Welcome!

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Widespread public access to knowledge, like public education, is one of the pillars of our democracy, a guarantee that we can maintain a well-informed citizenry.

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Getting Students Interested
How to Make Government Documents Accessible
Enthusiasm and Expertise

- Sell, sell, sell (enthusiasm)
- Location, location, location (easy to find)
- Staff knowledge (not shuffled from one person to another)
Datasets
NCES, Labor, Census – bring these up to your graduate level students often as sources for further research data, or as a means to find interesting variables for their own work.

CRS Reports
For people in my areas of research assistance, these are an invaluable resource. Similarly, Homeland Security Digital library or PubMed.
Age Appropriate Programming

Panels, Puzzles, and More
## Other Avenues to Connect

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Don’t Forget Professors!

Win them over to use free articles and information as part of OER initiatives. Get them, get their students.
Great! Now you (the librarian) can find everything I need to write my paper!
What?
Honor Code Violation?
I am bound by the honor code
So I can’t do it for you.

I am obligated to provide access
So I have to find the fine line.

Compromise – I will lead you to water…
And you will drink!
Here’s Where It Can Get Tricky

- Balance FDLP obligations with student learning objectives
- IRB and other institutional rules governing data and studies
- Citations and credit
Pryamid of Assistance

1. **Final Product**
   Student writes a fabulous paper.

2. **My time and investment**
   Use my expertise to lead a student to the best resources as a foundation.

3. **Student Time and Investment**
   Student uses resources to explore and synthesize ideas.
Permission to tap out

- When students aren’t trying to do the work for themselves
- When students are using the information to violate Code of Conduct or Honor Code
- When you have helped all you can!
Thanks!

Any questions?

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Credits

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