

Poster Presentation

Depository Library Council Meeting and Federal Depository Library Conference



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View the posters **Monday, October 19**, 10:00 a.m. through **Tuesday, October 20**, 5:00 p.m. in the Monroe Room.

Meet and talk with the poster presenters at the Poster Session on **Tuesday, October 20** from **1:30 – 2:30**.

Duct tape and Thin Air: Creating a Federal Documents Center and Learning Commons with no Budget

- Jane Canfield, Federal Documents Coordinator, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico, Biblioteca Encarnación Valdés

For all of its years of existence as a federal depository, Encarnación Valdés Library housed federal documents behind the walls of technical services. When I took the job in 2007, most of the library staff had no clue as to what government documents are and even less professors and students were aware of our existence as a depository. (I did not know anything about government documents either). So, as I learned and started to offer services, reference help, orientations and aid to the community, the fed docs department outgrew its space in technical services. Last year, in a moment of inspiration or craziness, while looking at an unused corner of reference services filled with old copies of biological and chemical abstracts, the idea developed to create a fed docs center and learning commons area. There was no money in the budget so the reference librarian and i wrote a proposal to create the area, referred to fondly as 'the duct tape project'. First, we had the city recycle the old biological and chemical abstracts and the maintenance department remove and store the shelves. We went 'shopping' in hidden closets and storage rooms and even borrowed a table from the library kitchen. And soon, we had the brand new Federal Depository Center and Learning Commons. How we did it might inspire others to create similar projects in difficult times.

Seeing through the Congressional Record

- Julia Frankosky, Government Information Librarian, Michigan State University, Michigan State University Libraries

This poster will show the results of using Voyant, a free online textual analysis tool to text mine the Congressional Record. The benefits of textual analysis as a means of "seeing through" text to discover underlying themes and promoting the use of government documents for digital scholarship will be highlighted.

The Evolution and Digitization of the World War II Poster Collection at Northwestern University Library

- Charmaine Henriques, Government Information Librarian, Northwestern University, University Library
- Daniel Zellner, Multimedia Services Specialist, Northwestern University, University Library

This poster will discuss/illustrate the digitization of Northwestern University Library's World War II Poster Collection. The poster will briefly touch on the history of the World War II Poster Collection and will cover from the project's initial inception in 1995 to the upgrading of the images and their inclusion into the

Library's image repository in 2014. The World War II Poster collection images are available for hi-resolution tiff download without mediation and have been used in books, articles and exhibits.

Engaging Humanities and Art University Students with Government Information

- Ammie E. Harrison, Humanities and Theatre Librarian, Texas Christian University, Mary Coutts Burnett Library

The government publishes content in a variety of subjects, including the humanities and arts. This poster introduces valuable federal depository resources, both in print and online, in unexpected subject areas, especially historical, political, and social context and research and funding opportunities. It also provides advice on how to introduce this content to humanities and art students.

Overcoming Information Access Barriers in Tribal Communities

- Hannah Buckland, Director of Library Services, Leech Lake Tribal College

Poverty, geographic isolation, systemic racism, and historical trauma deeply impact life on American Indian reservations. Tribal libraries fill a special role in these communities, offering more than just resources and often serving as both keepers and promoters of vibrant cultures; however, obstacles including miniscule budgets, low staffing levels, and poor broadband connectivity perpetually hinder development of library services. By participating in the Federal Depository Library Program, the Leech Lake Tribal College Library of northern Minnesota seeks to overcome some of these barriers, providing improved information access to students and community members alike. Background information on tribal libraries will be outlined, existing areas where GPO strongly supports tribal libraries will be highlighted, and recommendations for future program expansion will be provided.

A Decade of Government Information Collection Assessment: One Library's Integrated Approach

- Bethany Latham, Electronic Resources/Documents Librarian, Jacksonville State University, Houston Cole Library

Government Information Collections differ from conventional subject collections in a variety of ways: they are interdisciplinary, the items are received free-of-charge, some items are not classed using Library of Congress (LC) call numbers and, because the collection is acquired through FDLP, it must meet mandates and conform to regulations which do not impact traditional collections. Thus, traditional methods of assessment must be modified to better address Government Information Collections. Consequently, an alternative method of assessment has been adapted from the guidelines established by the WLN Collection Assessment Services with the hope of modifying the guidelines to fit the unique properties of the Houston Cole Library's Government Information Collection, while creating an assessment that is comparable to those performed on specific subject areas within that Library. An inaugural assessment was performed in May of 2005 as a baseline; the current 2015 assessment uses it for comparison, but also provides a zero-based evaluation of the current state of the Library's Government Information Collection that other libraries may find useful for assessing their own collections.

Depository Cataloging and Processing in the Northwest

- Ramirose Attebury, Head of Government Documents, University of Idaho, Library

This poster presents the results of a survey of depository cataloging and processing practices at libraries in the Northwest U.S. The survey grew out of a desire by members of the Northwest Government Information Network to learn more about how depositories take care of their processing and cataloging responsibilities, especially in light of the fact that many members had recently made the transition to a new shared ILS as the result of participation in the Orbis Cascade Alliance. Questions asked about how documents staff obtained their documents catalog records and what ILS they used, how much involvement the coordinator actually had in the processing and cataloging processes, and what types of problems were routine occurrences with documents cataloging and processing.

We(eding) the People Off Google: Training Business Entrepreneurs in the Use of State Library and Federal Government Resources

- Kathy Karn Carmichael, Government Information Librarian, University of South Carolina Aiken
- Kari D. Weaver, Associate Professor of Library Science and library Instruction Coordinator, University of South Carolina Aiken

This poster will explore the collaboration between the academic librarians at the University of South Carolina Aiken and the South Carolina Small Business Development Center.

While public libraries have long been partners with local business communities, business community partnerships between a University Library and a Small Business Development Center have remained largely unexplored. However, at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina Aiken, two librarians, the Instruction Coordinator, who had a background as a Business Librarian and the Federal Depository Library Coordinator, believed their specialties would blend well to provide aspiring local entrepreneurs with important information resources. To bring their expertise to the community, the librarians formed a partnership with the South Carolina Small Business Development Center (SC SBDC). Out of the formative discussions between the librarians and SC SBDC, two services for clients were established: First, librarians would schedule individual consultations with clients who required assistance finding specific types of information and, second, create a workshop which would provide professional development training and outreach to local entrepreneurs. The 2.5 hour workshop would focus on subscription databases available to individuals through statewide subscriptions and free federal government. This poster will discuss the process of partnership formation, and the products of the collaboration.

Finding the Right Public Health Data: Assessing the Impact of Government Documents on Life-Long Learning and Student Success

- Darren Sweeper, Head, Government Documents and Data Librarian, Montclair State University, Sprague Library

This poster focuses on assessing the impact of Government Documents and data information literacy instruction on life –long learning and student success for graduate students in the Masters in Public Health program at Montclair State University. Using a multi-modal assessment process, that included measuring the outcomes of one-shot information literacy classes, combined with embedded online research guides, and one-on-one research appointments with the Government Documents librarian.

Reducing Health Disparities Through Digitization and Public Document Access

- Faye Williams, Knowledge Center Manager, Office of Minority Health Resource Center, Knowledge Center, Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Leah Castaldi, Technical Services Librarian, Office of Minority Health Resource Center, Knowledge Center, Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Annie Osorio, Digital Access Librarian, Office of Minority Health Resource Center, Knowledge Center, Dept. of Health and Human Services

The mission of the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) is to improve and protect the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities. It advises the Secretary the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on public health programs affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Blacks/African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders. The Office of Minority Health Resource Center - Knowledge Center includes a specialized library collection of 50,000 documents related to the health status of racial and ethnic minorities. In 2010, the Knowledge Center initiated a project to scan and digitize key reports related to health disparities, including linking full-text documents to the online catalog. To date, 58 percent of the collection has been moved to digital access. Select materials, also posted on the Internet Archive website, have had over 88,000 downloads by the general public.

Culturally appropriate, public domain materials aimed at a diverse audience continue to be digitally scanned, linked within the catalog, and submitted to this national archive. This poster will illustrate digital content that is available to libraries and general audiences, and will demonstrate how this digital library project supports educational outreach initiatives to vulnerable populations.

To FDLP or Not to FDLP, That is the Question: Evaluating Federal Depository Library Program Participation

- Artie Berns, Law Library Graduate Assistant, University of Illinois, Jenner Law Library
- Rena Stoeber, Law Library Graduate Assistant, University of Illinois, Jenner Law Library

Explores key issues that law libraries should consider when addressing the question of continued participation in the Federal Depository Library Program.

This topic relates to AALL's Core Organizational Values, including:

- *equitable and permanent public access to legal information*
- *continuous improvement in access to justice*
- *community and collaboration*
- *the essential role of law librarians within their organizations and in a democratic society*

Integrating Gov Docs at a Small Selective

- Cate Kellett, Catalog and Government Documents Librarian, Yale Law School, Lillian Goldman Law Library

This poster will outline the decision making Yale's law library went through to integrate the formerly separate Gov Docs collection into the main stacks. Perspectives addressed include all departments (tech services, public services, etc.) as well as physical processing needs and the requirements of the FDLP. In the end, the law library decided the benefits of an integrated collection outweighed those of maintaining a physically separate collection. The poster will also list the expected benefits to patrons of the integrated collection.

Celebrate Your Federal Depository Library

- Lisa Pritchard, Coordinator of Government Documents/Director of Library, Jefferson College, Library

Ideas for celebrating your depository library's anniversary will be presented. Timelines for planning, ideas from other libraries, check-lists, and more! Come and get inspiration for promoting your small and large FDLP celebrations.

Common Ground: A History of Public Information in the U.S.

- Laura Sare, Government Information Librarian, Texas A&M University
- Sarah Potvin, Digital Scholarship Librarian, Texas A&M University

Government documents and scholarly communication have much in common: notably, a shared emphasis on the open and persistent availability of high quality resources to a broader public than might concern other units in a research library and a sensitivity to actions and mandates undertaken at federal, state, and local levels of government. In this poster, we consider the entwined histories of scholarly communication and government documents, and argue for a closer engagement and awareness.

Quasquicentennial? 125 years of Service to South Dakota!

- Vickie Mix, Associate Professor, South Dakota State University, Hilton M. Briggs Library

The library at South Dakota State University, formerly South Dakota Agricultural College, has been a member of the Federal Depository Library Program since 1889 when South Dakota became a state. Hilton M. Briggs Library is the largest depository library in South Dakota with a collection of over 573,000 government publications in multiple tangible formats and over 91,000 online documents. Hilton M. Briggs Library, so named in 1977, and South Dakota State University celebrated 125 years of government information service to the state of South Dakota in 2014.

Reunited and It Feels So Good: Retrieving Government Publications from Warehouse Storage

- Sarah Erekson, Government Information Librarian, Chicago Public Library, Harold Washington Library Center

Chicago Public Library has been in the Federal Depository Library Program for 139 years. For most of that time, government publications were not housed in a separate department. By the 1960s, the Chicago Public Library had outgrown its central library, and shelf space became an issue. At that time, some government documents were selected to be packed up and stored in a warehouse. This was never intended as a permanent solution, and was well before high-density storage became the storage solution for large libraries. However, poor record keeping and other factors meant that the Government Publications Department did not have access to these materials for nearly 40 years.

In Spring of 2015, the Chicago Public Library began a project to bring the lost collections back into the ideal location for preservation and access: the Government Publications Department at the Harold Washington Library Center.

This poster will display photos of the project and reunited collections.

Providing Legal Information at Texas Tech for Non-Lawyers: A Progress Report

- Tom Rohrig, Associate Librarian, Texas Tech University, Library
- Minerva Alaniz, Associate Librarian, Texas Tech University, Library
- Jake Syma, Associate Librarian, Texas Tech University, Library

This presentation indicates the work that Texas Tech Personal Librarians have done to provide better access to legal information to their non-Law-school clientele.