accessing agricultural data published by NASS. Find and download agricultural statistics for every state and county in the United States Envirofacts The Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) is the search tool and index for print and electronic titles of publications from across the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the U.S. Government (the National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications). Includes descriptive information for historical and current publications and links to the full document when the official resource is NASA Tech Reports Census.gov @ ADA The U.S. Census Bureau is the nation's leading provider of authoritative data about its people, economy, and health. See Topics for key topics and subtopics, and Data & Maps for Data Profiles (statistics by Server Search America's historic newspaper pages from 1777-1963 or use the U.S. New Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of National free texts, movies, software, music, websites, and Agricultural ed by the Library of Congress, it Congress.gov is the official website for U.S. federal legislative information, provi ncludes: legislation from 1799 – present, current members of Congress, Comm Library CRS Reports are produced by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) for the United States Congress and provide timely, objective, and authoritative research and analysis to committees and members of

FDLP Webinars in Institutional Calendars Webinar: An Introduction to the Journal of the

A collection of more than 50,000 maps found in the Congressional Serial Set, 1817-1994.

House of Representatives: Everything That (Hasn't) Changed in 250 Years



Acknowledgments

OSU Library A-Z Databases https://info.library.okstate.edu/az/databases FDLP Academy https://www.fdlp.gov/about/fdlp-academy

Highlight Alternative Data Sources

Access to Government Information

- Federal Data Preservation
 Resources
 UC Santa Barbara Office of
- Federal Register
 See Current Issues, Popular
 Documents, Presidential
- Finding Government Information during the 2025 Administration <u>Transition</u>
- Digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Provide Universal Access to All Knowledge.
- <u>*End of Term Web Archive*</u>
 Captures and saves U.S.
 Government websites at the end of presidential administrations, 2008 . Collection in the Internet Archive.

University of Minnesota Libraries

Data Rescue Project

Serves as a clearinghouse for data rescue-related efforts and data access points for public U.S. governmental data that are currently at risk. See Current Efforts and Resources. Coordinated effort among a group of data organizations, including IASSIST, RDAP, and

members of the Data Curation

- Network.
 DataLumos
 A crowd-sourced repository for
- Public Environmental Data Partners
 Committed to preserving and providing public access to federal environmental data. Includes the Climate and Economic Justice
- Tracking Removed and Modified
 Government Information &

 Resources

Screening Tool

OSTI.gov

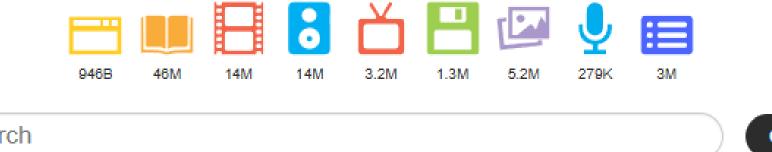
Science.gov

Part of the Data Rescue Project
 <u>Spreadsheet of At-Risk Data</u>
 Data Rescue Project.

- Federal Register
- Internet Archive
- End of Term Web Archive
- Democracy's Library
- Data Rescue Project
- **DataLumos**
- Public Environmental Data Partners

Internet Archive

Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free texts, movies, software, music, websites, and more.



- Wayback Machine 946 billion web pages saved over time, 1996 -
- **Democracy's Library** Government data, documents records, and research



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