

PASSING THE TORCH:

NAVIGATING A GOVERNMENT
DOCUMENTS TRANSITION
WITH HEART, HUMOR, AND
A HINT OF CHAOS





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WHY THIS STORY?



Major library reorganization prompted role changes.



This transition marked the end of a deeply meaningful chapter.



Opportunity to reflect, document, and reimagine.



Sharing our story to spark ideas and encouragement for others in transition.

GOV DOCS AT KSU



Selective federal depository since 1968.



University consolidation in 2015 created a two-campus system.



Collections originally housed on the Kennesaw campus, relocated to Marietta in 2021.



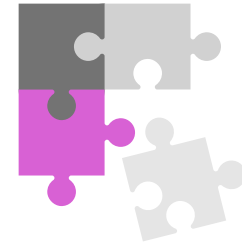
Historically coordinated by instruction librarians.



Role shifted to collection development librarian in 2017, emphasizing maintenance.



Constitution Day observed annually with events and outreach.



LIBRARY REORGANIZATION



University Libraries underwent administration change in 2023 and a major reorganization in 2024.

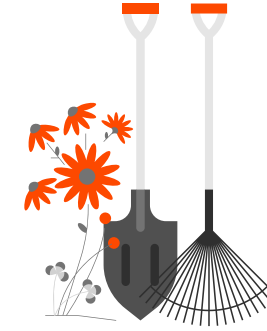


The Collection Development Librarian role evolved into Collection Strategist, expanding scope and reducing capacity for depository coordination.



Collegiate Librarian roles were created; Social Sciences Librarian stepped into Government Documents Coordinator position.

WEEDING PROJECT



Transition project.



Criteria: digital access, duplication, and curriculum relevance.

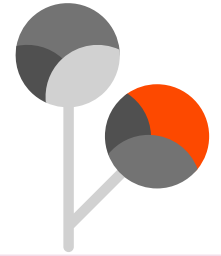


Collaboration across units and with collegiate librarians.



Goals: Support faculty and student research while also reclaiming physical space.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES



Balancing FDLP rules and local needs.



Uncatalogued materials and discoverability gaps.



Documenting decisions and processes for succession planning.



Partnerships across units and with collegiate librarians.



Adapting to digital first expectations.



Good transitions don't end something—they launch something.

HELPFUL HINTS



Develop an official transition timeline.



Document, document, document!

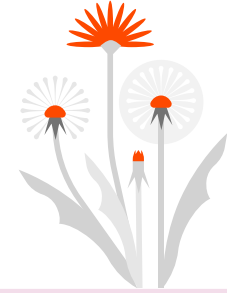


Ask for help from regional librarians and GPO.



Context builds confidence: share the *why*, not just the *how*.

FUTURE PLANS



Strengthen digital government document info in instruction and research.



Collaborate on outreach with collegiate librarians.



Reframe government documents as current and relevant.



Possibly relocate remaining physical documents to main library location.



Not just passing the torch—committed to keeping the flame alive through continued collaboration.

QUESTIONS?

