



# Docs Prescriptions

The Newsletter of the Government Documents Round Table of Ohio

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## ***From the Chair***

It has been an honor to serve as chair of Ohio GODORT this past year. I'd like to thank my fellow board members for all of their help and guidance this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual fall meeting where we will be showcasing presentations from Ohio GODORT members for the first time in several years. We will be hearing about the new Ohio.gov and Ohio Attorney General sites, large scale weeding, and finding online replacements for microfiche. I hope everyone will find these presentations educational and informative.

*Jeffrey Hartsell-Gundy  
Miami University*

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## ***From the Editor's Desk***

My thanks to everybody who contributed to this issue! We have some great articles this time!

Cheryl Lubow's article about the 1906 State Fire Marshall's report is priceless! Who would have imagined that bedbugs constituted a fire hazard?

I loved the article about George Kosman's recipes. Those who are longtime GODORT of Ohio members will remember George, whose life was cut way too short in a car accident. In a tribute, published as part of *Doc's Prescriptions* Issue No. 16 (Fall 1989), Liese Adams wrote, "This man did not live by the Arts alone, he also had a passion for good food and fellowship. He was an excellent cook and frequently entertained and prepared wonderful meals for guests." Having a book of his recipes in the our Archives is particularly appropriate as a way to remember him. Liese's tribute takes note of his passion for documents, his interest in teaching, and his contributions to the Government Documents field. As she wrote, "On a very poignant note, one month ago, George achieved one of our highest honors by being chosen to serve on the Depository Library Council."

We also have articles about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the current regional depository system, Ohio notable documents, a breaking news story from NOAA, and a great picture of what people look like in Bowling Green during the depths of winter.

I see that there are some significant depository anniversaries coming up in 2013. Congratulations to all of you who have those anniversaries and make sure you invite all of us to any parties you decide to have. Don't forget to take pictures and send them to me so I can put them in a future issue of *Docs Prescriptions*!

Some of you may notice that there is no *History Digitized* column in this issue. Digitized government documents are now found all over the Internet, so it seemed to be unnecessary to continue writing the column.

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

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### ***Secretary's Report***

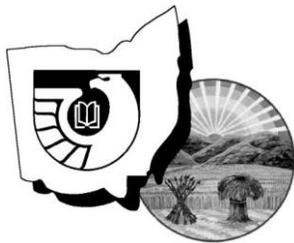


**Government Documents Roundtable of Ohio  
Spring Business Meeting  
State Library of Ohio  
May 18, 2012**

The secretary's report will be available at the Fall Meeting.

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### ***Treasurer's Report***



**Ohio GODORT Fall Newsletter  
Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report will be available at the Fall meeting.

**Looking for more information about GODORT of Ohio?**

**See the GODORT of Ohio Blog**

**[http:// ohiogodort.org/](http://ohiogodort.org/)**



## ***News from the State Library***

*From Audrey Hall, State Library of Ohio*

Wedding bells have been ringing at the State Library. Mandy Knapp and Chris Thompson were married on September 29. Mandy is a Library Development Consultant with an emphasis on technology. She is the Project Manager for the Ohio eBook Project.

Ashlee Clark and Sean Tominey were married on October 27. Ashlee is the executive secretary to the State Librarian.

Judith Cosgray recently joined the staff of the State Library as a Library Consultant with an emphasis on outreach to state government. She will also provide reference and research services to state employees and other patrons.

Ohio presidents are the topic of the current display in our entryway.

The State Library of Ohio is the recipient of a \$133,516 Connecting to Collections Implementation Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The primary focus of the award will be to conduct a two-day preservation boot camp for teams of library and museum staff. Connecting to Collections project partners include the Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Museums Association and institutional representatives from The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Follett House Museum, and Kennedy Museum of Art, Ohio University. Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, is leading the Connecting to Collections project.

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## ***Happy Anniversary to the Regional Depository System!***

***By Audrey Hall  
State Library of Ohio***

The Depository Library Act of 1962 created the current system of regional depository libraries. The milestone 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the act is commemorated by a plaque sent to the regional depositories by the Federal Depository Library Program with an accompanying letter of appreciation from Superintendent of Documents Mary Alice Baish. The State Library of Ohio's plaque is on display in the public area.



## ***Pity the Poor Bed Bug***

*By Cheryl Lubow, State Library of Ohio*

Today's state agency annual reports may include colorful diagrams and photos of officials shaking hands with the public, but they rarely have the entertaining language of the past. In the Seventh Annual Report of the State Fire Marshal to the Governor of the State of Ohio for the Year 1906, State Fire Marshal D.S. Creamer demonstrated a wonderful sense of humor, knowledge of entomology, and a love of rhymes which I suspect you won't find in today's reports.

He lamented that his duties forced him to "intrude upon the secrets of the home and the sanctity of its bedchamber sufficiently to warn against the dangerous methods used to embarrass, discourage, persecute or destroy this friend that sticketh closer than a lover." During the previous summer, an unusual number of fires from "cremating" bed bugs were reported. Setting the bugs on fire with kerosene or gasoline was a common practice. Fire Marshal Creamer entertained his readers before giving a Cimex

Lectularius science lesson:



"The mosquito sings his prey to sleep,

And then he takes a bite.

The bed bug crawls from head to feet,

And grazes all the night."

Reading this report, I learned that the bed bug once had wings "but lost them by disuse after it fell from the high estate of an active, self-supporting bug and became a blood sucking parasite."

Creamer's discussion of eradication methods wasn't altogether reassuring. (Even though this advice appears in a Doc, use these Prescriptions at your own risk.) Using a sulfur torch was effective because it "strangles the bugs and addles the eggs." But it also fades the "reds and blues in the wallpaper and vegetable dyes in ribbons; and it smells.

Formaldehyde fumigation only gives the bugs an added perfume, which they don't worry about." Creamer shared the three-chemical formula for the insecticide he considered most satisfactory. After applying it to cracks and crevices in affected rooms "the alcohol evaporates leaving the poisonous crystals on the wood. The liquid is dangerous stuff to have about." His final suggestion: "Filling all crevices in beds and baseboards with soap, or, better, with paint, prevents the bugs from finding a happy home with you. But, in very old buildings this bug, though wingless, may elude the pursuit of the most astute." I suspect that Fire Marshal Creamer hoped that the reader would read those last eight words aloud.



This section of the annual report concludes with a few grim statistics and a moral of the story. "During last summer the explosions, resulting from pursuing with gasolene the bug that gets there, fired sixteen houses, burned five persons dangerously and four fatally, including two children who were helping mama. Moral: Gasolene should be handled with care."

**George Kosman's Recipes**  
By Audrey Hall, State Library of Ohio



# George's *Favorite* Recipes



...too good  
to be forgotten



The Ohio GODORT Archives has received a donation from Ellen Conrad of a booklet entitled "George's favorite recipes...too good to be forgotten." George Kosman was documents librarian at Case Western Reserve University Library when he was killed in a car accident in Ontario on September 22, 1989. His obituary in the Fall 1989 issue of Jurisdocs states that George received the B.A. from Ohio State in 1950 and M.L.S. from Case Western University in 1954. He worked at Case Western Reserve University for twenty years, building an excellent documents collection and giving exceptional service in the field to faculty and students from all departments. He taught

at Kent State University's Library School, where he gave many future librarians an understanding and appreciation of government documents. He had recently been named to the Depository Library Council, an honor which reflected the esteem in colleagues held him. George was an early member of Ohio GODORT.

The recipe booklet contains the dedication: Dedicated to George from his good friend Carmen Magri.

A couple sample recipes:

#### **BOSTON COOKIES**

1 C butter  
1 ½ C sugar  
3 eggs well beaten  
1 t soda in vinegar  
¼ t salt  
1 t cinnamon  
1 C walnuts  
2 C raisins  
3 C flour

Mix the butter, sugar, eggs, soda, salt and cinnamon separately.

Bake at 375 degrees

#### **COLD BALISH**

3 pkg. reg. dry yeast  
5 C reg. flour  
½ lb. margarine (softened)  
1 C shortening  
3 egg yolks  
½ pint sour cream  
1 t vanilla

Sprinkle yeast into flour – cut in the margarine and shortening. Mix as though for pie crust. Add egg yolks and sour cream. Mixture will be stiff. Shape in a ball and place (covered with wax paper) in refrigerator overnight or for 6 hours. Take portions and roll-out on “floured and sugared” surface. Cut into desired shapes, fill with desired filling, roll –up as crescent or triangles. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake in 350 degree oven until lightly browned (9-14 mins. – check!), when cool, dust with powdered sugar.

Enjoy! Makes many.

## **Looking for Previous Issues of Docs Prescriptions?**

Beginning with Issue 47 (Summer 1998), issues are available full text online at:

<http://ohiogodort.org/organization-resources/docs-rx/>

## **Ohio's Notable Documents**

*By Audrey Hall*

ALA Government Documents Round Table's annual list of notable state government documents published in 2011 and announced in the May 2012 issue of Library Journal included two from Ohio.

***Ohio Statehouse: A Building for the Ages***, by Cheryl J. Straker and Chris Matheney of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board features images from throughout Capitol Square, as well as information about the history of the Ohio Statehouse, Senate Building, atrium and grounds. The 80-page book includes 121 full-color and black-and-white historic images of the buildings, grounds and events since 1839, when construction began on the Statehouse. In the year of its sesquicentennial, the Statehouse, Capitol Square and many of the political leaders who have made a lasting impression on Ohio politics are celebrated in this book, which aims to offer readers a glimpse of the history, architecture, and symbolism of Ohio democracy. There are two paper copies of the book in the State Library's Ohio Documents collection. The book retails for \$14.50 in the Statehouse Museum Shop. It can be ordered online at <http://www.statehouseshop.com/>

***Stream Fishes of Ohio – Field Guide***, by Brian Zimmerman of the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife was distributed to the Ohio depository libraries and also added to the State Library of Ohio digital collection. This resource provides for easy identification of 76 of Ohio's most common stream fish species. The colorful guide includes photographs and descriptions of each of the featured species along with maps of some of the principal rivers and streams that crisscross the state. The title also provides general information on stream ecology and conservation, Ohio fishing license requirements, references, and a glossary. Stream fishes of Ohio – field guide is available online at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Portals/9/pdf/pub5127.pdf>



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## ***Happy Anniversary!***

Congratulations to all of our libraries with an anniversary in 2012!

105<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1907):  
Ohio State University

60<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1952):  
Akron-Summit County Public Library

50<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1962):  
Kent State University

45<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1967):  
Otterbein University

25<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1987):  
Shawnee State University



2013 is a bumper year for anniversaries:

155<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1858):  
Oberlin College

140<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1873):  
Kenyon College

125<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1888):  
University of Mount Union

100<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1913):  
Case Western Reserve University

90<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1923):  
Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County

80<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1933):  
Bowling Green State University

75<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1938):  
Ashland University

50<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1963):  
University of Akron  
University of Toledo

55<sup>th</sup> (Became a Federal Depository in 1968):

## A Sign of Things to Come from the Serial Set

We all know there are great illustrations in the Serial Set. The Annual Report of the Postmaster General, in volume 3913, shows what we can look forward to this winter in the northern part of Ohio:



RURAL CARRIER AMONG THE BLIZZARDS, AT BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.  
THERMOMETER TWENTY DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

## Breaking News: There Are No Mermaids!

NOAA has now given the official word: there are no mermaids:



Home > Ocean Facts

### No evidence of aquatic humanoids has ever been found.



The Jewel of Norfolk,'s fanciful mermaid sculpture located in Norfolk, Virginia.

#### Related Links

[Manatees 101: NOAA's Ocean Today video](#)

**Mermaids** — those half-human, half-fish sirens of the sea — are legendary sea creatures chronicled in maritime cultures since time immemorial. The ancient Greek epic poet Homer wrote of them in *The Odyssey*. In the ancient Far East, mermaids were the wives of powerful sea-dragons, and served as trusted messengers between their spouses and the emperors on land. The aboriginal people of Australia call mermaids *yawkyawks* — a name that may refer to their mesmerizing songs.

The belief in mermaids may have arisen at the very dawn of our species. Magical female figures first appear in cave paintings in the late Paleolithic (Stone Age) period some 30,000 years ago, when modern humans gained dominion over the land and, presumably, began to sail the seas. Half-human creatures, called chimeras, also abound in mythology — in addition to mermaids, there were wise centaurs, wild satyrs, and frightful minotaurs, to name but a few.



But are mermaids real? No evidence of aquatic humanoids has ever been found. Why, then, do they occupy the collective unconscious of nearly all seafaring peoples? That's a question best left to historians, philosophers, and anthropologists.

## Ohio Depository Directory Updated

Looking for information about federal depositories in Ohio? Look no further than *U.S. Government Depositories in Ohio: A Directory*, a LibGuide made for GODORT of Ohio. It's now updated to reflect all changes in the GPO Directory. If you find any errors, please contact Carol A. Singer, [singerc@bgsu.edu](mailto:singerc@bgsu.edu) and list any new information so we can be sure our information is correct.

The screenshot displays the BGSU University Libraries website. The header features the BGSU logo and navigation links for MyBGSU, BGSU email, and search. Below the header, there are links for ACADEMICS, ADMISSIONS, THE ARTS, ATHLETICS, LIBRARIES, and A-Z LINKS. The main content area is titled "U.S. Government Depositories in Ohio: A Directory" and includes a breadcrumb trail: University Libraries » LibGuides » U.S. Government Depositories in Ohio: A Directory. The page is updated as of October 24, 2012, and provides a URL, print guide, RSS updates, and social media sharing options. A navigation bar lists regional libraries: Home, Ada - Bowling Green, Canton - Cleveland, Columbus - Findlay, Gambier - Rio Grande, and Springfield - Youngstown. The main content is divided into three columns: "GODORT of Ohio" (a project of the Government Documents Round Table of Ohio), "Overview" (providing contact information and a link to the GPO directory), and "Author of this LibGuide" (Carol A. Singer, a professor in the Library Teaching & Learning Department). A "Government Documents Round Table of Ohio" section features a graphic of the state of Ohio with the BGSU logo and the Great Seal of the State of Ohio. The footer includes contact information for Carol A. Singer, including her title, department, address, phone number, and email, along with links to her profile and guides, and subjects related to history, government, and food & nutrition.

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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 Carol Ottolenghi (see address above)

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**Ohio GODORT Fall Meeting, November 9, 2012**  
**Miami University, Oxford, Ohio**

WHEN: 9 November 2012, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

WHERE: Miami University, King Library room 320

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

9:30-10:00 Registration and Refreshments

10:00-10:15 Welcome

10:15-12:00 Program

Presentations by GODORT of Ohio members on the new Ohio.gov and Ohio Attorney General sites, large scale weeding, and finding online replacements for microfiche

12:00-1:00 Lunch (see information below)

1:00-3:00 Business Meeting

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Parking is available in the garage on Campus Ave. King Library is approximately two blocks north on Campus Ave. There is currently construction around the front of the library. Coming from the Campus Ave garage the easiest entrance to King is through the cafe on the ground floor, on the south side of the building. This information as well as links for maps and hotels are available on the Ohio GODORT website:

<http://ohiogodort.org/organization-resources/general-information/meetings-and-programs/fall-meeting-2012/>