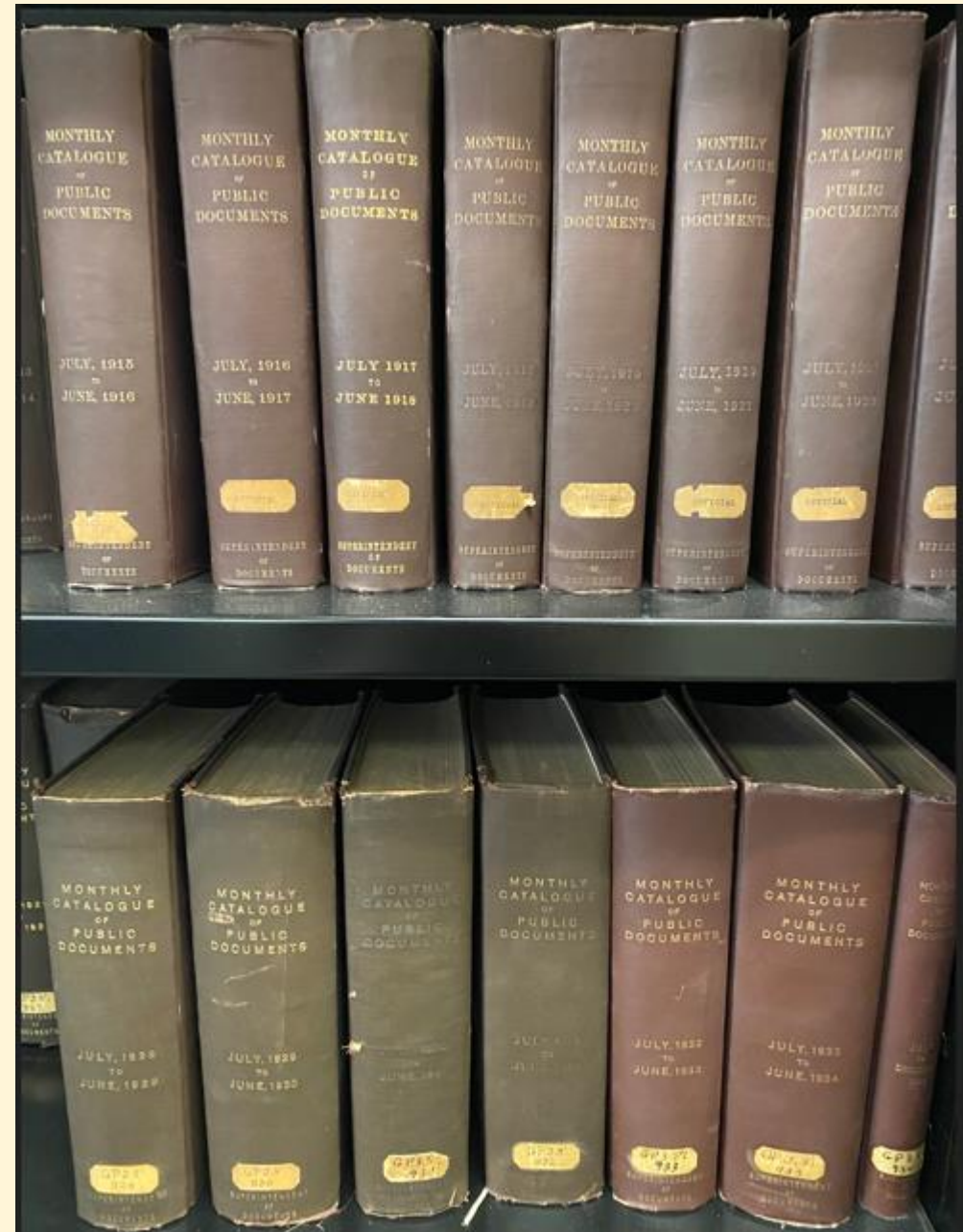


# Transforming the Monthly Catalog (1895- 1976):

Integrating 1.2 million Historic  
Monthly Catalog bibliographic  
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U.S. Government Publications.

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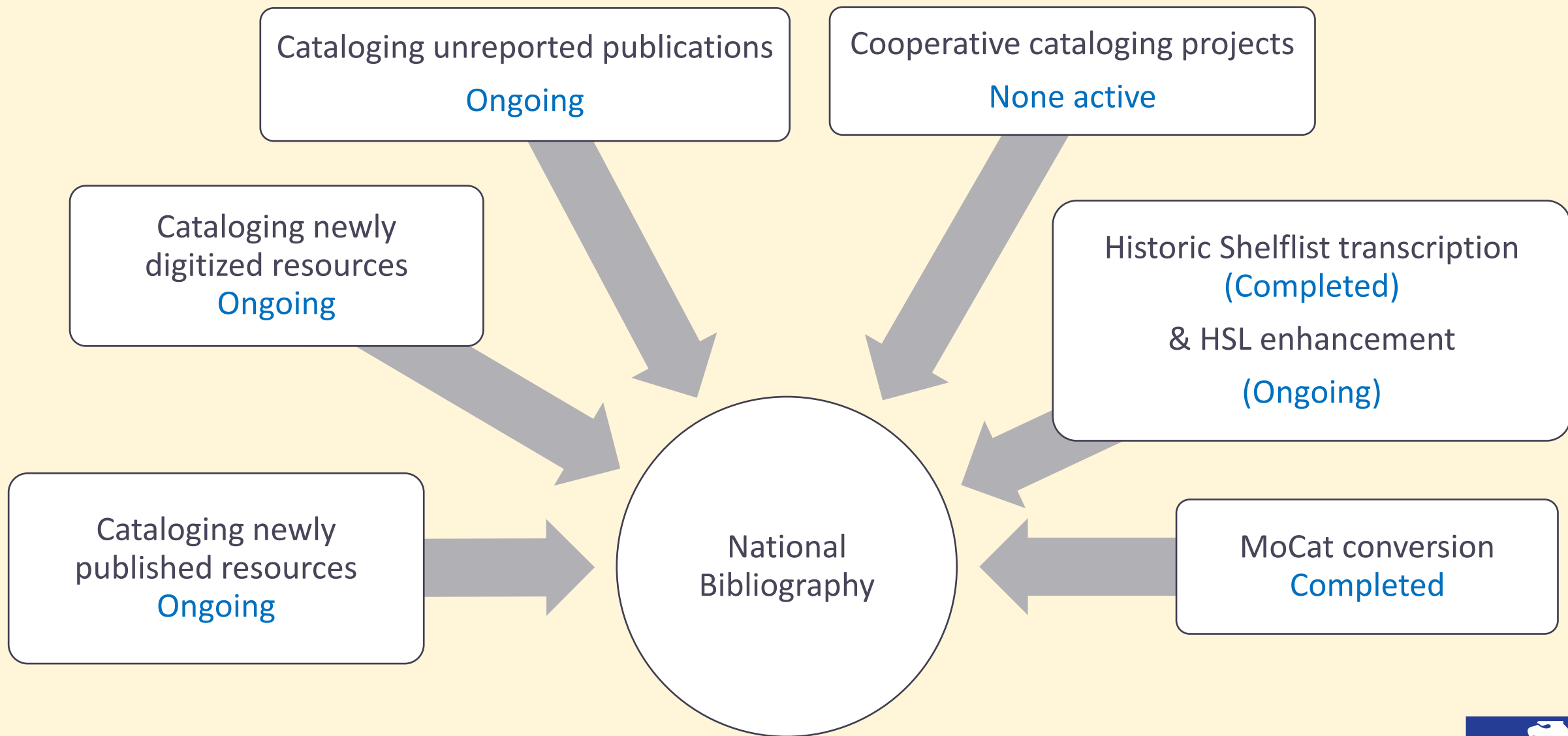
- The print *Monthly Catalog* (MoCat) has its origins in the Printing Act of 1895
  - Required the appointment of a Superintendent of Documents to “*catalog and index monthly and annually all documents published; in fine, to render accessible to librarian and the public generally the vast store of Government publications.*”<sup>1</sup>
- The MoCat was primarily intended to help with distribution and sale of Government publications, and to complement the Documents Catalog.
- The MoCat bibliographic metadata has been converted into MARC fields in CGP records.

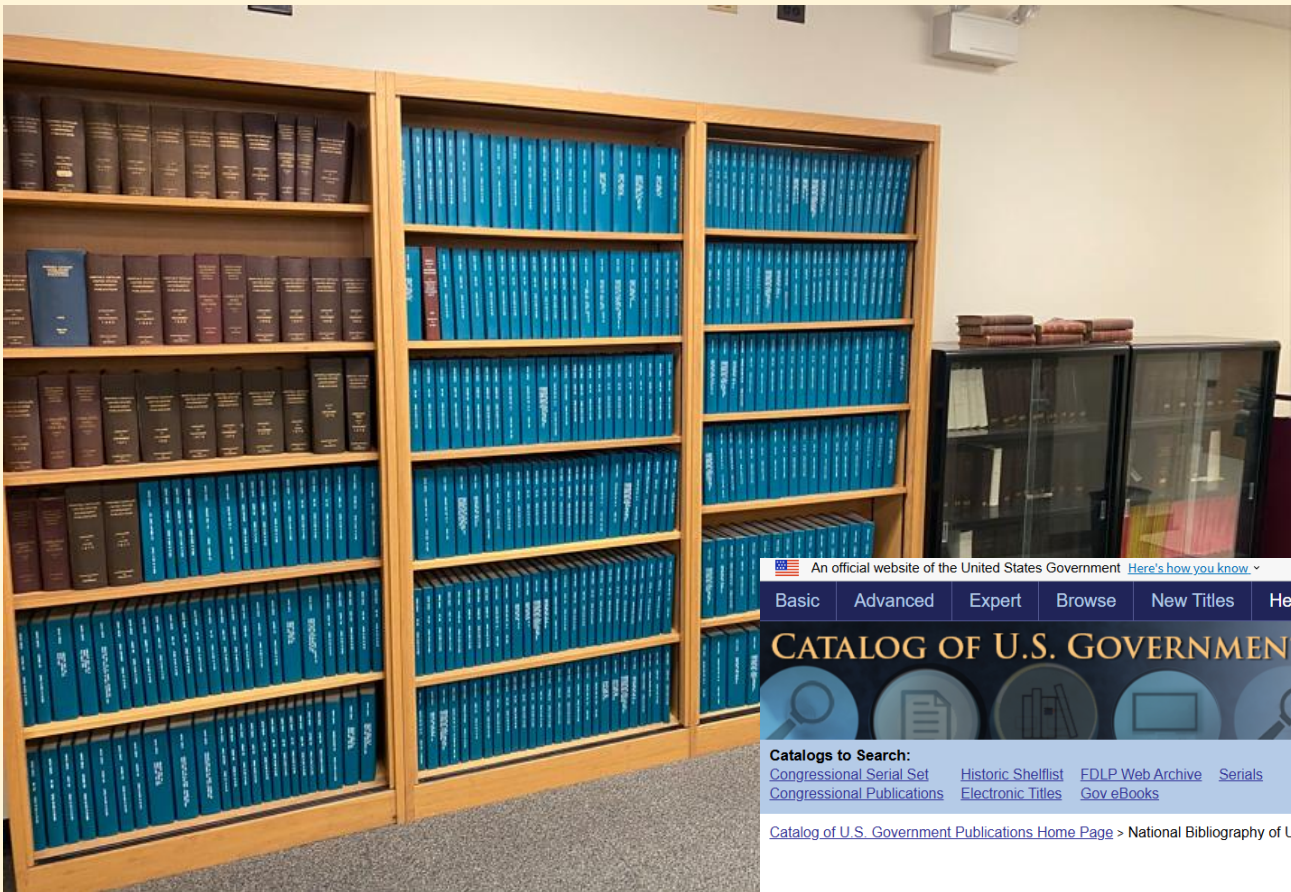


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1 - U.S. Government Printing Office. "A Short History of GPO". Government. U.S. Government Printing Office, May 31, 1987.  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/GPO-AShortHistoryofGPO>







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oblong 12° [Illustrations are colored.] \* Paper, 35c. ● Item 830-G  
NAS 1.19 : 72

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| <b>Title</b>               | Log of Apollo 11; [produced by Office of Public Affairs].                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Published</b>           | [Place of publication not identified] : National Aeronautics and Space Administration, [1969.]                                                                                                    |
| <b>SuDoc Number</b>        | <a href="#">NAS 1.19:72</a>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Item Number</b>         | <a href="#">830-G</a>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Description</b>         | 12 page : il. ; oblong 1 2°                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Series</b>              | ( NASAEP (series). ; ; 72 )                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>General Note</b>        | Distribution information: For sale by Superintendent of Documents.<br>Monthly catalog issue publication information: September 1969, page 83, entry number 13053.<br>[Illustrations are colored.] |
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| <b>Hist. MoCat Sys.No.</b> | 001092742                                                                                                                                                                                         |



# Timeline

- January 1895 – December 2004: Print edition MoCat was issued
- July 1976 – present: MARC catalog records record similar information (and more)
  - At present, the records are available in the CGP, OCLC, LSCM GitHub Repositories, FDLP Data Manager.
- 2024: ProQuest/Clarivate announced the retirement of their *Monthly Catalog of the United States Government* (MoCat) Database.
  - The database consisted of scans of the MoCat and XML metadata.
  - GPO has an agreement to make the content available under a [Creative Commons CC-BY-NC 4.0 DEED license](#)
- 2024 – 2025: GPO transformed and mapped the XML metadata to MARC fields
- 2025-2026: Integration of metadata into CGP



# Historic Monthly Catalog (CGP)

- Contains metadata extracted from the print MoCat entries between 1895 to 1976.
  - GPO began MARC cataloging in July 1976 and those records are already present in the CGP.
  - Some duplication exists between existing CGP records and new Historic Monthly Catalog records.



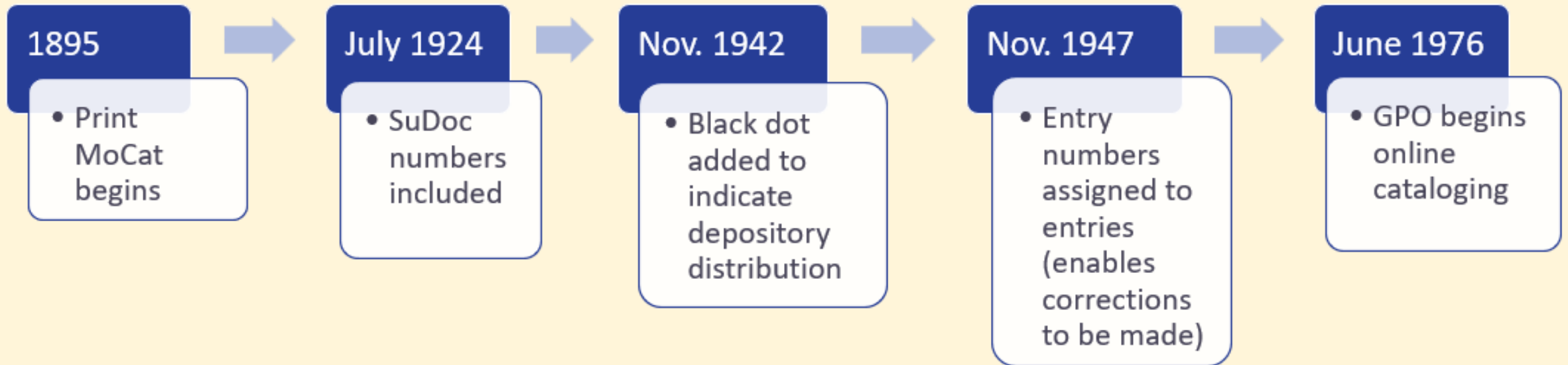
# Historic Monthly Catalog (CGP)

- The MARC records retain the character of the original data in the print MoCat.
  - Records are based on the information in the MoCat entries.
  - No attempt has been made to bring the records up to GPO's current cataloging standards.



# Historic Monthly Catalog (CGP)

- The print MoCat entries evolved over the years, impacting the metadata available in CGP records.



# Example of corrected entry

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Title</b>               | What Forest Service does.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Published</b>           | [Place of publication not identified] : Agriculture Dept., [Revised Apr. 1975.] [1975.]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>SuDoc Number</b>        | <a href="#">A 13.2:F 76/80/975</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Item Number</b>         | <a href="#">84</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Description</b>         | 30+ [1] pages : il. ; narrow 8°                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>General Note</b>        | <b>Corrected Monthly catalog information:</b> What the Forest Service does... .. Change class to read A 13.2:F 76/80/975 (Issue number 968, September 1975).<br>Distribution information: Distribution made by issuing office; sent to depository libraries.<br>Monthly catalog issue publication information: September 1975, page 104, entry number 14195.<br>(FS-20.).<br>This record is made available under a Creative Commons CC-BY-NC 4.0 license by ProQuest LLC, a part of Clarivate. |
| <b>Added Entry</b>         | <a href="#">Forest Service. Agriculture Dept., issuing body.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Hist. MoCat Sys.No.</b> | 001191427                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



# Historic Monthly Catalog (CGP)

- Does not include print MoCat front matter, indexes, and appendices.
- The ProQuest/Clarivate database functionality is not being recreated in the CGP.
- The Historic Monthly Catalog (CGP) is a static dataset.
- At present, Historic Monthly Catalog records are only discoverable in the CGP.
  - They are not discoverable in OCLC, [DiscoverGov](#), [LSCM GitHub Repositories](#), or [FDLP Data Manager](#) (FDM)
- Corrections will not be made to the records (e.g. typos due to blurred scans)





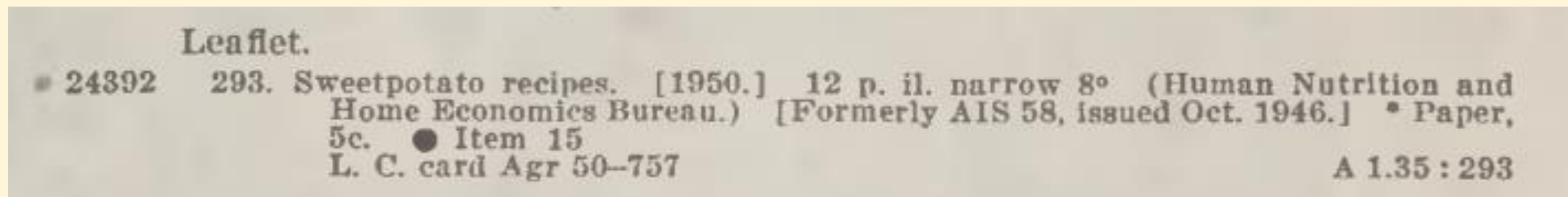
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| <b>Title</b>               | We're having birthday, let's celebrate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Published</b>           | [Place of publication not identified] : Health, Education and Welfare Dept., [July 1975.]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>SuDoc Number</b>        | <a href="#">HE 3.2:B 53</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Item Number</b>         | <a href="#">516</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Description</b>         | 48 page : cover title                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>General Note</b>        | Distribution information: Distribution made by issuing office; sent to depository libraries.<br>Monthly catalog issue publication information: September 1975, page 154, entry number 14734.<br>([DHEW publication (SSA) 75-10606.]) [Prepared by Office of External Affairs, in cooperation with Bicentennial Office, Office of Assistant Secretary for Administration & Management.]<br>This record is made available under a Creative Commons CC-BY-NC 4.0 license by ProQuest LLC, a part of Clarivate. |
| <b>Added Entry</b>         | <a href="#">Social Security Administration. Health, Education and Welfare Dept., issuing body.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Hist. MoCat Sys.No.</b> | 001191966                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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Secretary for Administration & Management.] + ●Item 516  
HE 3.2:B 53



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| <b>Title</b>               | Sweet potato recipes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Published</b>           | [Place of publication not identified] : Agriculture Department, [1950.]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>SuDoc Number</b>        | <a href="#">A 1.35:293</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Item Number</b>         | <a href="#">15</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Description</b>         | 12 page : il. ; narrow 8°                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Series</b>              | ( Leaflet. ; ; 293 )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>General Note</b>        | Distribution information: For sale by Superintendent of Documents.<br>Monthly catalog issue publication information <a href="#">December 1950, page 3, entry number 24392.</a><br>(Human Nutrition and Home Economics Bureau.) [Formerly AIS 58, issued Oct. 1946.].<br>This record is made available under a Creative Commons CC-BY-NC 4.0 license by ProQuest LLC, a part of Clarivate. |
| <b>Added Entry</b>         | <a href="#">Agriculture Department, issuing body.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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## Historic Monthly Catalog Statistics

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total Records              | Historic MoCat: 1,211,604                                                      |
| Top 5 Agency Classes       | Y - Congress<br>C - Commerce<br>A - Agriculture<br>D - Defense<br>I - Interior |
| Records with SuDocs        | 63% - 765,898                                                                  |
| Records with Series Titles | 35% - 418,614                                                                  |
| Records with Item Numbers  | 23% - 278,341                                                                  |
| Records with LCCNs         | 19% - 228,818                                                                  |



# Critical concept

## National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications

- Subset catalogs to search:
  - Congressional Serial Set
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  - Historic Shelflist



“NaBib”

## Historic Monthly Catalog



You can only search  
one bucket at a time.



# Duplication of records

- Duplicates exist between the CGP (NaBib) and the Historic Monthly Catalog.
- GPO catalogers catalog pre-1976 material in the CGP 'NaBib.'
  - Historic Shelflist project
  - Unreported publications
  - Special projects
  - And more
- Next step
  - General comparison of records between the Historic Monthly Catalog and NaBib.



# Duplication: Shelf List vs Monthly Catalog Entries

## Shelf List

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| C13.7:                       |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 905 <sup>1</sup>             | 1905. [1st annual] Conference on weights and measures of U. S., held at Washington, Jan. 16 and 17, 1905. 1905. 44p. large 8° (Miscellaneous publications 4.1) |
| 905 <sup>2</sup>             | 1905. Same, [revised, with title] First conference ..., Jan. 16 and 17, 1905. 1907. 46p. large 8° (Miscellaneous publications 4.1)                             |
| C13.7:<br>905 <sup>1,2</sup> |                                                                                                                                                                |

## Monthly Catalog

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| OCTOBER, 1905                                                                                                                                                 | 491 |
| [Proceedings of 1st annual] conference on weights and measures of United States held at bureau, Washington, D. C., Jan. 16 and 17, 1905. 1905. 44 p. large 8° |     |
| NOTE.—Includes History of United States weights and measures; by L. A. Fischer.                                                                               |     |
| Table of equivalents of customary and metric weights and measures. 2d edition. Oct. 1, 1905. 38 p. 4" ([Circular of information 4.])                          |     |
| *Paper, 10c                                                                                                                                                   |     |



# GPO Historic Shelf List

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Title</b>             | Conference on the Weights and Measures of the United States /                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Format</b>            | volume                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Author</b>            | <a href="#">Conference on the Weights and Measures of the United States.</a>                                                                                                             |
| <b>Publisher Info.</b>   | Washington : Government Printing Office, 1905.                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>SuDoc Number</b>      | <a href="#">C 13.7:</a>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>ISSN</b>              | 2377-5130 1                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>LC Number</b>         | QC100 .U57 subser                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Dewey Number</b>      | 389 23                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Description</b>       | 1 volume ; 25 cm.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Current Frequency</b> | Annual                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Publication Dates</b> | Jan. 16 and 17, 1905.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Content Type</b>      | text                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Series</b>            | <a href="#">(Miscellaneous publications (United States. Bureau of Standards))</a>                                                                                                        |
| <b>General Note</b>      | Publication pre-dates Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) item numbers. No FDLP item number has been assigned.                                                                     |
| <b>Subject - LC</b>      | <a href="#">Weights and measures -- United States.</a><br><a href="#">Weights and measures -- United States -- Congresses.</a>                                                           |
| <b>Genre/Form</b>        | <a href="#">Conference papers and proceedings.</a>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Added Entry</b>       | <a href="#">United States. Bureau of Standards.</a>                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Linking Field</b>     | <a href="#">Online version: Conference on the Weights and Measures of the United States. Conference on the Weights and Measures of the United States (OCoLC)692147691</a>                |
| <b>Continued by</b>      | <a href="#">Conference on the Weights and Measures of the United States. Annual Conference on the Weights and Measures of the United States 2377-5122 (DLC) 89657258 (OCoLC)11679463</a> |
| <b>Holdings</b>          | <a href="#">All items</a>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>holdings (9)</b>      | <a href="#">Year 1905</a>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>OCLC Number</b>       | (OCoLC)11679453                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>System Number</b>     | 001138807                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Title</b>                                                                           | [Proceedings of 1st annual] conference on weights and measures of United States held at bureau, Washington, D. C., Jan. 16 and 17, 1905.                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Published</b>                                                                       | [Place of publication not identified] : Standards, Bureau of, 1905.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Description</b>                                                                     | 44 page ; large 8°                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>General Note</b>                                                                    | Monthly catalog issue publication information: October 1905, page 491.<br>"Includes History of United States weights and measures; by L. A. Fischer."<br>This record is made available under a Creative Commons CC-BY-NC 4.0 license by ProQuest LLC, a part of Clarivate. |
| <b>Added Entry</b>                                                                     | <a href="#">Commerce and Labor, Department of. Standards, Bureau of, issuing body.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Hist. MoCat Sys.No.</b>                                                             | 000020348                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



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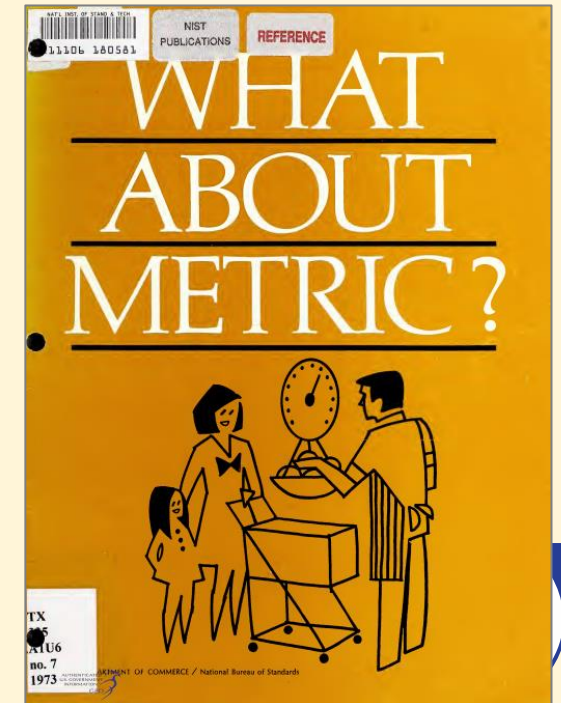
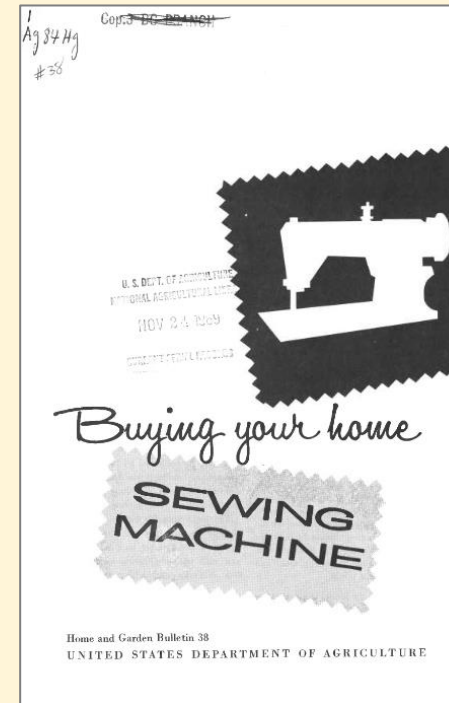
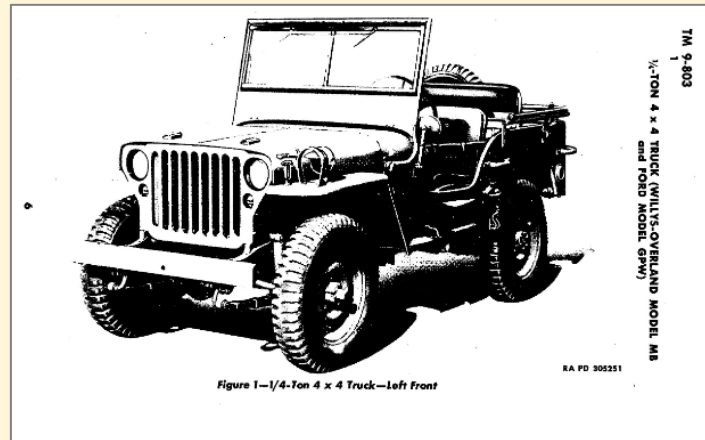
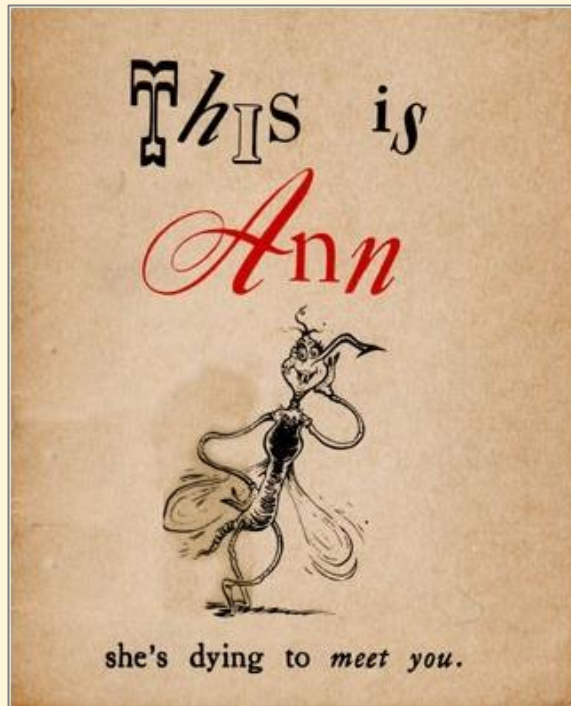
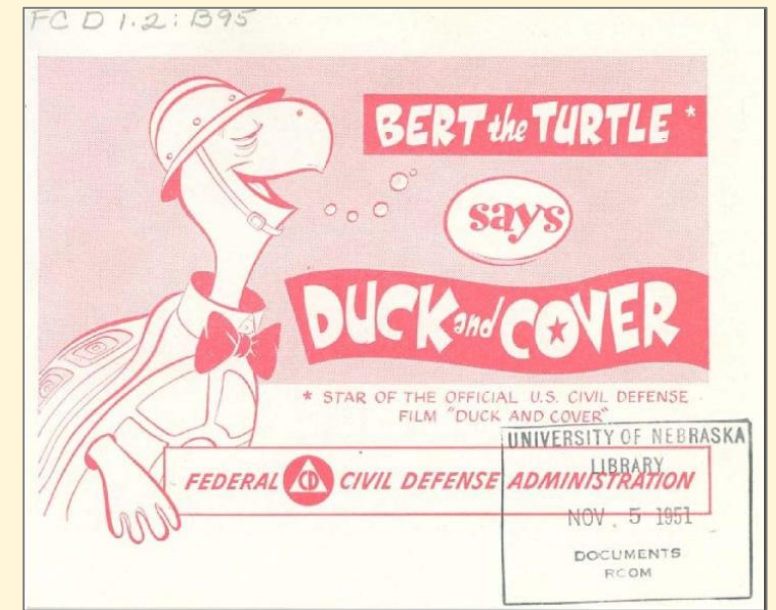
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- Advanced search: Willys Army TM
- Expert search: Home and Garden bulletin
- Catalog to search: What About Metric?
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| <b>Title</b>               | Mosquitoes. This is Ann, she's dying to meet you [her full name is Anopheles mosquito].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Published</b>           | [Place of publication not identified] : War Department, [1943.]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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- WSRS2 = (home and garden)
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Modify any search by adding CCL to the box at the bottom

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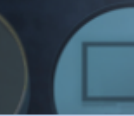
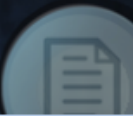
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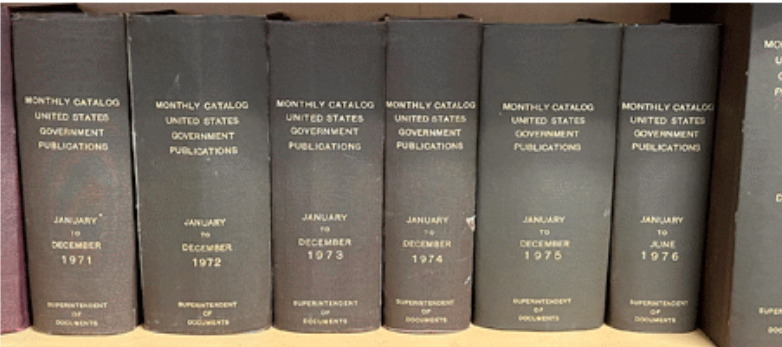
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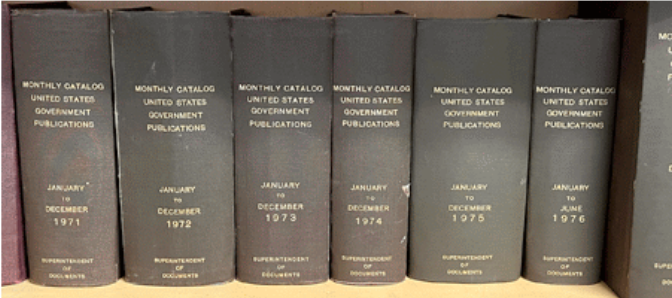
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- [How to find Old SuDoc Classification Numbers](#) (Recording, 15 minutes)
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