Curating Government Information to Facilitate Access to Justice (A2J)

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What is “curation”?

- process of finding, distilling, adding value, preserving, and sharing the most relevant stories on a topic (gov info) for a specific audience (e.g. community users of FDL #0289A - Arthur Neef Law Library)

- a time-consuming activity that requires experience, subject-matter expertise, communication and technology skills
Step 1: Search setup

Search setup

- setting up multiple search bots and alerts for ‘official’ sites
- follow established ‘curators’ in the same subject area by subscribing to feeds, newsletters, custom search engines, catalog persistent searches

Tools

- web alert services (G-Alerts, G-Scholar), custom search engines, catalog persistent searches, e-newsletters
RSS reader (Feedly)

News & Events (ATOM 0.3)

LATEST

- GPO Names Chief Information Officer  The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) Director Davita Vance-Cooks has been named the new Chief Information Officer. 20h
- GPO Names Managing Director of Customer Services  The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) Director Davita Vance-Cooks has been named the new Managing Director of Customer Services. 1d
- The Government Documents Display Clearinghouse  This message is posted on behalf of Minnesota State University. 1d
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Signs Preservation Steward Agreement with GPO  The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has signed a Preservation Steward Agreement with GPO. 1d
- Title 44 Reform Recommendations from the DLC  In June 2017, GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks charged the Task Force on Title 44 with making recommendations for reform. 2d
- CGP on GitHub – GPO Posts Sample Set of 8,678 Bibliographic Records  The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) has posted a sample set of 8,678 bibliographic records on GitHub. 2d
- GPO Launches New Federal Bookstore Website  The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) launches a new Federal Bookstore website. 3d
- Final Shipping List Numbers for FY17  Reminder to all Federal depository libraries: Newly-selected deposit. 4d
- New GPO Bookstore Site on Display  GPO’s Publication and Information Sales (P&IS) staff are hard at work creating a new Federal Bookstore website. 6d
- Take a Tour of GPO Headquarters & the GPO History Exhibit after the DLC Meeting & FDL Conference  Join us for a tour of GPO Headquarters & the GPO History Exhibit after the DLC Meeting & FDL Conference. 7d
- Superintendent of Documents Testifies on the FDLP Before Congressional Panel  Acting Superintendent of Documents testifies beforeCongressional Panel. 7d
- Fall for GPO’s Free Webinars This October  This message has been cross-posted. Please excuse any duplicate entries. 8d
- Open Forum on Digital Deposit at the Fall 2017 DLC Meeting & FDL Conference  Posted on behalf of James Fordham. 8d
Library of Congress Blog

LATEST

- La Biblioteca Podcast Series Launches
- Hispanic Heritage Month: Celebrating Veterans
- New Online: A Redesigned Portal for Librarians and Archivists
- Pic of the Week: Firesign Theatre Comedians Share Their Story
- Hispanic Heritage Month: New and Improved Resources to Celebrate!
- Rare Book of the Month: ABCs Through the Centuries
- World War I: Immigrants Make a Difference on the Front Lines and at Home
- Trending: Let’s Celebrate Comics!
- Pic of the Week: Library and Military Service Academies Collaborate on Collections Access
- Free to Use and Reuse: Adolph Metzner Civil War Drawings
- New Online: James K. Polk Papers

Get the content that matters to you delivered to your Feedly

Publications & Blogs
Keyword alerts
Import OPML

ADD CONTENT
Custom search engine
Government feeds in blog
Step 2: Monitoring

Monitoring

- check periodically for the appearance of potentially relevant news to be curated

Tools

- RSS readers (Feedly), e-newsletters, custom search engines, etc.
The Government Documents Display Clearinghouse

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The Government Documents Display Clearinghouse was established to assist depository library staff in creating intriguing and eye-catching displays of Government documents collections. This enables others to view displayed collections numerously.
Step 3: Collecting

Collecting

- save relevant stories in a dedicated storage space for further review

Tools

- web-based storage (Feedly, Google Drive/Docs, etc.)
Validating

- read thoroughly
- check credentials, links, references

Tools

- human curation, detection resources for un-official sources
Step 5: Saving original content

Saving original content
• local/remote Word, PDF, HTML page, screenshots, etc.

Tools
• web capturing apps (dedicated for archiving & preserving content)
Synthesis

- distill the essence for summary of information value/relevance

Tools

- human curation
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The Clearinghouse is seeking FDLP displays, and they welcome digital images and lists of sources. Send photos and bibliographies for your displays to the Clearinghouse.

The Clearinghouse is sponsored by ALA GODORT's Education Committee and Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN. Contact MNSU with other questions or comments.

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GPO Webinars: October 2017

- "How Laws are Made: The Legislature, Thursday, October 5, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (EDT)
- How Laws are Made: The Administrative Agencies, Tuesday, October, 10, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (EDT)
- An Introduction to “A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates, 1774-1875”, Thursday, October 12, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (EDT)
- How Laws are Made: The Courts, Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (EDT)"

More webinars...
Step 7: Sharing

Sharing
- publish on website & social media
- *crediting* - provide name, publication, and *LINK* back to original material

Tools
- social media sites (Google Blogger, Google+, Google Sites, etc.)
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- Google Alerts
- Google Custom Search Engine
- Google Scholar Alerts
- Govinfo.gov Feeds (RSS)
- FDL0289A Blog (CSE, persistent searches, direct feeds)