Tips for Searching the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications

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The CGP in Brief

- **Created in 1995**
- **Uses WAIS software**
- **Does not have the same architecture as library OPAC modules in ILSs**
- **Consists of records produced since 1994**
- **Current to 2-3 days of production in OCLC**
- **More than 18,500 records with PURLs**
- **Accessed 500,000+ time per year**

GPO: National Authority for Cataloging U.S. Federal Documents

Bibliographic standards:

- **Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2d ed.**
- **Library of Congress Rule Interpretations**
- **MARC 21**
- **CONSER**
- **OCLC's Bibliographic Formats and Standards, 2d ed.**
- **GPO Cataloging Guidelines**

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/locators/cgp/a_catalog.html#standards

CGP Bibliographic Records

- **Produced to national standards**
- **Reflect evolving standards and local practices for cataloging online resources**
- **Reflect inconsistent application of prescribed practices**
- **Contain typos**
- **May have duplicate entries**

(LPS4000)
Records returned: 3

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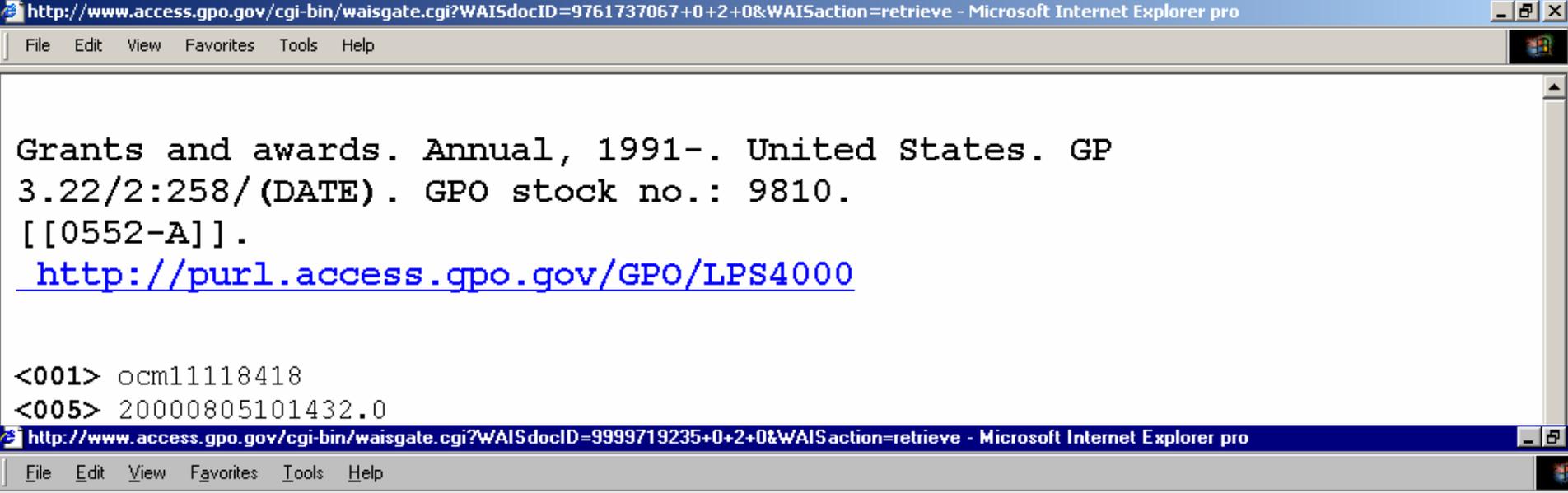
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CGP Search Forms

- **Keyword & Keyword (online titles)**
- **Title**
- **SuDoc class number**
- **Depository item number**
- **GPO stock number**
- **Publication date**
- **Cataloging date**
- **Multiple field search**

Search Tip #1:
Use the Keyword search

Search Tip #2:
Use strategies from other forms

Keyword search (online titles):

> e.g., PURL AND "Dept. of State" or http AND wildlife ADJ refuge

Title search:

> e.g., "Madison's Vision" or budget AND United ADJ States

SuDoc class number

> e.g., GP 3.2:M 26
>
> Enter Y 3.C 76/3:11-4/(Date) as Y 3.C 76/3:11-4/995

Cataloging date search:

> e.g., 199606* retrieves records cataloged in June 1996 or
>
> 200005* AND PURL retrieves records for online titles cataloged in May 2000

Search Tip #3:
Elements that produce useful results

- **Key words**
- **Subject headings**
- **Titles**
- **Series**
- **Publication date**
- **Cataloging date**
- **Class number**
- **OCLC number**

Search Tip #4:
Avoid using certain words

- **Stop words**
  - **an, and, as, for, from, nor, or, the, to**
- **United States, US**
- **Congress**
- **Washington**
- **GPO**

Search Tip #5:
Searching "EL Only" titles

- **PURL AND [electronic resource]**
- **PURL AND [computer file]**
- **Combine above with other elements**
  - **e.g., cataloging date, subject, agency**
- **Phrases used in note fields may yield good results**
  - **e.g., "no longer distributed"**
- **Beware of result number limitations**

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Related Finding Aids:

- Agency Pub. Indexes
- Agency Web Sites
- Browse Topics
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- Search Government

Catalog of U.S. Government Publications

A GPO Access Finding Aid

Keyword | Online Titles | Title | SuDoc # | Item # | Stock # | Date
Cataloging Date | Search more than one field

The Catalog is a search and retrieval service that provides bibliographic records of U.S. Government information products. Use it to link to Federal agency online resources or identify materials distributed to Federal Depository Libraries. Coverage begins with January 1994 and new records are added daily. New Electronic Titles contains online titles that are the latest entries in the Catalog or are in the queue to be added to it.

Keyword search:

`200204* AND purl  AND [electronic resource]`

e.g., "endangered species" or telev* AND children NOT advertising

Return `400` **Records**   [SUBMIT]   [CLEAR]   [More Help]

(200 Maximum)

Keyword search (online titles):

e.g., PURL AND "Dept. of State" or http AND wildlife ADJ refuge

Return `40` **Records**   [SUBMIT]   [CLEAR]   [More Help]

(200 Maximum)

Title search:

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The search was:

(200204* AND PURL AND [ELECTRONIC RESOURCE])
Records returned: 73

To locate Federal depository libraries that are likely to have a publication, select [Locate Libraries]

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[1]
A survey of **electronic** cash, **electronic** banking, and internet gaming. [**electronic resource**]. 2000. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (U.S.) T 1.2:2002013851. [[0925 (online)]].
http://**purl**.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS18591
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[2]
Heroin movement worldwide. [**electronic resource**]. 2000?] Introduction -- Statistics --Conveyance -- Consumption -- Southwest Asia -- Latin America -- Southeast Asia. United States. PREX 3.2:2002013327. [[0856-A-02 (online)]].
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[3]
National health promotion and disease prevention objectives : progress review : black Americans, October 26, 1998. [**electronic resource**] :. 1998] United States. HE 20.2:2002013392. [[0485 (online)]].
http://**purl**.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS18516
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Search Tip #6:
Remember more common practices

- **Use Boolean operators**
- **Use quotation marks for phrase searching**
- **Use multiple search elements**
- **Follow initial keyword search with more specific LCSH search**
- **Beware of result number limitations**
- **Consult "Helpful Hints" page**

Going for Precision …

Keyword search:

Internet AND schools AND teacher AND purl

e.g., "endangered species" *or* telev* AND children NOT advertising

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The search was:

(INTERNET AND SCHOOLS AND TEACHER AND PURL)
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Teacher use of computers and the **Internet** in public **schools**. Microfiche. 2000] Educational Resources Information Center (U.S.)
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LCSH from the MARC Record

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Teacher use of computers and the **Internet** in public **schools**. Microfiche. 2000] Educational Resources Information Center (U.S.)
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"Internet in Education" Follow-up

("INTERNET IN EDUCATION" AND PURL)
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http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS7478

Teaching social studies with the **Internet**. [computer file] /.
Education. ED 1.310/2:435582. [[0466-A-03 (online)]].
http://**purl**.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS6399

Using the World Wide Web with adult ESL learners.
1.310/2:427555. [[0466-A-03 (MF)]].
http://**purl**.acc World Wide Web resources for teaching and learning economics.
Science **Education**. ED 1.310/2:424189. [[0466-A-03 (MF)]].
http://**purl**.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS6399

Internet resources for K-8 students : update 2000. [computer file]
1.310/2:439703. [[0466-A-03 (online)]].
http://**purl**.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS6399

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> ("ALABAMA" AND PURL)
> Records returned: 71

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[1]
Climatological data. **Alabama**. Microfiche. Monthly, with annual summary called no. 13. National Climatic Center. C 55.214/2:(V.NO. NOS.). [[0277-A-01 (online)]].
> Rank: 1000 Locate Libraries , [Short Record] , [Full Record]

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[2]
An Act to to Designate the Federal Building Located at 1710 **Alabama** Avenue in Jasper, **Alabama**, as the Carl Elliott Federal Building.. 2000] United States. AE 2.110:106-304. GPO stock no.: 869-040-00134-3. [[0575]].
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Hourly precipitation data. **Alabama**. Microfiche. Monthly with annual summary. National Climatic Center. C 55.216:(V.NO. NOS.). [[0274-A-01 (online)]].
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County business patterns, Delaware. Annual. United States. C 3.204/3-16:996. GPO stock no.: 803-032-00003. [[0133-A-08]].
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Forest statistics for southwest-south **Alabama** counties, 1999. Microfiche. [2000] United States. A 13.80:SRS-55. [[0083-B-05 (MF)]].
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Search Success!!

The CGP is not perfect, but …

- **It gets results**
- **LPS has learned from the CGP experience**
- **It is now an interim product as we plan for an ILS with an OPAC module**

Questions or Comments …

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