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From the President

Doreen Hockenberry
Ohio University

We are at the cusp of change once again and my new mantra is “Change is Constant, Change is Good.” Government information is at another revolutionary stage, shifting and evolving to electronic, leaving us in a quandary of how to find the latest and best information for our constituents. Are you keeping up with all of the issues being discussed resourcefully on GovDoc-L? There are many questions about the future of the Federal Depository Library Program and few solid answers at this time:

- If essential titles become the only tangible titles received, how will workflow be affected?
- Will you be asking for server space at your institution to download publications to add to your collection?
- Will there be an interest at your institution to preserve the “old” paper publications that you have maintained in your collection?
- How do you explain and prove the usefulness of paper documents that are disintegrating and contain “old” government information?
- Why would your institution remain in the depository system?
- Do you have valuable space and staff that can be used for a more *critical* library service?
- What can *we* do for the FDLP?

And to make broader observations: Where will libraries be in eight to ten years? What services will be needed? What will patrons expect a library’s function to be?

The Spring Federal Depository Library Council meeting in Albuquerque, NM, April 17-20 will perhaps provide guidance and answers both to

depository managers and to GPO in building a better FDLP. With others in attendance from Ohio to provide a united face to the FDLP, we can raise specific concerns that will affect all depositories. We can provide suggestions on how we can help to change the current system into an organized and well managed production of government information dissemination to the people. I know these are lofty goals that we have exceeded in the past in our everyday jobs as documents information specialists.

I will also attend this meeting to see if there are any innovative thoughts and movement towards the new library of the future. Part of me yearns for a simpler paper environment, but hindsight sometimes has rose colored glasses. How many paper publications are incomplete or fugitive? With electronic information there is a hope of an efficient process that will “mine” and capture this information to make access easily available and free to all.

I have enjoyed serving Ohio GODORT as president. My efforts were minimal compared to the significant work by the other officers. Joe Salem as Program Chair has provided interesting programs. I wish him much luck in the coming year as president in this time of movement and transformation. Jennifer McMullen as Secretary-Treasurer and as Archives Liaison for Ohio GODORT has recreated a permanent archive for Ohio GODORT that will be stored at the State Library of Ohio. Thank you to Audrey Hall for providing file space. Joe has begun digitizing archival materials that Jennifer has started to add to the Ohio GODORT website, all of which will be very useful as we plan for the 25th Anniversary of Ohio GODORT in 2006.

Remember: *change is constant, change is good.* I hope to see all of you on May 6th for our Spring Meeting at the State Library of Ohio.

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From the Editors

Those of us who work with government documents have learned over the years that there's nothing too small or arcane for our attention. But here's a little detail you might have missed: if you look around at your fellow Ohio GODORT members, you'll find a lot of big shoes.

Those of us on the newly reorganized Newsletter Committee face the daunting prospect of filling some of those big shoes. Each of the past Editors – George Kline, Karen Kottsy, Melanie Putnam, George Barnum, and Karen Kimber – filled issue after issue with news, useful reference information, and a general sense of enthusiasm for working with government documents that inspired us time and time again. Each of these stalwart librarians produced a quality newsletter every single time with only one person at the helm (albeit with help in writing and gathering articles), an enormous responsibility that few of us would tackle alone now.

When Karen announced last year that after six very full years as Editor she was ready to pass on the masthead to someone else, the Executive Board agreed that a division of the editorial work among the Newsletter Committee members might have a better chance of drawing in volunteers. And so here we are, your new co-editors: Jennifer will cover the writing and editing, while John and Sandy will handle printing and distribution.

We're excited to follow in the footsteps of all the hard-working Editors of the past, and we hope to generate some new ideas and new columns over time. We'd like to encourage all of you to share your ideas, suggestions, and (dare we hope?) contributions for the newsletter with us. We plan to continue producing *Docs Prescriptions* as an outstanding publication that addresses the issues we face in the documents community, from the "big picture" concerns and developments to – you guessed it – those little details that make up our daily work.

Minutes

Fall Meeting • November 5, 2004
University of Cincinnati

Welcome from Chair

Doreen Hockenberry opened the meeting at 10 AM. She thanked Lorna Newman for arranging everything in conjunction with the 75th anniversary celebration of the University of Cincinnati as a depository library. Doreen also announced that Judith Russell was unable to attend the afternoon program, but T. C. Evans would be the keynote speaker in her place.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Jennifer McMullen pointed out that the minutes from the spring meeting and the treasurer's report were tucked into the folders set out for attendees. Minutes were approved by acclamation. The treasury stands at \$2677.55, but newsletter expenses for the fall issue (\$57.28) bring the balance to \$2620.27.

Report from State Library

Audrey Hall announced that the State Library is in the process of collecting current FEMA flood study maps for the entire United States, thanks to the offer from a private company. The State Library also has prepared a draft of a memorandum of understanding ready to go to their attorneys for approval. The memorandum would include Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. GPO is planning to fund 6 positions, but we don't know where we are in the waiting list for a consultant.

The State Library now offers Internet training classes, including basic training, OhioLINK databases, and American FactFinder. They are available on the SLO web page, but Audrey can take the American FactFinder class on the road.

Report from Executive Board

Executive Board met at the College of Wooster on August 20 to discuss many new ideas.

Proposal for student membership: To push government documents and to get more library

students involved in the organization, the proposal was made to offer a lower membership fee of \$5 for library students. The proposal was seconded by Coleen Parmer and accepted by acclamation.

Proposal for mentorship program: The proposal was printed in the fall issue of *Docs Prescriptions*, and various members thought this would be an excellent way to share information with others. The proposal was seconded by Mary Prophet. Peter Thayer volunteered to help Jennifer with the coordination. The proposal was approved by acclamation.

Committee review: A sign-up sheet started making the rounds of the room, listing the committees and the gaps in membership. A request for additional volunteers will also be sent to the discussion list. Mary Prophet pointed out that the recently revised state plan called for annual reviews, so that committee will need to be revived and made a standing committee.

Update from ALA-GODORT Liaison: Joe Salem indicated that since ALA has not met since he was appointed liaison, he has nothing to report until after Midwinter.

Update from Archives Liaison: Jennifer McMullen has compiled a list of categories (minutes, agendas, etc.) and indicated where the gaps are, and she has contacted a number of veteran members of Ohio GODORT to ask them to contribute materials to fill the gaps. Joe Salem has agreed to scan some materials so that we can add more archival items to the web site as well as to the physical archives, which will be located at the State Library (coming in the spring). Jennifer will send out an updated list of what is still needed when ready.

Report from Constitution Revision Committee

Carol Singer briefly reviewed the revisions made to the Constitution, including changes in numbers needed for committees and information on specific committees. She added that minor changes approved at a previous meeting need to be made to the bylaw about the Clyde Award. Coleen Parmer moved to accept the revisions to the constitutions, with an amendment to the information about the state plan revision committee, and Mary Prophet seconded the

motion. The revisions (with amendment) were approved unanimously.

Report from Federal Depository Conference

Joe Salem shared impressions about being in DC just before the election. The GPO update included the results of their fact-finding and reorganization of GPO into six different units (T. C. Evans noted that another reorganization was still to come). Other highlights:

- Mike Wash also showed a demo of the new digital system to go beyond GPO Access in a couple of years, which should include more authentication and security as well as better search functions.
- Only 14% of items distributed through the FDLP are only available in tangible format.
- Six consultants will be funded for the next year, starting with Michigan.
- GPO Access celebrated its 10th anniversary and over 2 billion documents have been “served.”
- New databases on GPO Access include: bound Congressional Record, Statutes at Large, US Reports.
- The spring meeting will be in Albuquerque, NM.

Joe also attended a handful of Council sessions. There was much grumbling about the new format for sessions: moderated sessions, with questions handed in on paper and answered at the end of sessions. There wasn't much time for the give and take of Q & A, but T. C. noted that all answers will be answered and published after the fact. The big news is that the digitization project will be done more in-house at the GPO, and the GPO may offer training for interested institutions. Maps and microformats will wait until the second round. From the academic breakout session, the question of print-on-demand stood out. For the National Collection of U. S. Government Publications, one collection will be in the government and one will probably be in a university.

John Graham added that although there was concern about the format of the Council meetings, the point of Council is to have a 15-member group discuss issues and advise GPO. It is not a secret process, but this format was intended to make the process more efficient. He also elaborated on the details behind the new

digital system and the issues of digitization. Mary Prophet agreed on the efficiency of the Council meetings with the new format, because they had many issues to review. She pointed out (and T. C. agreed) that a better way needed to be found to accommodate audience participation. And for the first time in a few years, GPO is back in the black, having gone from a \$35 million deficit to a \$1 million surplus.

T. C. Evans answered a number of questions from the floor about items discussed at the Council meeting.

Old Business

Ohio Depositories Scavenger Hunt: Lorna Newman won the prize for the scavenger hunt. Answers are now available online at <http://www.wooster.edu/library/gov/ohgodort/ohiodepository.htm>; change in links will occur next week.

Search for new newsletter editor: Karen Kimber reported on the fall issue: the longest we have ever had! The fall issue only went out to members (55 going out), so expenses totaled \$57.28. This is Karen's last issue, so we need to find some new volunteers to act as co-editors. The Executive Board thought the duties could be divided into recruiting for articles, writing and editing, and publishing and distributing.

New Business

Peter Thayer announced that Bill Katz, reference librarian and Peter's former professor at SUNY Albany, passed away in September. Peter also shared his recent efforts to promote government information: visit <http://library.marietta.edu/Government/Home.html> for the link to his user's guide to government resources.

Karen Kimber sent around a card for everyone to sign for Evron Collins's retirement after 40 years of service at Bowling Green State University. Coleen Parmer thanked Karen and invited everyone to attend Evron's retirement reception on November 15 at the Bowling Green State University Library.

Joe Salem indicated that he could set up trial runs for people who might be interested in using Question Point; he will send out an email with a URL and more information.

Audrey Hall invited everyone to the State Library for our spring meeting (in early May?).

Adjourn

Peter Thayer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Schuyler Cook seconded it. Doreen adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 1, 2005

Beginning Balance (11/5/04)	\$2,677.55
Income: Interest	\$ 2.54
Expenses: Newsletter	\$ 57.28
Ending Balance (4/1/05)	\$2,622.81

Committee Membership

Spring 2005

Now that the Ohio GODORT constitution has been revised and the committee structure has been made more representative of our current work, it's time to update our committee membership listing:

Membership

Lorna Newman (Univ. of Cincinnati)
Coleen Parmer (Bowling Green State U.)
Carol Singer (Bowling Green State U.)
Secretary/Treasurer (ex officio)

Access to State Government Information

Audrey Hall (State Library of Ohio)
Joe Salem (Kent State University)
Needs one more member!

GODORT of Ohio Homepage

Doreen Hockenberry (Ohio University)
Jennifer McMullen (College of Wooster)
Joe Salem (Kent State University)

Newsletter

Sandy Duwel (Public Lib. of Cincinnati and Hamilton County)
John Graham (Public Lib. of Cincinnati & Hamilton County)
Jennifer McMullen (College of Wooster)

State Plan Revision

Coleen Parmer (Bowling Green State U.)
Mary Prophet (Denison University)

Although these committees require only two to three members to serve, we always have room for more! If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact Doreen Hockenberry (Chair) or Joe Salem (Program Chair).

News from the State

Library

Audrey Hall
State Library of Ohio

Ohio's proposal for a depository services consultant has been submitted to GPO. According to Dr. Larry Blevins, "You are number 7 on our list of consultants we intended to fund with this year's appropriation. Regrettably, you will not be included in this first round of funding. Your proposal looks very good and should make the next round of funding." The geographic area to be covered by the consultant will be Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania.

So that we can be prepared when our proposal is approved, please let me know what you would like the focus of the depository consultant's duties to be. If it is training, what particular areas should be emphasized?

I have been visiting the depositories during the first week of each month. These informal visits are just to introduce myself and ask what the State Library can do for you.

The Flood Insurance Rate Maps donated to the State Library are now ready for use. We have a collection bib record in our catalog, and the maps are shelved alphabetically by state and divided by county. They do not circulate, but special arrangements can be made (just ask!). We can scan or photocopy the smaller maps.

The State Library is one of 31 libraries participating in a GPO project for regional libraries to have their OCLC holding symbols

added to GPO's cataloging records. During February 2005, the first month of the project, each participating library had 1,115 holdings set.

For those libraries that have offered documents to the Ohio list and wondered if the GPO would like the remaining titles for the National Collection, I have asked Suzanne Ebanues, Program Planning Specialist, Office of National Bibliography Program Planning at GPO, how you should proceed: "There is no need to send me your offers lists before posting them to the national list. I monitor the list as well as offerings on the listservs. The current acquisitions focus of the National Collection is long runs of series and serials, so if you ever have anything that fits that description I would appreciate an e-mail." Suzanne's email is sebanues@gpo.gov if you have further questions.

In addition, don't forget the University of Hawaii when you are discarding documents. Contact Gwen Sinclair (gsinclair@hawaii.edu) with your lists.

Council Corner

John Graham
Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Mary Prophet
Denison University

The mission of the Federal Depository Library Council is "to assist the Government Printing Office in identifying and evaluating alternatives for improving public access to government information through the Depository Library Program (DLP) and for optimizing resources available for operating the Program." While the mission statement was adopted in 1993, the origins of Council go back to 1963 when seven librarians were asked by the Public Printer to serve on an advisory committee on depository libraries. In 1972 the Depository Library Council was formally established and its first meeting was held in February of 1973. Today the Council consists of fifteen members appointed by the Public Printer to provide advice from the perspective of either a library type or an area of expertise, and together the two of us represent Ohio on Council.

In the past, while Council advised the Public Printer on some policy matters, a great deal of the work of Council was related to matters which might be termed operational in nature. The GPO has often shared plans and programs with Council members before releasing the information publicly in order to solicit Council's opinion and advice. Council members previously pulled all-nighters at each meeting drafting recommendation and commendations for GPO. In light of the serious challenges facing GPO, Public Printer Bruce James and Superintendent of Documents Judy Russell have changed Council's role and method of operation.

Today's Council deals with very few operational issues, and the bulk of Council's work is related to advising the Public Printer on issues related to the development and implementation of a strategic plan for GPO in the 21st century. This advice comes to GPO in the Spring and Fall Council meetings and during almost monthly conference calls with the Superintendent of Documents. To facilitate the work of Council at the regularly scheduled meetings, GPO provides the members of Council with a large briefing book in advance of the meeting. This book contains draft documents on issues, projects and proposals, as well as lists of assumptions on which the documents were based and a series of questions for Council. The briefing book for Albuquerque is the second one we've received. The Albuquerque book previews some weighty matters on the Spring agenda: Future Tangible Distribution, Strategic Vision for GPO, National Collection/Bibliography Development, and Authentication & Version Control. These documents are not secret. GPO will share much of this content on the FDLP Desktop (http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/index.html) before the meeting or distribute copies to interested attendees. At the spring meeting, GPO plans to continue the facilitated dialogue with Council, unveiled in DC last fall.

While Council is an important advisory body for GPO, it is not the only voice that GPO should hear. All librarians in the documents community are encouraged to attend meetings and communicate with GPO. This free flow of information will help ensure that GPO has as much information as possible before making decisions which affect all libraries.

GODORT Update from ALA Midwinter

Joe Salem
Kent State University

The news from Midwinter (held in January in chilly Boston) has undoubtedly spread throughout the depository community; however, the big news from GPO is perhaps the only news worth reporting from Boston. The GODORT Update session on Saturday was the occasion for a (then) stunning announcement from GPO.

Superintendent of Documents Judy Russell announced that GPO had been directed to submit a flat budget request for fiscal year 2006. According to Russell, these budgetary constraints require GPO's intended balance between their traditional role through the FDLP and their emerging role as a digital content manager as envisioned in the agency's recently released strategic planning document. Having determined that approximately 90% of FDLP material already has an electronic equivalent (or is only available in electronic format), the GPO decided to make significant cuts to the distribution of tangible documents to meet their mandate for a flat budget and still proceed with their strategic plan.

Russell outlined a plan in which the only tangible documents distributed to FDLP libraries would be those on the "Essential Titles" list. Maps would be exempted from the proposed cut and would still be distributed in print.

Since Midwinter, the proposal has changed a bit to include a slight expansion of the "Essential Titles" list and a longer timeline than Russell first indicated to gather feedback from the FDLP community. Next stop: Albuquerque!

The Ohio GODORT web site is located at:

<http://www.wooster.edu/library/gov/ohgodort/>

University of Cincinnati Participates in Digitization Project

Lorna Newman
University of Cincinnati

The University of Cincinnati University Libraries and the Academic Information Technology & Libraries (AIT&L-Health Sciences Library) are donating volumes of *Public Health Reports* to the digitization project of PubMed Central. The libraries were contacted by the current editor of *Public Health Reports*, Robert Rinsky, Ph.D. (Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, OH) and asked if they would supply needed volumes to the project. After consulting holdings and determining which volumes they could provide, the libraries contributed over 100 physical volumes covering over 50 years of the publication. Most volumes were from the late 1880s through the 1950s. The majority of the volumes needed were located at the Southwest Regional Depository (SWORD) and required permanent removal from that facility. Information about PubMed Central can be found at:

<http://www.pubmedcentral.gov/about/intro.html>.

President Ford's Vietnam War Clemency Program

Carol A. Singer
Bowling Green State University

It's well known that President Carter's first Executive Order pardoned those who had evaded the draft during the Vietnam War. Less well known was President Ford's clemency program, set up by Executive Order 11803, signed September 16, 1974.

President Ford's clemency program was designed to judge applications from as many as 13,000 civilians and 100,000 servicemen who had either evaded the draft or gone AWOL. The offense had to have been committed between the Gulf of Tonkin resolution (August 4, 1964) and the day the last American soldier left Vietnam (March 28, 1973). The Departments of Justice

and Defense were ordered to review applications from 4,522 draft evaders and the 10,115 servicemen who had gone AWOL and not been discharged. At the same time, the executive order set up a Clemency Board to review applications from 8,700 convicted and punished draft offenders and an estimated 90,000 servicemen who had been given bad discharges for going AWOL. All of those who were eligible for this program were given 4-1/2 months to apply. This was later extended for an additional two months. Applicants who were approved for clemency might be ordered to perform as much as two years of national service.

The Department of Justice reviewed those who had evaded the draft, but had never been caught and convicted. Those who were approved for clemency would have their prosecutions dropped. The Department of Defense was authorized to offer Undesirable Discharges to servicemen who had gone AWOL, but had never been caught. These servicemen were also given the opportunity to obtain a Clemency Discharge.

The Clemency Board was authorized to award full and unconditional Presidential pardons for civilians who had been convicted of evading the draft. Former servicemen who had been convicted of going AWOL could be offered a Clemency Discharge and a full Presidential pardon.

Of the potential 113,337 people who were eligible for this program, 21,729 (19%) applied. However, this percentage varied by type of applicant. For instance, 55% of fugitive AWOL offenders applied to the Defense Department, while only 15% of the discharged AWOL offenders applied to the Clemency Board.

The Clemency Board did a demographic analysis of those who had applied to them. They found that the civilian applicants were mostly from middle-class families. Eleven percent were African-American and 1.2% spoke Spanish. More than 75% were high school graduates and their average IQ was 111. Approximately 25% were members of a religious sect opposed to war, such as the Jehovah's Witnesses. Almost 50% had applied for conscientious objector status.

The military applicants to the Clemency Board were quite different. Most were from broken homes with low incomes. Twenty percent were African-American and 3.5% spoke Spanish. More than 75% of them had dropped out of high school, although their average IQ was 98. Almost none had applied for conscientious objector status. Most of these applicants had enlisted, usually joining the Army or Marines. Approximately one-third had been ordered to go to Vietnam. Seven percent of the military applicants didn't report to Vietnam, while 27% had served in Vietnam, with half volunteering for Vietnam, a combat assignment or re-enlisting while in Vietnam. Of the applicants who had served in Vietnam, almost one-fourth suffered from combat-related stress, and 40% had experienced severe personal problems related to combat. Most of their AWOL offenses had taken place after they had returned to the United States and were related to serious personal or family problems.

After the Clemency Board had reviewed the cases, 82% of civilians were given outright pardons, with only one percent given no clemency. Thirty-six percent of former servicemen were given outright pardons, with seven percent given no clemency. The remaining people in each group were asked to perform alternative service of at least three months.

At the end of the clemency program, the Board wrote a report to the President, which includes numerous thumbnail sketches of applicants, in addition to a wide range of statistics about the applicants and administrative details. The thumbnail sketch for one unusual case states:

“Applicant claimed that his wife, who had been under psychiatric care, began to suffer hallucinations when he received his induction notice. He requested a hardship deferment, with two psychiatrists claiming that he should not be separated from his “borderline psychotic” wife. This request was denied. Applicant later tried to get a physical exemption by having braces fitted on his teeth. However, he instead was convicted of conspiring to avoid induction. (His dentist also faced charges, but fled to Mexico to escape trial. The dentist applied to the Clemency Board for clemency, but we did not have jurisdiction over his case.)”

Resources:

Carter, Jimmy. "Relating to Violations of the Selective Service Act, August 4, 1964 to March 28, 1973" (Executive order 11967, Jan. 21, 1977) *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* 13:4 (Jan. 24, 1977) pp. 4-5.

Ford, Gerald R. "Establishing a Clemency Board To Review Certain Convictions of Persons Under Section 12 or 6(j) of the Military Selective Service Act and Certain Discharges Issued Because of, and Certain Convictions for, Violations of Article 85, 86 or 87 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and To Make Recommendations for Executive Clemency With Respect Thereto" (Executive Order 11803, September 16, 1974)," *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* 10:38 (Sept. 23, 1974) pp. 1151-1152.

Presidential Clemency Board. Report to the President. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1975. [Pr 38.8:C59/C59]

Chat Reference

Joe Salem
Kent State University

Kent State University is one of over 30 institutions participating in a pilot project to provide a government information reference service online at <http://govtinfo.org>.

The service is offered at no fee and provides real-time chat reference service Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 8 PM and Fridays 8 AM to 5 PM. Users can also submit questions to be answered by e-mail when the chat service is not available.

The pilot is set to run through mid-November of 2005. Please feel free to refer your users to the service or to add links to your Web pages. If you are interested in linking to the service, I can email you a copy of the logo.

If you are interested in more information, or have any questions about the project, please feel free to contact Joe Salem at (330) 672-4440 or jsalem@kent.edu.

Technology Tips

Jennifer McMullen
The College of Wooster

Looking for ways to make searching the III system a little easier? Doreen Hockenberry spotted this neat trick from Suhasini Kumar at the University of Toledo (<http://library.utoledo.edu/find/govinfo.html>):

To find government documents in the catalog that have links to a website, combine your keyword with the word "gov". (Doreen notes that this is also very useful with the domain tags "mil" or "org" to search for other online resources.)

Doreen also shared an online article titled "Why Google Uncle Sam?" that she found at <http://www.llrx.com/columns/govdomain2.htm> outlining the usefulness of the Google Uncle Sam (<http://www.google.com/unclesam>) search capabilities in comparison to FirstGov.

Like the little Google search box in your browser? Mark Gooch forwarded a message from Thomas Dowling of OhioLINK about installing a similar little search "plugin" feature in your browser that will allow quick keyword searching in OhioLINK. The plugin is available at <http://www.ohiolink.edu/~tdowling/plugins/> and is easily installed just by clicking on the link. You may need to close the browser and restart it before the search plugin is available for use. (This will only work with Mozilla or Firefox; sorry about that, Internet Explorer users!)

According to Dowling, "After installation, the new search(es) will be available in the dropdown list of search engines in the Mozilla sidebar (press F9 to open and close the sidebar) and the Firefox search input in the upper-right corner of the window (click and hold the icon for your current search engine). Be aware that using either of these in Mozilla is likely to make it your default search engine, which you may not want in the long run. Selecting your original default for a search will make it the default again."

What's New on the Web

Jennifer McMullen
The College of Wooster

Just before this newsletter went to press, the announcement went out on GovDoc-L that the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction had issued its report and made it available online at <http://www.wmd.gov/report/>. As you may have seen in the media, the general findings of the Commission pointed to some serious flaws in the intelligence community, including diminished strategic capabilities and planning as well as resistance to change. It looks like this report may be distributed in paper to depository libraries; keep an eye on those shipment boxes!

The ACLU has been keeping track of government documents (memos and such) related to the torture of Iraqi prisoners on their Freedom of Information Act web site at <http://www.aclu.org/International/International.cfm?ID=13962&c=36>. The site includes links to related web sites on human rights, including the Geneva Convention and various UN bodies.

But perhaps you would prefer to get away from work and world news and the media. Instead, you'd rather enjoy springtime and look ahead to summer. In that case, you might want to visit the USDA's Home Gardening web site at <http://www.usda.gov/news/garden.htm> and get some ideas about new additions for your garden. And if you're not much of a gardener yourself but want to know where you can find locally grown produce in your area or on your summer vacation, the USDA also provides a map and listings of farmers' markets (by state) online at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/map.htm>.

Have you come across an exceptionally useful or interesting new web site from the government (or related to government information)? Be sure to send us notice about it so that we can include it in the fall newsletter!

Want a Mentor? Want to Be a Mentor?

Ohio GODORT has established a mentorship program for any interested documents librarians and staff members of Ohio GODORT. Whether you are new to government documents or just want to branch out and learn a new aspect of the field, the mentorship program is for you!

Find out more about the program at <http://www.wooster.edu/library/gov/ohgodort/mentorship.htm>

Reminder!

The dues for Ohio GODORT membership are due at the Spring meeting on May 6th. Please take note of our new membership dues:

\$20 for documents librarians and staff
\$5 for MLS/MLIS students

These dues will cover your membership for the coming year, from May 2005 to May 2006. Checks should be made out to **GODORT of Ohio** and given to your Secretary/Treasurer (Jennifer McMullen) at the Spring meeting.

If you are unable to attend the Spring meeting, please send your check to:

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Government Information
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Your dues go toward our meetings (speakers' fees and travel, refreshments) and administrative expenses such as the publication of our newsletter.

Ohio GODORT Spring Meeting, May 6, 2005

State Library of Ohio, Columbus, OH

Agenda

Our spring meeting, held once again at the State Library, should be an exciting one as we discuss the latest proposal by the Government Printing Office to cease distribute of tangible materials (with a few exceptions) and to convert the FDLP to a more fully electronic service. Our own George Barnum will be present to give us more details. And as we look at ways to make our depository services even more useful in the online environment, Jay Burton of the State Library will introduce us to the new E-Learning Center.

Preliminary Agenda	
9:30 - 10:00	Registration and Refreshments
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome
10:15 - 10:45	Demonstration of the State Library's E-Learning Center Jay Burton, State Library of Ohio
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:00	The GPO Future Digital System George Barnum, GPO
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch (Provided by the State Library) RSVP to Joe Salem by May 1
1:00 - 3:00	Business Meeting

For Conference information, or to RSVP for the meeting, contact Joe Salem at jsalem@lms.kent.edu or (330) 672-4440. For directions, accommodations, parking, contact Audrey Hall at ahall@sloma.state.oh.us or (614) 995-0033.

Directions

The State Library of Ohio is located at 274 East First Avenue in Columbus. [Driving directions](#) and a map are available on the State Library website. The building is a tan-colored warehouse along the north side of East First Avenue. The parking lot and entrance are on the west side of the building. Parking is free.

Thursday Night Gathering

We will have a Thursday evening gathering at [BD's Mongolian Barbeque](#) in the Arena District. Please RSVP to Audrey Hall at ahall@sloma.state.oh.us or (614) 995-0033 if you are planning to attend.

Accommodations

Many options exist. Extensive listings are provided at [Experience Columbus](#). Select "search lodging", select the desired area. The State Library is located about mid-way between the University and Downtown areas.

This information is available online at <http://www.wooster.edu/library/gov/ohgodort/meetings/spring05.htm>