

# Supporting the Public's Right to Know: Engaging Users in Government Information at Florida State University

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# Intro to Depository Statuses

Florida State University Libraries serves as a depository for:

1. The United States Federal Government (1941)
2. The State of Florida (1967)
3. The United Nations (1967)



# Intro to Depository Statutes: U.S. Federal

## 1. United States Federal Government:

- Established by Congress in 1813
- FDLP ensures public access to government information through depository libraries in the U.S. & its territories (44 U.S.C. § 19)
- Administered GPO

Title 44 of the US Code defines a government publication as:

“An informational matter ... published ... at Government expense, or as required by law”

(Pub. L. 90–620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1283)



Federal Depository Library Program

## TITLE 44—PUBLIC PRINTING AND DOCUMENTS

*This title was enacted by Pub. L. 90-620, § 1, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1238*

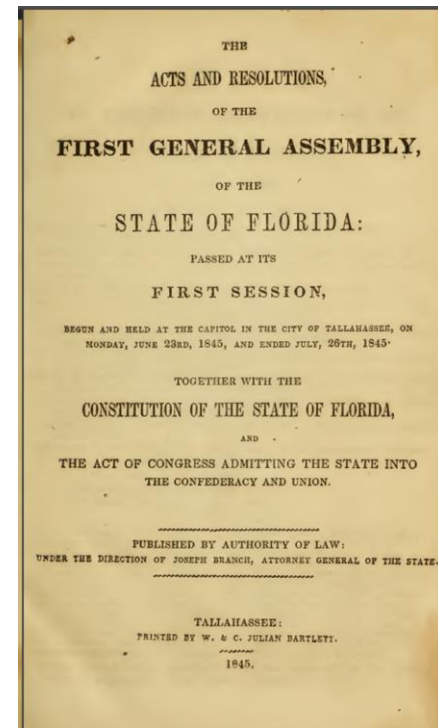
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1.	Government Publishing Office .....	301	102	Pub. L. 95-378, §2(b), Sept. 22, 1978, 92 Stat. 723, struck out item 27 “Federal Records Council”.
5.	Production and Procurement of Printing and Binding .....	501	103	1974—Pub. L. 93-636, §2, Dec. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 1735, substituted “National Historical Publications and Records Commission” for “National Historical Publications Commission” in item 25.
7.	Congressional Printing and Binding .....	701	104	
9.	Congressional Record .....	901	105	
11.	Executive and Judiciary Printing and Binding .....	1101	106	CHANGE OF NAME
13.	Particular Reports and Documents .....	1301	107	“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” in items 3 and 39 on authority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2857, set out as a note preceding section 301 of this title.
15.	Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations .....	1501	108	
17.	Distribution and Sale of Public Documents .....	1701	109	
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	AMENDMENTS			
	2014—Pub. L. 113-187, §9(d)(2), Nov. 26, 2014, 128 Stat. 2014, struck out “and by the Administrator of General Services” after “United States” in item 29.			
	2002—Pub. L. 107-347, title I, §101(b), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2910, added item 36.			
	1969—Pub. L. 109-40, §2(b), June 8, 1969, 107 Stat. 113, added item 41.			
	1960—Pub. L. 101-600, title IV, §1(d)(2), Nov. 5, 1960, 104 Stat. 1419, added item 27.			
	1968—Pub. L. 100-504, title II, §204, Oct. 18, 1968, 102 Stat. 2631, added item 36.			
	1964—Pub. L. 98-497, title I, §5102(o)(2), 107(b)(18)(B), Oct. 19, 1964, 88 Stat. 2283, 2290, substituted “National Archives and Records Administration” for “Archival Administration” in item 21, and inserted “the Archivist of the United States and by the” in item 29.			
	1960—Pub. L. 86-511, §2(b), Dec. 11, 1960, 84 Stat. 2925, substituted “Information Policy” for “Reporting Services” in item 35.			

# Intro to Depository Statuses: State of Florida




## 2. The State of Florida:

- First statewide depository program for Florida publications was initiated by the Florida Library Association, and established in 1967 by the Florida Legislature (**Chapter Law 67-223**).
- FSU became a State Depository in 1967.
- Requires State agencies to deposit their publications with the Division of Library and Information Services for distribution to designated depository libraries throughout the state of Florida.
- Renamed the State Publications Program in 2015.



## Intro to Depository Statuses: United Nations (DL-249, Dec. 1967)

3.  The United Nations Depository is governed by the United Nations Publications Board.

- The Board approves the designation of new depository libraries and withdrawals upon recommendation by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (DHL).



## Mission of FSU Depositories

- FSU commits to supporting the public's right to know about the workings and activities of the 3 depository governmental entities by providing free public access to their publications.
- Our collections support excellence in research and instruction across all disciplines at FSU.



## Staff

- 1 Librarian
- 1 Collections & Government Information Specialist
- 1 Government Information Collections Access staff
- 4 Federal Work Study students
- All library employees

**Department:** Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities





- Informs the public about our collections and services, and their rights to access government information.
- Enables us to reach a wider audience, outside of specific curricular needs.
- Seek feedback about patron needs to improve our services and maintain a vibrant collection.
- Collaboration with units in the library and on campus:
  - Marketing
  - Web Development
  - Teaching, Learning, and Engagement
- Visibility on campus makes it easy for library administration to advocate for services.



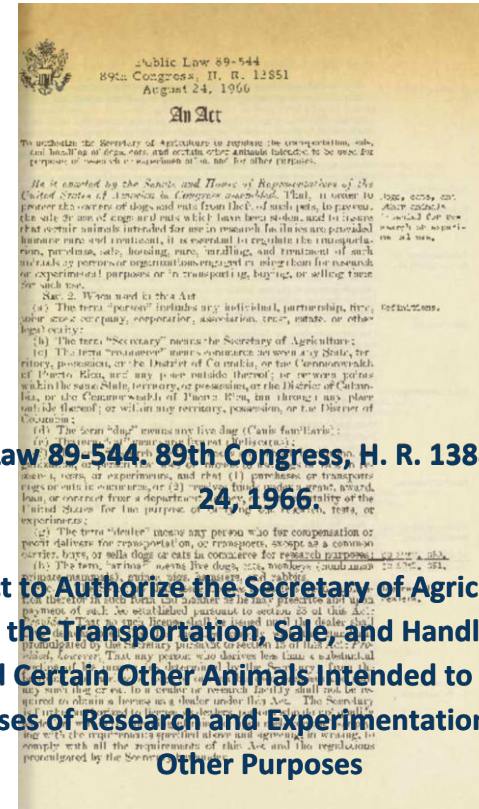


# Outreach Activities: Displays

- Dedicated space on the ground floor of Strozier Library for government information displays
- Displays are done monthly / biweekly
- Themes:
  - Curricular needs
  - National commemorations
  - Public requests
  - Student interests – RSOs
  - Fun

Public Law 89-544, 89th Congress, H. R. 13881. August 24, 1966

An Act to Authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to Regulate the Transportation, Sale and Handling of Dogs, Cats, and Certain Other Animals Intended to Be Used for Purposes of Research and Experimentation, and for Other Purposes



## Outreach Activities: Themes

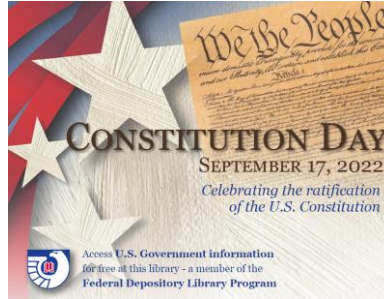
Women's History Month



**Hispanic**  
Heritage Month

**Native American**  
Heritage Month

**Asian/Pacific American**  
Heritage Month • • •



*The American Revolution &  
Declaration of Independence*

**FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION  
DAY** MARCH 16  
★ ★ ★

**UFOs**  
A Phenomenon

**Love Your  
Government  
Data**

## Outreach Activities: Themes

United States   
Foreign Relations

United States<sup>®</sup>  
**Census  
2020**

 **National  
Park**Service™



unicef  | **WORLD  
CHILDREN'S  
DAY**

First **100**  
Days in Office



**Women's  
Suffrage**

# Outreach Activities: Display Items

- Print government publications
- General collection items (provides a well-rounded representation of the subject, and context for the display): Hispanic Heritage Month
  - —————> popular literature by Hispanic authors
- Electronic resources (QR Codes & Website)
  - Websites
  - Multimedia

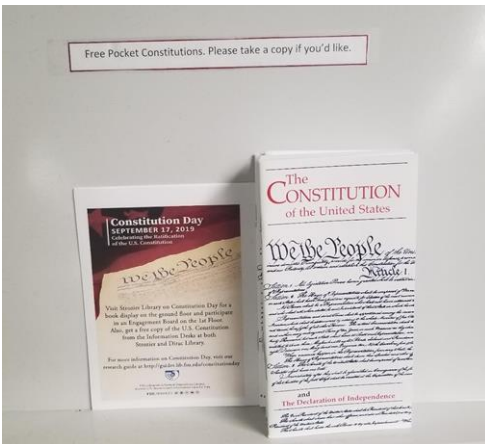




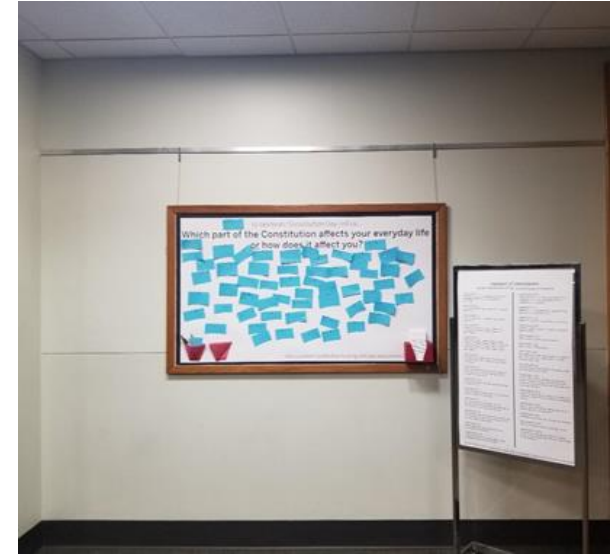
# Outreach Activities: Engagement Board

- Used to seek patron feedback on issues and questions related to display themes
- Engagement questions are kept open ended not to limit responses

## Example: Constitution Day



- Free copies of pocket constitution and summary amendments for background
- Patrons were asked about how they enjoy their constitutional rights
- Responses are used to identify interests and plan for future events and services

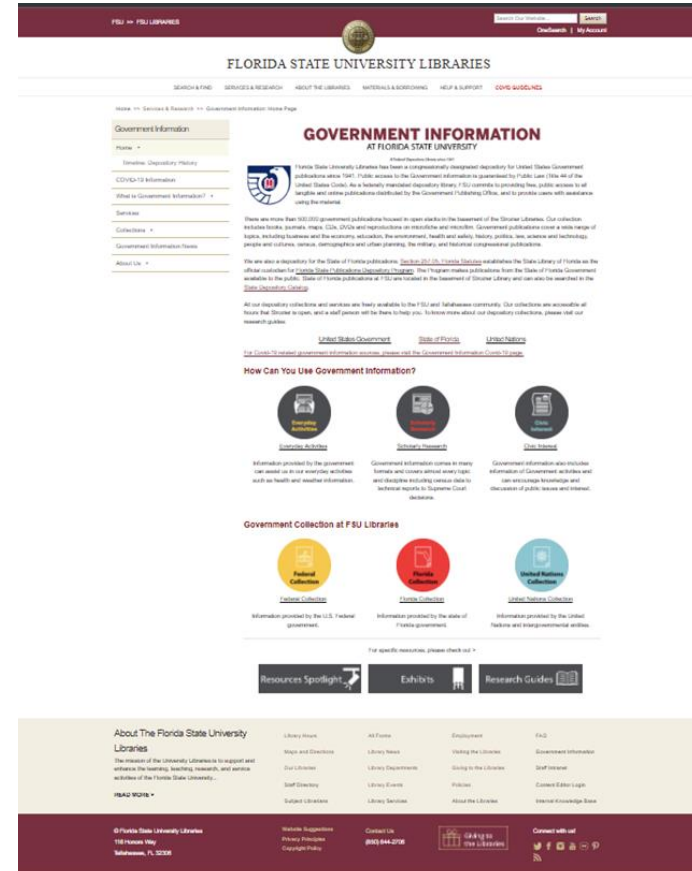


## Outreach Activities: Website

- FSU Libraries' Government Information website is our main platform for outreach:  
<https://www.lib.fsu.edu/collections/government-docs/>

## Sample Contents

- Resources spotlight: Created to provide an easily discoverable curated collection of our electronic resources
- Full listing of services
- Information about depository collections and how they can be used
- Links to libguides
- Freely available electronic government information and library subscription resources that complement our depository holdings



# Outreach Activities: Blogs / Social Media

- **Social Media (Twitter / Facebook / Instagram):**
  - Happens through collaboration with the Libraries' Marketing Department
  - Twitter takeover to engage with patrons
- **Blogs:** <https://fsulib.com/>
  - Used mainly for events befitting of broader audiences
  - Stays up for a while and continue to provide answers and relevant information – good for changing student populations
  - Context for print/digital displays
  - Outside audiences



## Examples:

- Love your FDL Week
- Love Your Data Week
- Depository Anniversaries
- Jewish American Heritage Month



## Outreach Activities: Digital Signage

- Advertises our programs
- Increases visibility
- Environmentally sustainable
- Complements other outreach methods

### Examples

- National commemorative themes
- Workshops





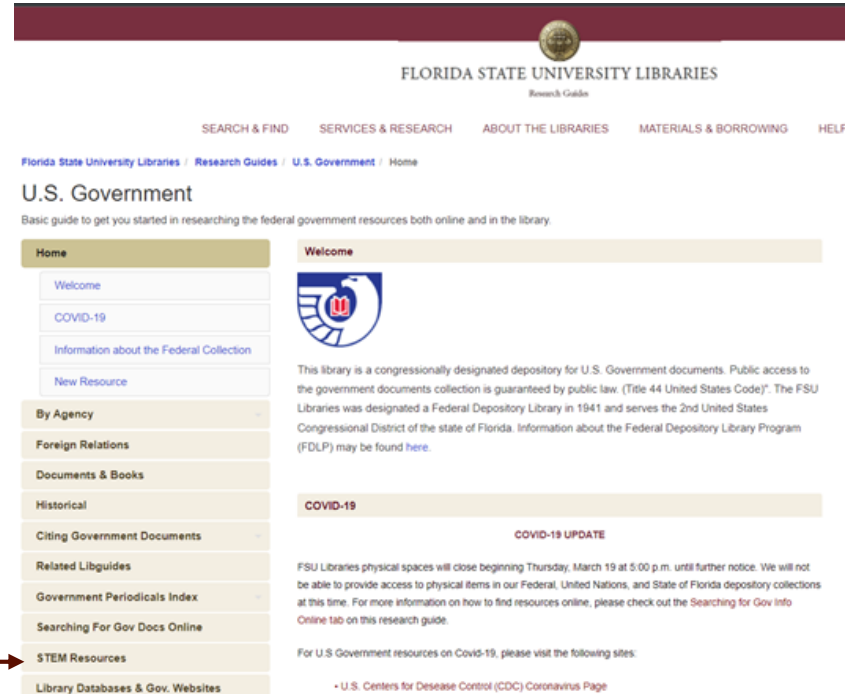
## Outreach Activities: Tabling Events

- Great way to interact with patrons
- Allows use of interactive materials
  - Puzzles (NASA)
  - Civics flash cards
  - Distribute prizes
- Usually accompanied by an engagement board



# Outreach Activities: Research Guides

- Provides guidance relating to the use of Government information
  - Search strategies for government information in our collections and on the web
  - Citation guides
- Help curate our electronic resources by agency and subject
- Draws focus to specific topical areas –
  - Gov. Info. in STEM



The screenshot shows the Florida State University Libraries website. The header includes the university's name and a search bar. The main content area is titled "U.S. Government" and includes a welcome message. A left sidebar contains a list of links, with "STEM Resources" highlighted by a red arrow. The right sidebar features a "COVID-19" section with an update on library closures and a link to CDC resources.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

SEARCH & FIND SERVICES & RESEARCH ABOUT THE LIBRARIES MATERIALS & BORROWING

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## U.S. Government

Basic guide to get you started in researching the federal government resources both online and in the library.


### Home

- Welcome
- COVID-19
- Information about the Federal Collection
- New Resource

### By Agency

- Foreign Relations
- Documents & Books
- Historical
- Citing Government Documents
- Related Libguides
- Government Periodicals Index
- Searching For Gov Docs Online
- STEM Resources**
- Library Databases & Gov. Websites

### Welcome



This library is a congressionally designated depository for U.S. Government documents. Public access to the government documents collection is guaranteed by public law. (Title 44 United States Code). The FSU Libraries was designated a Federal Depository Library in 1941 and serves the 2nd United States Congressional District of the state of Florida. Information about the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) may be found [here](#).

### COVID-19

#### COVID-19 UPDATE

FSU Libraries physical spaces will close beginning Thursday, March 19 at 5:00 p.m. until further notice. We will not be able to provide access to physical items in our Federal, United Nations, and State of Florida depository collections at this time. For more information on how to find resources online, please check out the Searching for Gov Info Online tab on this research guide.

For U.S. Government resources on Covid-19, please visit the following sites:

- U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Coronavirus Page

## Key Takeaways

- Successfully reach a wider audience
- Gain valuable insight about future outreach activities and services
- Enables collaboration with multiple units in the library and on campus
- Increases visibility on campus
- Embeds government information collections and services in curriculums
- Informs the public



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