**From the Chair**

It has been a humbling experience to serve as the 2011-2012 Government Documents Roundtable of Ohio (Ohio GODORT) Chair; I am working in the shadows of dedicated past presidents like George Kline, Doreen Hockenberry, Andrea Peakovic, J. Peter Thayer, Mary Prophet, Schuyler Cook, and others (forgive me if I didn’t mention your name; your service has not gone unrecognized but space prevents me from listing all those who have served Ohio GODORT in all capacities in addition to Chair).

We are in an exciting, yet uncertain time in providing government information access. Local, state, and federal financial support to provide government information access in traditional paper formats is shrinking. Yet, new strategies and techniques (i.e. digital access) have been developing for several years and are now beginning to bear fruit. One of those projects is our own Ohio GODORT War Relocation Authority Digital Collection - [http://ohiogodort.uakron.edu/handle/2374.GODORT/2](http://ohiogodort.uakron.edu/handle/2374.GODORT/2). Our own Shari Laster (University of Akron) has worked diligently to develop the infrastructure to provide a home for government document legacy digitization projects. Now that nearly 97% of new government publications are born digital, the use of this format and access will provide lasting benefits for both access to and preservation of these materials.1

The Ohio GODORT War Relocation Authority Digital Collection features reports, operational guides, publicity materials, and research works in book form. Longtime Ohio GODORT members/past presidents Carol Singer and Mary Prophet greatly contributed to this effort by compiling the union list for the print materials in the collection in the late 1980s advocating for the digitization of these items in the early 2000s, respectively.2

Utilizing OhioLINK’s Digital Resource Commons (DRC) structure, Laster volunteered to chair the government document digitization and metadata creation process (as a result of a nomination to serve in the capacity from another Ohio GODORT past president and longtime Ohio GODORT contributor, Colleen Parmer). The results of several years of committee discussions – both at the OhioLINK and Government Printing Office – GPO – levels, are evident in the result that is Ohio GODORT War Relocation Authority Digital Collection Database.

I encourage you to take a look at the presentation discussing the Ohio GODORT War Relocation Authority Digital Collection Database’s developmental history and structural details which Laster and Catalina Oyler (Five Colleges of Ohio) have posted to the

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2 Ibid., 3.
SlideShare slideshow site at http://www.slideshare.net/rhonabwy/crossing-institutional-boundaries-to-create-permanent-public-access-for-government-information. Please join me in congratulating all involved in the results of this effort and celebrate the benefits it will provide Ohio's government information community (and the many populations it serves) for years to come.

Tom Adamich, Chair of Ohio GODORT

**From the Editor’s Desk**

All members of the Government Documents Roundtable of Ohio can be proud of the first digitized collection to be presented as one of the Ohio GODORT Digital Collections. Shari Laster presents an update on the progress being made with this collection. We can look forward to additional future additions to this site.

This issue presents other updates, such as Constitution Day 2011, information about happenings and personnel at the State Library of Ohio, depository anniversaries, and other news from the government information world in Ohio, such as Andy Pochatko’s article in DTTP.

We can look forward to an informative and interesting presentation at the Fall Meeting which will take place November 18 at the Case Western Reserve Law School. I look forward to seeing all of you at that meeting!

Finally, the History Digitized column includes some useful and interesting web sites. Thanks to all who sent me information and articles for this issue!

Carol A. Singer, Editor
Bowling Green State University

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**Do you know your Congressional representative?**

If not, use the links on USA.gov’s page for contacting elected officials:

http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml

Contact your representative’s office and introduce yourself.
The replacement of all staff workstations was recently completed. Everyone now has Windows 7 operating system and Microsoft Office 2010.

Among the many offerings at WebJunction Ohio is a catalog of free courses for Ohio affiliate members. Membership in WebJunction Ohio is free to all staff members working in Ohio libraries. The courses include topic areas of library basics, customer service, library leadership and Microsoft Office basics. Link to WebJunction Ohio for Libraries on the State Library’s front page at www.library.ohio.gov under Statewide Resources & Services.

Plans are under way for Library Leadership Ohio which will be held July 25-27, 2012 at a still undermined location. It is sponsored by a collaboration of the State Library of Ohio, OHIONET and the Ohio Library Council and facilitated by Ivy Library Group from Charlottesville, VA. Details will be coming soon and will be posted at www.libraryleadershipohio.org Library Leadership Ohio is for staff working in all types of libraries. Katie Sabol will be coordinating the application and selection process.

Candidates for the open reference librarian position are being interviewed.

Evan Struble joined the staff in October as a library consultant in IT working with Ohio Libraries Share:MORE.

Head of Fiscal & Business Services, Diane Fink, announced her retirement from the State of Ohio effective 12/31/2011.

There are wedding bells at the State Library. Esther Chung, library assistant-circulation, married Andrew Hall on August 20. Katie Sabol, former reference librarian and new library consultant, married Brian Campbell on October 22. Newly engaged are Katina Miday, library consultant-technology (Ohio eBook Project) and Ashlee Clark, executive secretary to the state librarian.

New depository coordinators since our spring meeting are, Cherie Bronkar at Muskingum University (Tom Adamich resigned), Barbara Moginot at Malone University. (Charlene Willey retired), Weiping Zhang at Kent State University (Joe Salem is now head of Research and Learning Services at the University of Akron) and Roger Kosson at Denison University (Mary Prophet is the acting library director now).

Travel at the State Library was restricted for several years but now, within reason, we are able to travel again. Therefore, I will be scheduling visits with the depository libraries. We have quite a few coordinators whom I have not met. Absolutely, do not think of a visit as any sort of inspection. Visits are simply an opportunity to meet face to face to answer any questions that you might have. Let me know if you want to be first in line for a visit.
Around Ohio

Harbor-Topky Memorial Library, Ashtabula: Andrew Pochatko has just had an article published in *DTTP: Documents to the People!* His article, “American Indian Access to Government Information,” appears on pages 26-29 of the Fall 2011 issue. Congratulations to Andy!!

Bowling Green State University: Vera Lux and Kellie Tilton, who now works at the University of Alaska - Fairbanks, have completely revised the Government Documents web pages, transforming them into LibGuides. The Government Information LibGuide is at: [http://libguides.bgsu.edu/GovernmentDocuments](http://libguides.bgsu.edu/GovernmentDocuments) and the Government Documents Subjects LibGuide can be accessed at: [http://libguides.bgsu.edu/GovDocSubjects](http://libguides.bgsu.edu/GovDocSubjects)
Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to all of our libraries who had an anniversary in 2011!

125th (Became a Federal Depository in 1886):
Cleveland Public Library
Ohio University

60th (Became a Federal Depository in 1951):
Bluffton University

45th (Became a Federal Depository in 1966):
Cleveland State University, University Library
College of Wooster
Muskingum College
University of Rio Grande

40th (Became a Federal Depository in 1971):
Chardon Public Library

30th (Became a Federal Depository in 1981):
University of Toledo, College of Law Library

25th (Became a Federal Depository in 1986):
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit Library
Wilmington College

20th (Became a Federal Depository in 1991):
Porter Public Library

It’s not too early to think about the 2012 anniversaries:

105th (Became a Federal Depository in 1907):
Ohio State University

80th (Became a Federal Depository in 1932):
Ashland University

50th (Became a Federal Depository in 1962):
Kent State University

45th (Became a Federal Depository in 1967):
Otterbein University

40th (Became a Federal Depository in 1972):
Youngstown University

25th (Became a Federal Depository in 1987):
Shawnee State University
**Update: Ohio GODORT’s Digital Collections Working Group**  
*By Shari Laster, University of Akron*

Most of the work happening so far for the Ohio GODORT Digital Collection has been behind-the-scenes. OhioLINK launched our test and production DSpace instances in the Digital Resource Commons. I worked with Catalina Oyler from Ohio 5 to create a metadata transformation tool and develop a theme and branding based on a simplified theme used by new Ohio 5 instances.

Meanwhile, Cynthia Cort and others at Denison University were hard at work updating PDF scans of the War Relocation Authority collection, cleaning up text transcripts, and making sure all of the MARC cataloging had been identified. Everything came together on October 11th, when Catalina and I visited Denison to work with Cynthia and Mary Prophet on preparing the batch loads.

We completed an initial successful batch load, and I completed a second load in the following days. Every load is composed of a set of folders, each of which has a PDF version of the document, a TIFF version of each page of the document, an XML file with Dublin Core metadata, and a content manifest that tells DSpace what to expect in each folder. So we are working with a large amount of material, and uploads can take a long time - all night, in the case of the second load.

Once the content is successfully ingested into the test instance, I put in a ticket with OhioLINK to have the content ingested into the production instance. The next step is to manually remove duplicated files since we had some items in both batch loads, and clean up the metadata. For example, our XSLT stylesheet that transforms MARC into Dublin Core XML currently duplicates the 086 fields, so some of our metadata displays the SuDoc call number six times! Once the cleanup is complete, the collection will be ready to add to GPO’s Digitization Projects Registry ([http://registry.fdlp.gov/](http://registry.fdlp.gov/)).

I am giving a presentation at the 2011 ALAO conference in Toledo entitled “Crossing Institutional Boundaries to Create Permanent Public Access for Government Information” with Catalina Oyler. This presentation recognizes all of the planning that has gone into this project, from Carol Singer's initial information gathering about WRA documents in Ohio, to Mary Prophet’s digitization project to help provide access while protecting the print version of these documents, and the support we've received from Ohio 5 and BGSU in creating this digital collection.

If you want to see our work in progress, check it out at: [http://ohiogodort.uakron.edu/](http://ohiogodort.uakron.edu/). Thanks are due to all of the project volunteers for their enthusiasm and patience with this process.
U.S. Government Publications

Full Text Search:  
Advanced Search

Collections in this community

- War Relocation Authority

Recent Submissions

(See all records)

An analysis of the segregation program.

Wartime exile, the exclusion of the Japanese Americans from the West coast.
United States. War Relocation Authority.; McKee, Ruth Eleanor. 1933-. 1946

Community government in war relocation centers.
United States. War Relocation Authority.; Kimball, Solon. 1946

Japanese Americans educated in Japan: The Kibeh.
**Ohio Attorney General Opinion Volumes Needed!!**

Carol Ottolenghi, of the Ohio Attorney General's Library is looking for volumes of the Attorney General Opinions. If you have any extras, please contact her at 614-995-4226 or carol.ottolenghi@ohioattorneygeneral.gov

Carol informs us:

“The Ohio Attorney General's Office and Hein online have come to an agreement to PDF all of the old AG opinions. These would then be offered FREE on the AG website. Hein will retain a non-exclusive interest in them, as well.

The only problem is that Hein usually destroys the books during the PDF-ing process. I don't have multiple copies of many of the older volumes. But, as the AG Librarian, I’d like to have an archival copy of each volume. So, I am asking Librarians to free up their shelf space by sending me volumes that they will not need since they’ll be available online, and in hardcopy through the AG Library. I will pay for shipping gladly.”

The great news is that these opinions will be freely available online to anybody who needs them. However, this will create other problems for the Attorney General’s Library, so please let Carol know if you have any volumes you can send her!

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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](http://www3.wooster.edu/library/gov/ohgodort/docsrx/index.htm)
Celebrate Constitution Day

The Gov Docs Kids Group is one of the sponsors of the Constitution Day contest. This year the winners will be announced on November 10, 2011. To find out who the winners are and for more information about the contest see: http://govdocs4children.pbworks.com/w/page/8811698/Celebrate%20Constitution%20Day%20with%20us%21

This year there were more than 30,000 entries. One winner in each grade will receive a $50.00 U.S. savings bond and the grand prize winner will receive a $200.00 U.S. savings bond.

For more information about the Gov Docs Kids Group, see: http://govdocs4children.pbworks.com/w/page/8811722/FrontPage
History Digitized
By Carol A. Singer, Bowling Green State University

War Relocation Authority
http://ohiogodort.uakron.edu/handle/2374.GODORT/2

This site, produced by a team of people that included Shari Laster, Cynthia Cort, Catalina Oyler, Mary Prophet, and others was released under the auspices of Ohio GODORT Digital Collections. It includes PDF files of War Relocation Authority documents and TIFF files of the individual pages of those documents. The project is still in process.

Betty H. Carter Women Veterans’ Historical Project

The digitized publications on this site include brochures, pamphlets, posters, and magazines. All publications concern women in the U.S. military from World War I to 2008. Not all titles in the collection are available full text online. A few representative online titles include: G.I. Jane Writes Home from Overseas, An Adventure in Belonging...a Modern Odyssey, or An Outstanding Date...the Day You Join the Navy Nurse Corps.

U.S. Army Medical Department: Medical History: Books and Documents
http://history.amedd.army.mil/books.html

A wealth of digitized books and other textual materials about military medicine from pre-Revolutionary War through Operation Iraqi Freedom. This collection includes both historical accounts and reports written during or soon after the events took place. Among the historical accounts are: The Army Medical Department 1775-1818 and many volumes of the Medical Department of the United States Army in the World War series. Some essays include links to primary sources. An example is: The U.S. Army Medical Department in the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, which links to official reports written in 1906. The list of documents also includes interviews and reminiscences. The search engine searches the full text of the documents.

U.S. Army Europe: History page
http://www.history.hqusareur.army.mil/pubs.htm

This page links to full text historical research books and documents about U.S. war in Europe. There is no search engine for the documents on this page. Examples of

*Children’s Bureau Historical Publications*

[http://www.mchlibrary.info/history/childrensbureau.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/history/childrensbureau.html)

This is a wonderful collection of approximately 450 digitized publications from or about the Children’s Bureau. The collection was produced by the Maternal & Child Health Library at Georgetown University. A few titles include: *The Children’s Bureau of Cleveland: A study of the care of dependent children in Cleveland, Ohio*, *Are you training your child to be happy?: Lesson material in child management*, and *Why drink milk? Milk is the indispensable food for children*. Another source of digitized Children’s Bureau documents is the Internet Archive:


*FRASER: Federal Reserve Archival System for Economic Research*


The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis makes available a wide range of digitized historical documents that might be useful for economic research. These are searchable
and also browsable by major topic. A few examples of the available documents include: *Bank Suspensions in the United States, 1892-1931*, *Bretton Woods Agreements Act* (hearings from 1945), and *Temporary Increase in Debt Ceiling* [hearings from 1961]. The Bank is also digitizing documents from the Women’s Bureau.

*First Nations Collection*
http://soda.sou.edu/

This collection of digitized resources, from Southern Oregon University, includes publications about Native Americans in Oregon and surrounding areas. This collection doesn’t consist solely of government publications. The publications are searchable and browsable by author and title. A few representative titles include both U.S. government documents, such as the *Handbook of American Indian languages. Siuwalan (Lower Umpqua)* and state documents such as *The Governor of Oregon provides a detailed narrative of events, policies, and background preceding and during the Modoc War and discusses mistakes made by the U.S. government relating the Modoc campaign.*

*U.S. General Accountability Office publications*
http://www.gao.gov/

This site provides access to not only the recent GAO reports, but also to full text of reports from as early as the 1930’s, although the full text of all reports is not available. Some of the earliest full text reports include: *Cost of Presidential Speech Recordings* (1937), *Bureau of the Census’ Acceptance of Private Source Funds to Prepare Census Monographs* (1940), and *Comments on Use of Appropriations to Pay for Personal Long Distance Calls* (1949).

*Census of Agriculture*

The USDA has digitized agriculture census publications for 1840 to 1950.

*Southeastern Native American Documents, 1730-1842*
http://metis.galib.uga.edu/ssp/cgi-bin/ftaccess.cgi?galileo_server=galfe1.gsu.edu&galileo_server_port=80&galileo_server_id=8&instcode=pbl&instname=Guest&helpuserid=&style=&_id=21215e7f-8641&dbs=ZLNA

This collection includes digitized and transcribed copies of both U.S. and Georgia documents, including reports, letters, treaties, and financial documents. This collection is both searchable and browsable. A few examples of the documents in this collection: *Letter from the Secretary of War transmitting a list of persons entitled to reservations under the treaty with the Cherokees of the 27th February, 1819, [et c.], 1828, Washington;* and *Hostile Indians in Florida : public meeting of the citizens of St. Augustine, in relation to the hostile proceeding of the Indians in Florida, &c. &c.*
Although the National Archives site that shows one document each day isn’t useful for research, the documents are generally interesting and are sometimes government documents, such as the Department of State memo about the rules that had to be observed by Yeti hunters in Nepal:

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FOREIGN SERVICE DESPATCH

FROM: American Embassy, Kathmandu

TO: The Department of State, Washington.

REF: Embassy, New Delhi, Despatches 1472, June 22, 1959 and 374, September 30, 1958

RECORD

5/12/59

SUBJECT: REGULATIONS GOVERNING MOUNTAIN CLIMBING EXPEDITIONS IN NEPAL – RELATING TO YETI

There are, at present, three regulations applicable only to expeditions searching for the Yeti in Nepal. These regulations are to be observed in addition to the 13 clauses as listed in Mountaineering and Scientific Expeditions in Nepal.

The three regulations are as follows:

1. Royalty of Rs. 5000/- India Currency will have to be paid to His Majesty’s Government of Nepal for a permit to carry out an expedition in search of ‘Yeti’.

2. In case ‘Yeti’ is traced it can be photographed or caught alive but it must not be killed or shot at except in an emergency arising out of self defence. All photographs taken of the animal, the creature itself if captured alive or dead, must be surrendered to the Government of Nepal at the earliest time.

3. News and reports throwing light on the actual existence of the creature must be submitted to the Government of Nepal as soon as they are available and must not in any way be given out to the Press or Reporters for publicity without the permission of the Government of Nepal.

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**We Want YOU for Ohio GODORT!**

Membership dues for each year (only $20.00) are due at the Spring Meeting.

Send your checks made to “GODORT of Ohio”  
To SaraJean Petite (see address above)
Ohio GODORT Fall Meeting, November 18, 2011
Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio

WHEN: 18 November, 2011, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

WHERE: Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio

AGENDA: Times are approximate. Final times will be issued later.

9:45-10:15   Registration and Refreshments
10:15-10:30  Welcome
10:30-12:00  Program

GPO staff will talk with us via conference call about budget issues and their effects on libraries and the future of the GPO, as well as the state forecasting project.

12:00-1:00  Lunch (see information below)
1:00-3:00   Business Meeting


Please fill out an RSVP for the meeting, at:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ohiogodort-Fall-2011

DIRECTIONS: The law school is at 11075 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106
See the Google Map at: http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=11075+East+Boul
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For more information about parking in University Circle, see:

The closest garages are at the Botanical Gardens and the Museum of Art.

Accommodations: Case Western Reserve Travel Services has a list of preferred hotels at: http://www.case.edu/finadmin/security/travel/visit.html#Hotels