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From the Chair

Just some thoughts...

The balance of this issue will be replete with well informed ideas, facts and reports so allow me to open with my notion of providing something approaching the opposite.

My Dad is quite fond of quoting his Dad that "it's not what you see, but how you look at it." While I can't guarantee the accuracy of the original statement belonging to my Grandfather, a son tends to give poetic license to his father and his father. I rather prefer the duality thought from that noted philosopher, George Carlin as found on the liner notes to his AM/FM album, "no two ways about it, there are two sides to every story." In any case, since the last installment of this column was penned by my predecessor much has changed.

[President Obama has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize](#). Some of us question the judgment and/or motives of the Nobel Committee. Some of us wonder about the level and kind of patriotism being evidenced by not simply congratulating the recipient.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has reported out an [extension of the sunset provisions of the Patriot Act](#). Some of us are satisfied that so much of the original substituted Act was retained. Some of us recoil at the continuation of the Federal government's usurpation of our civil liberties.

Our GPO assures us that the recent unavailability of its PURL connections is being fixed and won't happen again but [some of us continue to be skeptical](#). The proof of the pudding will only be known with the passage of time, much as the baseball umpire is rated most highly when his performance goes unnoticed.

Our political climate shows a sharp division as evidenced by the [slaying of a Census worker](#). Apart from those who committed this heinous act in Clay County Kentucky, let us hope the condemnation is universal.

It seems to me that our FDL P responsibility includes providing as much access to Federal government sources as is available. We are not able to force our present and future patrons to consume our informational wares. Our Jeffersonian/Madisonian (depending on your point of view) goal of an informed citizenry requires our constant vigilance.

Hope to greet you all at the Fall Program at Case Western Reserve University's Kelvin Smith Library.

*Schuyler Cook, Chair of Ohio GODORT
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library*

From the Editor's Desk

Thanks to all of you who sent me such interesting articles and news items! This is my first issue as editor, so I hope that I have put your articles in *Docs Prescriptions* as you sent them to me and not left out a paragraph or put one in twice!

Two former editors of *Docs Prescriptions* are about to retire. I only hope I can produce issues that will live up to the high standards they and the other *Docs Prescriptions* editors have set over the years!

I hope everybody enjoys this issue. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall meeting.

*Carol A. Singer, Editor
Bowling Green State University*

Minutes: Spring Meeting, May 15, 2009, State Library of Ohio

Welcome from Chair

George Kline welcomed the group.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Beverly Gage moved that the Fall 2008 minutes and treasurer report be approved. Schuyler Cook seconded the motion. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Report from the State Library

Audrey Hall thought that the May 5, 2009 budget testimony went well. Executive Order - 07S implemented more spending control strategies, but there would be no personnel cuts at the State Library and the book budget would remain intact until July.

The Deputy State Librarian position was posted, interviews were held, but the State Library and the candidate could not agree on a salary, so the position was reposted. There were two members of the support staff who retired: Mitch Davenport, who checked in documents, who is not being replaced, and Ruth Metcalf, library consultant, who will be replaced.

The State Library has a new section on its website, "Help in Tough Times." It is based on the State Library of New Jersey. It contains work tools, financial information, health information, information for parents, and information for seniors. A test site is up, and the site will be released in about a month.

There is a proposal before the board to revise instructions to Ohio Documents Depositories regarding retention of legislative material. The proposal is that as long as there is an online link, libraries only need to retain paper for five years. Audrey does not anticipate the State Librarian have an objection. The rationale for this change is that documents can be scanned and e-mailed quickly.

The pre-1900 documents have been moved to the rare book room, and markers indicate what has been moved. Bob Kelly and Linda Savage are cataloging the rare books.

Then, they plan to do retrospective cataloging on the rest of the Ohio Documents collection. All the older material should be cataloged within a few years.

The State Library is digitizing older Ohio documents that are in the rare book room. They are starting with institutions, such as the Institution for the Deaf and the Ohio Mental Institution.

Nicole mentioned that in the most recent *Library Journal*, an Ohio Document, *Profile Ohio* was included in the “Notable Documents” Column.

Audrey reminded the membership that Ohio depositories should have someone subscribed to the “State Government Documents” listserv.

Report from the Executive Board

The board passed a resolution naming SaraJean “Super-user” on the bank account. This enables her to do online banking. The GODORT membership will pass another resolution when SaraJean’s successor is elected.

Audrey reported that the State Library is in stable financial shape. She provided more information when she gave her report from the State Library today.

The board would like to provide links to photos and articles about Depositories’ anniversary celebrations. This was discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

Membership Committee

Coleen Parmer reported that the committee, which consists of herself, Lorna Newman and Anne Hofer, has built a list of people who work in depositories and used it when sending out meeting announcements. SaraJean Petite has sent them names, which they added. The committee requested that GODORT members send them name and contact information of people who are interested in government documents.

Access to State Government Information

George Kline reported that Nicole Merriman has moved on within her organization and is no longer on this committee. Coleen Parmer said we should consider dropping this committee. The question was raised as to what this committee’s responsibility is, and the answer was that it had various initiatives, including advocacy and watching legislation. The focus has changed over the years.

SaraJean said that if the group wanted to drop this committee, the bylaws needed to be changed. Carol Singer said that the president of GODORT needs to appoint person to revise constitution and bylaws.

SaraJean suggested that the bylaws be modified to make this a committee that was appointed on an as-needed basis. Carol said there was a precedent and volunteered to submit language for this change and include it in the next newsletter.

Newsletter Committee

George Kline said Jennifer McMullen is withdrawing as editor, but Carol Singer had “graciously and wonderfully” volunteered to be the new editor of Docs Prescriptions.

Carol requested URLs of neat old Gov docs that have been digitized. She suggested someone write article on using Twitter to find current government docs being published. Then, she explained how to do it. Robin Gray requested that Carol write the article herself, and George suggested Carol encourage someone to write it. Peter Thayer volunteered to write the article.

GODORT Home Page

Doreen Hockenberry said that there was nothing to report.

Ohio GODORT-ALA GODORT Liaison

Joe Salem was not present

Archives Liaison

Audrey Hall reported that the archives are up-to-date. Coleen requested Audrey talk about new interface. Audrey mentioned that unlike the former webmaster, who maintained the entire site, the new webmaster oversees the site and the content providers are responsible for maintaining their content.

OHIOLINK Liaison

The OhioLink liaison reported that the state budget is in trouble, which affects OhioLink. There is a lot of talk and negotiation on how to deal with budget cuts to OhioLink. Negotiation about details is confidential to OhioLink libraries. She encouraged OhioLink libraries get on Gov Doc OhioLink Listserv.

Coleen asked about Lexis-Nexis Serial set. Several OhioLink libraries are investigating purchasing it for the whole state. Celeste Feather knows of an initiative to purchase it.

Report From FDLC Spring Conference

Shari Laster sent her extremely detailed notes to the OhioGovDoc list.

There was some strategic planning discussion, and input from libraries in a variety of situations. Recommendations were made, but a full report was not released.

Ohio Depository Anniversaries

George Kline said Denison University's celebration is scheduled for September and he encouraged Mary Prophet to forward her pictures to the newsletter editor.

George reported that Toledo had theirs April 16 (Easter Monday). The week before, he had only one county commissioner committed. Then, the Ohio congressperson said she'd come, a state senator came by, and the mayor committed that day. Toledo got some air time, and his director engineered that congressional representative would be on the circulation desk for a couple hours. There was a lot of good publicity. George forwarded pictures to Jennifer McMullen and Mark Gooch, and he anticipates they will appear in the next issue of Docs Prescriptions.

Peter Thayer reported that Marietta College rolled its anniversary into the dedication of the new library. The congressman gave a proclamation, Governor Strickland was there, as was the mayor of Marietta (a Marietta College alumnus). The dedication made the front page of both of the local papers and the depository celebration was part of the whole experience.

Miami University is having their celebration in October/November.

GOVDOCS KIDS

George Kline said that Tom Adamich wanted us to pass resolution that Ohio GODORT would support the efforts of Gov Docs Kids group. This group only has representatives in two states: Kansas and Ohio.

Mary Prophet moved and Coleen Parmer seconded that we pass a resolution supporting the Gov Doc Kids group and include a link to their group from the Ohio GODORT home page.

The resolution passed unanimously. The text follows:

Resolved, that GODORT of Ohio:

1. Supports the Gov Docs Kids group in their goal to “promote government information in order to engage K-12 students in learning about history, culture, science, and government through games and other interactive activities; to assist teachers and school librarians with locating teaching aids, lesson plans, and exciting tools to enhance students' learning, and to provide librarians with a collection of free government resources to advance their reference interview and collection development decisions.”
2. Will place a link to the Gov Docs Kids on the Ohio GODORT web page. The URL of the Gov Docs Kids site is <http://govdocs4children.pbworks.com/>

ARL White Paper on Strategic Directions

Coleen Parmer read white paper that came out a month ago and asked if anyone else had read it. Report 12-14 pages. Please forgive grammar on summary (handout).

The report discussed a new service model for FDLP. Coleen doesn't see it as a new service model, but a natural progression, including a transition from a number of big print legacy collections to smaller number of those collections. This is largely influenced by survey of regional depositories, which have space and resource concerns.

George says this is “whittling down print collections to fewer and fewer...” Colleen mentioned regional cooperation about legacy collections. She said we could identify different strengths in our collections and get information out to Depository library community. She said one group is using subject portals, and the State Library of Ohio could have links to our subject portals.

Coleen mentioned DRC digital resource center, to which any library can send digitized material. She said there were two ways to participate: We could work through a library that's already sending content. For a library to send content, it needs an administrator, who trains others and lets them submit. Or, we could set up a GODORT page if one person would volunteer to be the administrator.

Before Coleen decides what they're going to do with her library's digital content, she wants to hear what everyone else is doing. Doreen asked about access to it – through catalog... Coleen said there were several different metadata schema, or one could use OCLC bib record. Mary says she has material scanned, but not up, and she's gotten to

a stopping place. She'd like to have it up for people to go. Mary finds a single spot attractive, but administration would be difficult. Coleen is willing to be the administrator. There was a question about logistics of transferring large files. Coleen said DRC has made accommodations for this. She sees this going live next spring. Shari can envision putting content not in collection into a digitization project. She would like to work with Coleen.

Doreen asked if the State Library of Ohio is using DRC. Audrey said they weren't. Coleen said it is something the State Library of Ohio could consider.

George asked "Where do we go from here?"

Coleen said she'd take back the information that there was Ohio GODORT interest in an Ohio GODORT page on the DRC.

Election of Officers

Carol announced that Andrea Peakovic was willing to run for Program Chair / Chair Elect. Beverly Gage moved nominations be closed. Schuyler Cooke seconded the motion. Andrea was elected president by a unanimous vote.

New Business: Fall Meeting

The tentative date is November 6. Peter Thayer will see if Marietta can host. Karen Thornton will schedule Case Western Reserve University Main Library as a backup.

Adjourn

George passed the gavel to Schuyler, who adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
SaraJean Petite
Secretary/Treasurer

**Do you know your Congressional representative?
Contact your representative's office and introduce yourself.
Make him/her aware of the services your depository
can provide to constituents!**

Treasurer's Report

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance May 14, 2009			\$3870.84
INCOME:			
Dues:	\$440.00		
Interest:	\$2.06		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 442.06		
EXPENSES:			
Breakfast for spring meeting		(\$45.54)	
Lunches for spring meeting		(\$155.00)	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(\$200.54)	
Ending Balance August 31, 2009			\$4112.36

News from the State Library

From Audrey Hall, State Library of Ohio

Practicum

Chris Stanton is doing a practicum at the State Library this semester. Chris is a 2007 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Miami University with a degree in history. He is currently a research assistant at OCLC and in his final semester in the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science program at Columbus.

Chris is building on the Ohio documents digitization priority plan begun by Shannon Kupfer, digital/tangible media cataloger. The focus is Ohio documents of interest to genealogists.

Find Help in Tough Times

The State Library of Ohio has compiled a one-stop *Find Help in Tough Times* center providing help in finding important information and resources. Each area contains a list of links to online resources. Libraries are encouraged to link to the site at <http://library.ohio.gov/toughtimes> Promotional bookmarks are available upon request.

An online workshop with an overview of the site as well as speakers from the subject areas was conducted via OPAL on September 30. The subject areas addressed are: Employment Help, Financial Help, General Information, Health & Wellness Help, Housing Help, Parenting Help and Help for Seniors.

Staff

The transition in processing duties has been very smooth. With Mitch Davenport's retirement, Randall Eagleston now processes all federal formats. Linda Savage has taken over Randall's duties with Ohio documents checking in serials and labeling.

Online Class

Our recent OPAL classes, Federal Depository Libraries – The Basics and Federal Depository Libraries – Almost Everything Electronic, were well attended. The PowerPoints were emailed to class participants as well as others who requested them. Please email me (ahall@sloma.state.oh.us) if you would like to have them sent to you as an email attachment.

The next class will be on accessing the Lexis-Nexis Serial Set from the State Library and information on the commercial microfiche sets held by the State Library. An announcement will be posted on ohiogovdoc when it is scheduled.

Anniversaries

If your library is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year as a Federal Depository Library, this is just a reminder that GPO will supply a plaque anytime during the calendar year of your designation date. Plaque hardly does justice to the beautiful acrylic plaque to commemorate your service providing free public access to government information.

Plaques are only available for anniversaries in increments of 25 years. They are not given retrospectively. If you apply in 2010, you can only get a paper certificate.

If you do not have the time or inclination for a formal ceremony, you might want to have a small ceremony of presentation to your Library Board or even just involve your library staff. This is, of course, an excellent opportunity for some free positive publicity in your library newsletter and your local newspaper.

To order your plaque, go to http://www.fdlp.gov/component/form/?form_id=13 and fill out the request form. Other free promotional items as well as tips for your celebration are at the site also.

GPO Visits

While Kathy Brazii, Outreach Librarian at GPO, was in Ohio to make a presentation at the 125th anniversary at Denison University, she made a courtesy visit to the State Library of Ohio. I accompanied her on visits to Columbus Metropolitan Library, Worthington Public Library and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Promotion

Does your congressman or congresswoman and their staff know that they have a federal depository library in their district? Do they know the research opportunities that you can provide to their constituents? Is your depository referenced on their web site? Unfortunately, the answers to these questions is probably no. I am going to work on increasing awareness of the FDLP in Ohio this year. I will keep you informed and share suggestions with you.

GPO strongly encourages all depository libraries to display the depository eagle on their websites in a prominent location with links to your local federal depository access to free government information.

Around Ohio

Bowling Green State University

BGSU librarians are using the LibGuide software to make new research guides and update old ones:

Kellie Tipton has made a LibGuide about how to use the *Monthly Catalog*. To take a look, see <http://libguides.bgsu.edu/catalogofuspublications>

Coleen Parmer has completely revised her *Geography 3250: Population Geography* LibGuide, which focuses on the use of U.S. census resources, and has also made a guide for a presentation to new graduate students, *Tracking the Elusive Government Document*. Check them out at <http://libguides.bgsu.edu/geog325> and <http://libguides.bgsu.edu/gradstep>

Carol Singer recently put together a guide to help BGSU students find laws of the original thirteen colonies: <http://libguides.bgsu.edu/ColonialLaws>

Toledo-Lucas County Public Library

George Kline has announced he'll be retiring at the end of December. When asked about some of the things he remembers about Ohio GODORT history, he recalled going to Columbus in 1982, with Julia Baldwin and Coleen Parmer, to talk about starting up a GODORT chapter. He was the first editor of *Docs Prescriptions* – and says this was in the days of typing and Xerox (and no spell-check!). He has worked with many documents librarians, including Karen Kottsy, who he remembers as a “mover and shaker” and reminds us out how much we've all missed her over the years. However, he also believes that Ohio GODORT has “found new strength in each newer member (and member institution).” His hope for Ohio GODORT is that we continue to promote the print resources we already have in our collections and don't end up as a group of virtual Depositories. We all hope to see George at the Fall Meeting, so we can say goodbye to him and tell him to enjoy himself in his retirement!

Wright State University

Karen Kimber has announced she'll be retiring at the end of November, after 34 years at Wright State, 32 of them in Documents! Karen was also an editor of *Docs Prescriptions* and has played many roles that benefited the documents community in Ohio. We formally recognized all the hard work Karen has put into Ohio GODORT and government documents when she was given the Clyde Award in 2005. We'll all miss Karen, but we hope she'll have lots of fun being retired!

Displaying Our History: Miami University Celebrates its FDL Centennial with Rich Displays

From William Cuthbertson, Lauren DeVoe, and Ashley Jones, Miami University

When considering how to create a display to celebrate Miami University's centennial as a federal depository library, King Library's Government Information and Law Department staff had several goals to contemplate: illuminating the complicated history of Miami's depository status; highlighting materials and formats best suited for a visual display; and helping the public build an appreciation for the richness and breadth of Miami's depository collection. To meet their goals and create a memorable totem for Miami's Depository Centennial, Government Documents librarian William Cuthbertson and Library Assistant Lauren DeVoe teamed with Librarian Ashley Jones of the University's Walter Havighurst Special Collections to combine holdings from the open documents stacks with some of the historic and more esoteric holdings that had been relocated to Special Collections to meet these documents' archival needs.

The partnership proved mutually beneficial. Not only were some of Miami's rarer government materials made available for protected display, but GIL could stock its own limited area with "teaser" displays in GIL and at the Library entrance. These smaller displays ultimately guide patrons to the beautiful display room at the entrance of Special Collections, making the Centennial history as visible as possible to library guests.

Documenting a Complicated History

Miami's main centennial display is divided into four areas, including sections on the spirit of exploration within the United States, military propaganda from both World Wars and beyond, and the 40th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing. Central to the display, however, is a documentary account of Miami's admittedly complicated hundred-and-fifty-year history as a federal depository. To populate this section of the display, the group piggybacked on the work of former Miami University librarian Jean Sears, whose article exploring Miami's depository history, "Miami University's Depository Status (and How It Was Affected by OSU and Dayton Metro Library)," was published in the no.67, Fall 2007 issue of *Docs Prescriptions*.¹

In her article, Sears explains that although the Miami University Libraries are celebrating their centennial as U.S. federal depositories this year, the University has been an official recipient of government publications for over 150 years. In 1859, two years after the Department of Interior established the depository program, Miami University was listed as a recipient of documents from the 35th Congress (1857-1859). William McSurely, Miami University Librarian at the beginning of the 20th century, reported to the Board of Trustees in 1909 an acknowledgement of Miami's receiving government publications as early as 1856.

¹ The complete text of that article has been reproduced, by permission, in the catalog that accompanies the Centennial display. The Miami University Libraries are grateful to Jean Sears and the editors of *Docs Prescriptions*.

Confusion surrounding Miami's official date of designation began in 1906, when the Superintendent of Documents suspended the University's status to correct a redistricting error. After intense lobbying efforts lasting several years, Miami regained status in 1909.

The main focus of the centennial display is on this varied history, using letters from past librarians, librarian's notes, minutes from the Miami University's Board of Directors and photograph's of the library and campus from 1909. Miami University Archivist Bob Schimdt is responsible for uncovering many of the actual documents and records that describe Miami's early years as a depository, and King Library staff is grateful to have those materials as the centerpiece of the display.

The Medium is Still the Message

After presenting the history of Miami's depository status itself, the group wanted to take advantage of its more attractive display setting by showcasing items that represent the impressive and entertaining array of materials distributed through the depository program. Concentrating the next section of the display on America's war participation and propaganda allowed staff to showcase a wide range of some of the government's most interesting and colorful items. Using an assortment of materials including books, pamphlets, posters, reports, Congressional hearings, and official declarations, the display presents materials that reflect not only primary sources from their period, but show how the American populace has faced the many issues that war forces upon a society.

To compliment this section of the display, the group worked with King Library's Digital Initiatives Department to scan and print reproductions of some of the most recognizable recruitment and propaganda posters from both World Wars. These large posters, selected from originals held in Special Collections, now hang in the central stairwell that leads to the Government Documents collection. These posters speak to enlistment, rationing, car pooling, secure communications, and communal gardening – issues that still have relevance for Americans today.

Rounding out the display is its focus on the exploration of the United States. From the landing of the first settlers in America, to the explorations of Lewis and Clark, to John Wesley Powell, Robert Brewster Stanton, and the transcontinental railroad, America has always offered a vast and varied landscape to be explored. Showcased in this section of the display are some of the University's oldest government publications, including *Report on Interoceanic Canals and Railroads between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans*, which explores the various options for placement of the Panama Canal published in 1867, and one of the earliest government publications received by the university, *A Report of Explorations and Surveys, to ascertain the Most Practicable and Economical Route for a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean*, received by Miami University Libraries in the 1850's.

The theme of exploration is continued with Americas' adventures into space, with a section celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing. This section not only looks at NASA's offerings to the depository, but also highlights some of the non-traditional formats that have been distributed to libraries. The section includes a jigsaw puzzle of the moon, a stereoscope, and dice-like paper squares that create a three-dimensional puzzle of the planets. For the Centennial celebration slated for Friday, November 13th, the display will incorporate a large HDTV set to allow visitors large-scale

exploration of the NASA and John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Web site, “We Choose the Moon,” (<http://www.wechoosethemoon.org/>).

Designing a display to celebrate 100 years of government information was not an easy task. The sheer volume and huge variety of publications produced by the government can be overwhelming. By choosing to focus on a narrower subset of topics, the group was able to showcase items that highlight Miami University’s complicated history as a depository library and show the age and breadth of Miami University’s Government Information collection. We hope you’ll visit and enjoy the centennial display.



Gov Docs Kids Group and Muskingum College in the News

Tom Adamich has brought to our attention that the GovDocs Kids Group, and member Muskingum College, are in the news for being sponsors of the 2009 Constitution Day contest. He also says that they’ve received more than 2,000 entries this year!!

On August 17, 2009, the following article was published in the *Navy Compass*. See the web site at: <http://www.navycompass.com/index.php/top-stories/1745-deca-public-affairs>. A similar article was published at: http://www.commissaries.com/press_room/press_release/2009/DeCA_75_09.cfm

Commissaries Help Promote Post Contest

FORT LEE, Va. – The Defense Commissary Agency has joined several organizations to help promote the 2009 Constitution Day Poster Contest. Commissaries worldwide are displaying colorful posters that detail basic contest requirements, the submission deadline and the Web site, <http://www.ConstitutionFacts.com>.

The poster contest is open to youth in grades K-12 (including homeschoolers) to celebrate Constitution Day, Sept. 17, by designing a poster showing how the entrant benefits from the freedoms embodied in the U.S. Constitution. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 1. Details, resources and entry forms also are available at the GovDoc Kids Group wiki, <http://www.govdocs4children.pbwiki.com>.

Each winning student will receive two copies of his or her poster. Contest winners will be posted on the GovDoc Kids Group wiki on Election Day, Nov. 4. The first 100 entrants will receive a copy of “The U.S. Constitution & Fascinating Facts About It” – a pocket-size guide to the Constitution provided by ConstitutionFacts.com.

Military children were among the participants in last year's Constitution Day Poster Contest, with winning posters coming from Kadena High School on Okinawa and the John O. Arnn Elementary School on Camp Zama, Japan, both Department of Defense Dependent Schools. The posters highlighted how youth view the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, voting rights and the need to preserve liberties.

"I applaud what these groups are doing to raise awareness among our youth of the significance of the Constitution to who we are as a citizenry," said Philip E. Sakowitz Jr., DeCA director and CEO. "Our commissaries are honored to support this effort, and I encourage children and adults everywhere to take time out and learn more about this historic legal document."

Constitution Day is observed nationally Sept. 17, on the very day that the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the Constitution in 1787. In 2004, the government established it as a federal observance and renamed it from Citizenship Day to Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. As a result, all publicly funded educational institutions are required to provide educational programming on the history of the U.S. Constitution on that day.

Co-sponsors of the poster contest are the national GovDoc Kids Group; the Kansas Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable, also known as GODORT; the national American Library Association's GODORT Education Committee and ConstitutionFacts.com.

The GovDoc Kids Group is comprised of librarians from the Johnson County Library, Overland Park, Kan., and Muskingum College/Visiting Librarian Service, New Concord/New Philadelphia, Ohio, and staff from the National Archives – Central Plains – Kansas City, Mo.

The project's objectives are: Promote government information in order to engage K-12 students in learning about history, culture, science and government through games and other interactive activities; assist teachers and school librarians with locating teaching aids, lesson plans, and exciting tools to enhance students' learning; and provide librarians with a collection of free government resources to advance their reference interview and collection development decisions.

For more information, contact Government Documents Librarian Martha Childers, Johnson County Library, at 913-495-2464.

- DeCA-

Tribute to Virginia Saunders

From George Barnum, U.S. Government Printing Office



Virginia F. Saunders
1926 - 2009

For many of us in the world of the FDLP, there is a shared view of Virginia Saunders that Margaret Powell, now retired from the College of Wooster in Ohio, captured in a message shortly after Virginia's death:

I will always remember her as a willing teacher and promoter of the Serial Set, both to me as a newbie in docs land and as the true friend she became through the years.

Virginia found herself as custodian of the Congressional Serial Set in 1969, at a point when she had already made a career at GPO working in various parts of the old public documents library, including answering queries on the Congressional desk. She was singled out to take over the Serial Set responsibilities by Superintendent of Documents Carper W. Buckley. When first offered the job, she declined it, saying, "I don't know enough about Congressional documents." But Buckley persisted, and finally persuaded Virginia to a trial, the results of which we see these forty years later.

Virginia, inspired by the confidence Carper Buckley had in her abilities, went from "not knowing enough" to being **the** expert, guide, and mentor on all matters Serial Set. She combined a real aptitude for fine detail with an almost unbelievable memory, and an always- growing sense of the importance, compass, and significance of the Serial Set. Virginia took the raw materials of what was handed to her as a set of clerical tasks and transformed them into bibliogenesis: the art of producing and publishing books.

And it was the art, and the artfulness, that she shared generously. Far from being a stingy guardian of an arcane set of procedures, Virginia shared her interest in the documents, her fascination with Congress and its workings, and her great love for her work with her coworkers at GPO, with staffers and officials on Capitol Hill, among whom she was revered for her expertise and her helpfulness, and with the many fortunate people from the documents community who found their way to her. In Virginia they discovered an almost inevitable progression that Margie's reminiscence captures: from teacher to friend. Virginia had a gift for teaching and for friendship, and an irrepressible drive for both. She couldn't help but instruct, and she couldn't help being a friend.

There is no greater monument to the work of a dedicated, committed, and passionate practitioner in any field than that their body of work be recognized and honored. When Virginia became its custodian in 1969, the Serial Set, that "peerless" record of our national identity, was already a monument. Virginia continued, perpetuated, and improved the Set, and her care and skill is tucked discreetly into every volume produced over the last 40 years. More than the Serial Set itself, however, Virginia's great monument is the multitude she has taught and befriended and who have passed on that touch, that spark, that passion for introducing and using the Serial Set in libraries across the Nation. These volumes aren't important simply by virtue of having been produced. They represent the core of open access that makes our Government nearly unique

among nations. Virginia understood that, believed it, and passed that belief and understanding on. For her spirit, for her great accomplishment, and for her friendship we will remember her long and fondly.

Another tribute was published in the *Congressional Record* for June 25, 2009, p. H7441:

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA SAUNDERS

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing, I rise in tribute to Ms. Virginia Saunders, Program Operations and Evaluation Specialist for Congressional Documents, in the Office of Congressional Publishing Services at the Government Printing Office, who died June 19, 2009, as she was entering her 65th year of dedicated Federal service.

Ms. Saunders was the recipient of other tributes in this House from my friend, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), when she reached the 50th and 60th anniversaries of her Federal service. Recently she was the subject of a profile in the *Washington Post*. All this attention and adoration was well deserved.

Born in Darlington, Maryland, Ms. Saunders spent her entire career in service to her fellow Americans. After working briefly at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she joined the GPO in February 1946, as a war service junior clerktypist in the division of public documents, stock section. Two years later, she was promoted to the division of public documents reference section. In 1951, Ms. Saunders was promoted to indexing clerk and earned subsequent promotions in the same classification. In 1958, she was promoted to library technician. Becoming a congressional documents specialist in 1970, she was then promoted to supervisor of the congressional documents section in 1974. In 1983, Ms. Saunders assumed the position of congressional documents specialist in the congressional printing management division, and in 2004—with 58 years of Government service behind her—she was promoted to her current position.

Since 1969, Ms. Saunders was responsible for the Congressional Serial Set, a compilation of all House and Senate documents and reports issued for each session of Congress. Published continuously since 1817, and distributed to the House and Senate libraries, the Archives, the Library of Congress, and Federal depository libraries nationwide, the Serial Set joins the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in offering students and historians a rich insight into the record of our of our Government. In the words of historian Dee Brown, the Serial Set “contains almost everything about the American experience . . . our wars, our peacetime works, our explorations and inventions . . . If we lost everything in print, except our documents, we would still have a splendid record and a memory of our past experience.” As the GPO’s 1994 Report of the Serial Set Study Group pointed out, researchers and librarians agree that the Serial Set is “without peer in representative democracies throughout the western world as a documentary compendium.” This was the document that Ms. Saunders prepared faithfully for Congress and the American people for the past 40 years.

Throughout her career, Virginia Saunders worked tirelessly to improve the Serial Set. In late 1989, she submitted a suggestion regarding the appendix to the Iran-Contra Report

to Congress, which contained identical reports from the House and the Senate. She proposed that this 40-volume publication be bound only once for the Serial Set volumes of House and Senate reports that were sent to depository libraries. This common sense idea resulted in a reduction of 13,740 book volumes to be bound, saving the taxpayers more than \$600,000. In recognition of her work, Ms. Saunders received a letter of commendation from President George H.W. Bush, who said, "You have demonstrated to an exceptional degree my belief that Federal employees have the knowledge, ability, and desire to make a difference."

Ms. Saunders generously shared her knowledge of the Serial Set with document librarians across the country. She delivered presentations at library associations and conferences and was an invaluable resource to the library community nationwide. In tribute to her work, in 1999 Ms. Saunders received the James Bennett Childs Award from the Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association, one of the library community's highest honors. The ALA honored Ms. Saunders' "distinguished contribution to documents librarianship," and paid "grateful recognition" to a lifetime of exceptional achievements in this important field of endeavor.

Recently, Ms. Saunders told the Washington Post, "As long as my health is pretty good, I intend to hang in with my boots on. I have to keep this program going." Shortly afterward, in a statement released by the GPO, she said, "I never thought I would thank the good Lord for work. Retirement has crossed my mind, but what else would I do? This is where my heart is." On behalf of the Joint Committee on Printing, I offer condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Virginia Saunders, and extend our gratitude and commendation for her lifetime of work on behalf of Congress and the Nation.

Looking for the Video of Virginia Saunders?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9iK4z1qKZ4>

Unique Materials in the State Library's Government Documents Collection

From Audrey L. Hall, State Library of Ohio

Note: Reprinted from the September 2009 issue of The News

There is a mystery writer hidden in a federal Army document. During WWII, Cpl. Dashiell Hammett was one of the authors of *The Battle of the Aleutians*: a graphic history. Already a successful mystery writer when he joined the Army as a private, Hammett was the creator of detectives Sam Spade in *The Maltese Falcon* and Nick and Nora Charles in *The Thin Man*. *The Battle of the Aleutians* is a fugitive document meaning it was not distributed by the Government Printing Office. A search in OhioLINK shows a photocopy held by Kent State University.

Other already famous artists and writers who produced work for the government during WWII include Theodore Geisel better known as Dr. Seuss. This is Ann-- : she

drinks blood : her full name is Anopheles Mosquito and she's dying to meet you is a 1943 orientation booklet written by Dr. Seuss for the Army. It explains how to protect yourself from the mosquito that carries malaria. There is a link in the State Library catalog to the digital reproduction.

Geisel wrote films that included *Your Job in Germany*, *Our Job in Japan* and the *Private Snafu* series of adult army training films as part of a military film production unit headed by Major Frank Capra. Capra directed or co-directed eight documentary propaganda films between 1942 and 1948, including the seven-episode *Why We Fight* series.

Walt Disney created animation for some of the Capra films. Walt Disney Studios made educational or propaganda films for every branch of the U.S. military and government. In *The New Spirit of '43*, Donald Duck deals with income taxes and shows their benefit to the American war effort. The film which was made at the request of Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. was a factor in the willingness to pay taxes according to a Gallup poll.

President Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech inspired a set of Four Freedoms paintings by Norman Rockwell. The four paintings were published in *The Saturday Evening Post* in spring 1943. The Department of the Treasury toured Rockwell's Four Freedoms raising over \$130,000,000 in war bond sales. We have prints of the Four Freedoms in our federal poster collection. The call numbers are PR 32.5015/43/2 to PR 32.5015/46/3. The records also have links to the images.

Will Eisner was internationally known in the field of sequential art (comics) when he was drafted in 1942. He introduced the use of comics for training personnel in the publication *Army Motors*. One of his company's longest-running jobs was *PS, The Preventive Maintenance Monthly*, a digest-sized magazine with comic-book elements that he started for the Army in 1951 and continued to work on until the 1970s. The State Library has later editions classed D 101.87: His 1968 M-16 Army Rifle Maintenance Booklet on the proper cleaning and maintenance of the M-16A1 rifle was issued, with rifle, to every U.S. soldier stationed in Vietnam. It is available online at <http://www.ep.tc/problems/25/index.html>

Electricity was designed and illustrated by David Macaulay for the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1983. Macaulay's signature pen and ink drawings are clearly recognized. It is classed in Y3.T25:EL2/12.

Many artists and writers began their careers working for the government. In the mid 1940's Rachel Carson was an aquatic biologist for the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior. She authored four *Conservation Bulletins* on fish and shellfish (I 1.72:33, 34, 37, 38) almost twenty years before she wrote *The Silent Spring*. These are in the State Library's collection.

James A. McNeill Whistler worked for the U.S. Coast Survey for 2 months in 1854. He is credited as one of the engravers of the Anacapa Island sketch as J.A. Whistler in a *Serial Set* map. The citation is 757 S. Exdoc. 10, map 51. He much later painted *Arrangement in Grey and Black: the Artist's Mother* better known as *Whistler's Mother*.

Web 2.0 and Depository Web Sites: A Winning Combination

From J. Peter Thayer, Marietta College

I know some of you will miss my presentation, “Web 2.0 and Depository Web Sites: A Winning Combination”, at the Fall FDL Conference. I want to take this opportunity to summarize what I plan to discuss.

As we all know, depository libraries are charged with the task of providing free, public access to government information. They are also charged with making reasonable efforts to promote their resources and services. For many years, the Web has been a great tool for providing access to online government resources; but only within the last few years has the Web become a handy promotional tool.

Web 2.0 provides depository libraries with the opportunity to provide access to more electronic resources than ever before and to promote themselves and their services more efficiently and effectively than ever before. Unfortunately, many depository libraries have not made the Web 2.0 paradigm shift. Such a situation exists for many reasons – too little time to learn about Web 2.0 technology and tools, not enough staffing to implement Web 2.0 initiatives. But in some cases, the reason that depository libraries have not made the transition to Web 2.0 is simply intimidation – intimidation about the huge variety of tools available, intimidation about the personal investment necessary for learning the tools, and intimidation about implementing the tools in a way that won’t drive their staffs and patrons crazy.

The point of my presentation is not only to familiarize people with quality Web 2.0 tools that they can incorporate into their web sites. It is to impress upon colleagues that Web 2.0 is not that intimidating and is in fact liberating (especially because many of the tools you can use are FREE).

Once my presentation is complete, I’ll let you know where to find it. I’ll most likely put it on SlideShare. I also would like to do a Web 2.0 presentation at the Spring 2010 Ohio GODORT meeting. Perhaps by then I will have figured out how to find those pesky government reports through Twitter.

History Digitized

From Carol A. Singer, Bowling Green State University

Constructing a Postwar World: The G.I. Roundtable Series in Context

<http://www.historians.org/projects/GIRoundtable/index.html>

Between 1943 and 1945 the American Historical Association prepared more than forty pamphlets for the U.S. Army. The avowed purpose of these pamphlets was “to increase the effectiveness of the soldiers and officers as fighters during the war and as citizens after the war.” The series included pamphlets about other countries, such as *Our Russian Ally*, and *Can the Germans Be Re-Educated?*, but also included pamphlets about life in the U.S. after the war, such as *Do You Want Your Wife To Work After the*

War? and *What Is the Future of Television?*. This website includes copies of most of the pamphlets in the series, plus other materials about the series.

Germany Under Reconstruction

<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/History/subcollections/GerReconAbout.html>

Among the U.S. government publications in this digitized collection from the University of Wisconsin is the full run of the *Weekly Information Bulletin* and *Information Bulletin* (1945-1953), which reported on events in occupied Germany. It also includes digitizations of such documents as *Documents on Germany, 1944-1959* and *The German Press in the Occupied Area 1945-1948*.

Hearings Before the United States Commission on Civil Rights; Hearings Held in Memphis, Tennessee, June 25-26, 1962

<http://www.crossroadstofreedom.org/detail.collection?oid=23>

The Crossroads to Freedom web site includes the transcript of these hearings. You'll find many more publications of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights at the University of Maryland site, **Historical Publications of the United States Commission on Civil Rights**: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/usccr/index.html>

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy

<http://collections.stanford.edu/atomicenergy/bin/page?forward=home>

A searchable database of more than 144,000 pages of hearings and other public documents of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, which existed 1946-1977.

U.S. Army Field Manuals, Training Circulars, Technical Manuals, War Department/Department of Army Pamphlets

http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/Military_Law/pamphlets_manuals.html

This Library of Congress collection includes selected publications that are of interest to the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School Library. Older titles include: several editions of the *Rules of Land Warfare* (the earliest is 1914), several editions of *Procedure for Military Executions* (the earliest is 1944). There are also recent publications, such as *Human Intelligence Collector Operations*, from 2006.

Looking for Historical U.S. Case Law?

<http://www.law.com/jsp/legaltechnology/pubArticleLT.jsp?id=1202430532688>

Check out this article from Law.com. It lists a number of sites with free U.S. case law from as early as 1750.

California Legislative Journal Appendices

<http://collections.stanford.edu/clja/bin/page?forward=home>

This searchable database includes the full text of California Legislative Journal Appendices, which include annual reports of executive agencies. As of May 11, 2009, the appendices for 1855-1893 had been digitized.

United Nations Treaty Collection

<http://treaties.un.org/Pages/Home.aspx?lang=en>

A searchable database of United Nations treaties. It also includes treaties from the League of Nations.

United Nations Diplomatic Conferences

<http://untreaty.un.org/cod/diplomaticconferences/index.html>

This collection provides digitized documents from selected United Nations Conferences from the Conferences on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities (1961) to the Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (1998).

Labordoc

<http://labordoc.ilo.org/>

This International Labour Organization database indexes all ILO documents published since 1919. It also indexes a wide variety of publications about the world of work, including 500 periodicals. It provides access to many online publications, although some of them are password-protected. To find records for only full text publications, click on the Set Limits button to the right of either the Basic or Guided Search box and limit the Location to Electronic Documents/Serials. To find records for ILO publications, go to the Guided Search box and search for "ilo pub" (without the quotation marks) as a Subject keyword. Early full text ILO publications include such titles as *Employment of Children at Sea* (1920), *Equal Remuneration for Men and for Women Workers for Work of Equal Value* (1951), and *Unemployment Problems in the United States* (1931).

GATT Digital Library, 1947-1994

<http://gatt.stanford.edu/page/home>

A searchable database of all official documents from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

See the Gov Docs Kids Group Wiki at:

<http://govdocs4children.pbworks.com/>

Bylaw Changes for Fall 2009 Meeting

From Sarajeon Petite, Case Western Reserve University Law Library

The following modification will be voted on at the fall meeting:

Repeal Bylaw 6, Section 2B and then to renumber the remainder of the section. (This modification removes the Access to State Government Information committee from the list of standing committees, as was recommended during the spring 2009 business meeting.)

Bylaw Changes for Spring 2010 Meeting

From Sarajeon Petite, Case Western Reserve University Law Library

The following modifications will be discussed at the Fall meeting, but not voted on until the Spring meeting:

BYLAW 4. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 3. SECRETARY/TREASURER TRANSFER (NEW SECTION)

Immediately upon the election of a new secretary/treasurer, the GODORT membership shall pass the following resolution designating the new secretary-treasurer as online banking Super User:

RESOLVED that [SECRETARY/TREASURER'S NAME] of this organization, is designated as this organization's Super User for Online Banking with authority to grant to [himself/herself] and other individuals access to, and the right to perform transactions affecting, all of this organization's deposit, loan and other accounts, and that the certification of this resolution may be relied upon until written notice of any change therein, in satisfactory form, shall have been received by an appropriate officer.

If the language required by the bank changes, this section of the bylaws shall be updated.

BYLAW 1. OFFICERS

SECTION 3. THE SECRETARY/TREASURER (NEW SUBSECTION)

G. The secretary/treasurer shall ensure that the organization's registration with the Ohio Secretary of State is current. If it has expired, he/she shall obtain the necessary paperwork from the Ohio Secretary of State and complete it. He or she shall use his or her business address as the address of the organization.

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H. At the conclusion of the meeting at which a new secretary-treasurer is elected, the outgoing secretary-treasurer and the incoming secretary-treasurer shall go to the bank and update the organization's bank account. If the outgoing secretary-treasurer is unavailable, the State Documents Consultant shall go to the bank and authorize the update to the account.

Looking for Previous Issues of Docs Prescriptions?

Beginning with Issue 47 (Summer 1998), issues are available full text online at:
<http://www3.wooster.edu/library/gov/ohgodort/docsrx/index.htm>

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Send your checks made to "GODORT of Ohio"
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Ohio GODORT Fall Meeting, November 6, 2009 Case Western University, Cleveland, OH

Preliminary Agenda	
9:30 - 10:00	Registration and Refreshments
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome
10:15 - 12:00	<p align="center">Program: U.S. Government Documents: A Window to International Relations”</p> <p>Presenter: Andrew Dorchak, Head of Reference Services/Foreign & International Specialist, Case Western Reserve University Law Library</p> <p>In addition to classic government documents such as the <i>U.S. Code</i> and <i>U.S. Reports</i>, a plethora of documents impact, influence, or at least reflect international relations. We shall examine several of the most interesting and/or entertaining.</p>
12:00 - 1:00	<p>Box lunches available at \$5.00 per lunch. RSVP to Karen Thornton by October 30 (kat4@case.edu) (See choices below)</p> <p>Lunch provided by Stone Oven Bakery. Choices are: Smoke Turkey/provolone Ham/Swiss Roast beef/Swiss Curried chicken salad Veggie Egg salad Tuna salad</p>
1:00 - 3:00	Business Meeting

For meeting information contact Andrea Peakovic at peakovic@kenyon.edu or 740-427-5658. For RSVPs, directions, accommodations, and parking, contact Karen Thornton at kat4@case.edu or 216-368-6511.

Directions

Case Western Reserve University is located in the University Circle area in downtown Cleveland. Please see <http://www.case.edu/visit/map/dir.html> for directions to campus. Kelvin Smith Library is located on the upper left quadrant, next to Severance and across from the Museum of Art & Lagoon. Follow this link for a campus map: <http://www.case.edu/maps/>

Parking Options

The most convenient place to park is the Campus Center Garage <http://www.universitycircle.org/detail-location.aspx?type=location&id=291&cat=§ion=&address=11001+Euclid+Avenue++Cleveland+OH+44106> next to Severance Hall. The rate is \$10 a day, and credit cards are accepted.

Thursday Night Gathering

There will be a Thursday night gathering at 7:00 pm at Mi Pueblo Mexican Restaurant. Please contact Karen Thornton at kat4@case.edu or 216-368-6511 for details if you are interested in attending.

For those who are interested, the Cleveland chapter of SLA <http://units.sla.org/chapter/ccle/> is having a meeting at the Case Western Reserve University campus on Thursday. Specific details are not available yet, but typically these meetings involve dinner around 5:30 PM followed by a business meeting and a program.

Accommodations

Below are a few options for overnight accommodations:

Alcazar

http://thealcazar.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=48

- Five B&B rooms available, \$89 - \$179
- On a bus line

University Circle Bed & Breakfast

<http://www.ucbnb.com/>

- \$95/night including breakfast

CCF Guest House

http://my.clevelandclinic.org/childrens_hospital/visitors/overnight/accomodations.aspx

Please check the following websites for more nearby accommodations:

<http://www.case.edu/finadmin/security/travel/visit.htm>

<http://www.universitycircle.org/category-listings.aspx?cat=15§ion=visit>