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From the Chair

Greetings,

The GODORT Ohio 2015- 2016 year officially kicked off last Fall with an excellent Membership Meeting at the Beeghly Library/Ohio Wesleyan University. Thanks again to our gracious hosts Joy Gao, Government Documents Librarian, and Catherine Cardwell, the Beeghly Library Director of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Additionally, I'd like to thank Carol Holliger, Archivist of the Ohio United Methodism Collection of the Ohio Wesleyan University, for organizing a very interesting and informative tour of the Archives and the Rare Collections for us.

Spring is officially here and the signs are all around us! I hope you are all able to enjoy the beautiful weather. In the meantime, I would like to invite you to attend the GODORT Spring Meeting. It will take place on Friday, May 6th at the State Library of Ohio. The GPO Outreach Librarians, Jaime Huaman and Ashley Dahlen, will be joining us in person to answer our questions about depository resources and operations. Please check our website for more information about the meeting.

I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to encourage you to volunteer or nominate someone for serving as President and the ALA/GODORT liaison.

I am grateful to the GODORT Ohio membership body for giving me the privilege of serving as the president and I look forward to seeing you on May 6th.

Akram Sadeghi Pari
University of Cincinnati

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<http://ohiogodort.org/>

From the Editor's Desk

It looks as if we'll have another interesting program at the Spring Meeting. I hope to see all of you at the State Library on Friday, May 6th!

This has been an interesting semester for me. I've increased my involvement with the History Department and, as a result, been able to merge two of my interests – government documents and historical newspapers. Many of the people I've helped have needed both kinds of resources in order to complete their research. One of the things I've found is that, if we don't have the official government resource, check the newspaper because some newspapers used to print substantial extracts from government sources.

One of the things I like best about working with government documents is that, no matter how long you've worked with them, there's always lots more to learn. You could spend your lifetime working with government documents and never run out of something fascinating to find!

Carol A. Singer
Bowling Green State University



Government Documents Roundtable of Ohio Fall Business Meeting Minutes Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio

(To be presented at the Spring, 2016 meeting)

In attendance:

Sue Altmeyer, Sarah Dobransky, Joy Gao, Roger Kosson, Kirstin Krumsee, Carol Ottolenghi, Akram Sadeghi Pari, Erin Peters, SaraJean Petite, Ella Shurr, Peter Thayer, Nathan Wolfe, Carol Zsulya.

Welcome

President Akram Sadeghi Pari by thanking Beeghly Library / Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) for hosting us, and to OWU Librarian Joy Gao for making the arrangements. Then Beeghly Library Director Catherine Cardwell welcomed us. She pointed out that the Library was celebrating its 170th birthday, and mentioned that there would be cake after lunch.

Program

Tour of the Archives

One of the scheduled speakers was unable to appear. So, Ms. Gao persuaded Carol Holliger, Archivist of the Ohio United Methodism Collection, to give us an impromptu tour. The collection has three parts: Rare books; Ohio Methodism; and parts of Ohio Wesleyan University's history. In addition to the usual rare books and treatises produced

by university-related scholars, the collection includes artifacts brought back by Methodist missionaries, diaries (and saddles) of the early circuit riding ministers, and the records of Ohio Methodist churches that have closed. Ms. Holliger found a memorial/obituary for one GODORT member, whose relative had been a minister.

Reports from the DLC Meeting and FDL Conference (Sarah Dobransky, Roger Kosson, Kirstin Krumsee, Erin Peters, Carol Zsulya)

- The FDLP Certificate Program trial was completed in the spring. A second cohort will begin in early 2016. GPO wants to make it more frequent, but there is a substantial time commitment involved.
- Rules regarding regional discards are complicated. Each item must be held for 7seven years; be available through FDSys; be approved by the GPO; there must be at least 10 copies regionally distributed; and they can't all be preservation copies. The State Library is not discarding anything at this time.
- The FDSys public website has been re-designed, and the beta-launch is in January. There will be new content, including digitized GPO reports and 1750 documents from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).
- GPO makes MARC records available free to interested depositories. There is a short waiting list. 115 depositories are expected to participate in FY2016.
- The patent research site (www.uspto.gov) rocks.
- Sessions on the Federal Register and the Department of Interior were helpful to newer gov docs librarians.
- The libguides session highlighted the Southern Alabama University collection of gov docs libguides and government websites. (Go to <http://libguides.southalabama.edu> and open Government Documents.)

Business Meeting

President Akram Sadeghi Pari opened the business portion of the fall meeting.

Report from the State Library (Kirstin Krumsee)

Ms. Krumsee reported that the State Library's new digitization lab will soon include a high-speed microfiche scanner and a large-format flatbed scanner. We all shared her "jazzedness" at the news.

Ms. Krumsee also announced that she is developing a (currently local) electronic shelflist of the State Library's documents collection. As of the November, Ms. Krumsee had checked in about 100,000 pre-1976 documents. If you have MARC records with SuDocs for documents that are NOT in OhioLink, she would appreciate knowing.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Carol Ottolenghi)

Ms. Ottolenghi presented the secretary's and treasurer's reports. The secretary's report covered the 2015 Spring Business Meeting. Ms. Ottolenghi had questions about two items, but Peter Thayer clarified the events. The treasurer's report stated that from May28, 2015 - November 1, 2015, GODORT of Ohio's total income was \$455. All of it was in dues. The expenses attributed to this period are included. Ms. Krumsee moved to accept the reports. Carol Zsulya seconded. The motion passed.

Marketing

Marketing Chair Cheryl Lubow was absent, but requested that the group select a topic for the Spring 2016 Government Documents display under the Ohio Statehouse. Last year's exhibit was seen by more than 20,000 school children, their teachers, members of the general public, and Ohio's legislators and gubernatorial staff. The following topics were suggested:

- Space
- Natural resources and parks
- Weather and NOAA
- Science
- Safety, including water bacteria level graphs, cooking info
- Cartoons and other gov docs related in some way to famous people
- Military

Space was selected for the upcoming exhibit. Please send suggestions of colorful space-related documents to Ms. Lubow.

Ms. Ottolenghi suggested that the program for the GODORT Spring Meeting focus on developing a series of articles highlighting government documents. She noted that we can develop a boilerplate opening and closing, and then fill the middle with short, focused, annotated lists. The program concept was approved, and everyone is asked to bring suggestions for topics, or of government documents that would fit into the following topics or audience breakouts:

Weather	Ocean	Birds
Animals	Atomic Age	Attorneys / Paralegals
Native Tribes	Musical Instruments	Religious Art
Flowers	Trees	Vacation Spots
Holidays	Safety	Teachers
History	Parents	Science

Public Access Assessment

There was general discussion of public access during moves and remodelings. The following points were made:

- Public access goes more smoothly if the boxes are inventoried and every one of them is labeled with an easily read list of contents
- It helped to have a plan about how the Library will provide access to documents during moves
- All discards should be posted to the needs & offers listserve unless they have been superseded
- Collection may be all-digital
- Call Ms. Krumsee and/or Ms. Dobransky for advice.

Even More Changes in Officers and Committees Chairs

SaraJean Petite agreed to be drafted as current Programming Chair.

No one has volunteered to become the ALA/GODORT liaison. There are three requirements of the position. The liaison must:

- 1) Attend ALA
- 2) Represent Ohio GODORT at ALA/GODORT meetings, and
- 3) Report on those meeting to Ohio GODORT.

We agreed to post the need to the listserve.

Adjournment

SaraJean Petite moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kirstin Krumsee seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Then we had cake.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ottolenghi
Secretary/Treasurer



Treasurer's Report

Ohio GODORT Spring 2016 Newsletter Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report will be available at the May 6th Spring Meeting.

Congratulations to Kirstin!

Congratulations to our own Kirstin Krumsee who has been appointed to the Depository Library Council! The new members were announced by Davita Vance-Cooks, Director of the U.S. Government Publishing Office. The announcement included a brief biography of Kirstin:

Kirstin Krumsee works at the State Library of Ohio as a Reference Librarian and as the Regional Depository Coordinator for Ohio. She works extensively with Federal depository libraries in Ohio, leading FDLP initiatives and providing training and instruction on a variety of topics. She is a member of the Special Libraries Association, the Ohio Public Library Information Network Content Advisory Committee, and the Ohio Government Documents Round Table, currently serving as chair of the State Plan Revision committee and a member of the Marketing Task Force. Krumsee earned her Bachelor's degree in English from The Ohio State University and her Master's degree of Library and Information Science from Kent State University.



News from the State Library

By Kirstin Krumsee, State Library of Ohio



At the State Library, we're gearing up for our bicentennial celebration in 2017. Among many planned events, the library will be producing a book on our history and activities since being founded in 1817. There will also be a celebratory event and exhibits throughout the year.



Renovations are still underway. If you haven't entered the stacks area since last fall, you'll now notice the library has separate reference and circulation desks and a reconfigured space for microforms. With the reconfiguration, we've been able to move many of our State and Federal code volumes into more prominent positions and have noticed a substantial increase in their use. More renovations are expected to come in the coming months.

The State Library's new digitization lab is now open. The lab includes a new Zeutschel large format overhead scanner and a Mekel high speed microfiche scanner. Both scanners have aided in our ability to provide resources to patrons, but the microfiche scanner will be a great asset in responding to requests for government information.



Documents that have previously only been able to be viewed on site at the State Library can now be quickly scanned for interlibrary loan. We've had great success with the scanner thus far and look forward to better serving Ohioans in the coming years.

A Slippery Slope, A Question to be Pondered

By Mary Ries

Ohio State University

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While working on adding e-titles to Ohio State's catalog, I found myself zoning out and musing about reference assistance, especially government document assistance. When I got my Library Science degree in the early 80's, computer catalogs were in their infancy. One of my first library jobs was working on an OCLC/OSU study about the impact of switching from a card catalog to an online one. Online searching was just starting. Now computers are everywhere. There is more computing power in today's smart phone than the computers on the Apollo spacecraft that went to the Moon. Catalogues are online. Card catalogues have gone the way of the Dodo.

Reference, when I wore the clothes and let's face it the size of a younger (wo)man, was a personal face to face experience. You and the patron were involved in an intimate dance, a give and take, a face to face exchange. It was conducted in a "physical setting" and backed up by scores of tangible books. There was a unique aura to a Reference Room. There was sense of connection to all the librarians that came before you. You felt as if you were standing on the shoulders of giants, ready for any and all questions that might come at you.

Yes, there was phone reference, but even on the phone there was a sense of connectedness. You heard the person. Their voice conveyed a wealth of information. You engaged with the person. They were real.

Today I conduct reference, especially government document reference, mostly online. I may never even have direct contact, if the patron uses a web resource I have created. I will only know of them as a hit on that web page. Because I never see or hear them, they do not seem quite real in the sense that they did three decades ago. My only contact is electronic and for all I know they might be green and from Mars.

The patron also loses that personal touch of yore when conducting reference online. They never KNOW, and maybe they do not even care, who the librarian was that helped them. The librarian is at best just a name. There no connection to a real person. No emotional connection is established. For all they know the answer to their question was "blowing on the wind" waiting to be plucked from the ether and downloaded to their personal device.

Isaac Asimov wrote of a world where people interacted via computers, etc. In the story, most people could not interact directly with another person. Are we as a society, on this slippery slope? Has the library gone from being a place with helpful and knowledgeable people who are known on sight to a "PLACE" where the patron has no special

connection? Has reference gone from a rich three dimensional tapestry to a flat two dimensional construct? How can we as government document librarians ensure that our patrons experience a sense of place, the rich three dimensional reference experience of yore while still facing the electronic realities of today?

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Happy Anniversary!

There's plenty to celebrate in 2016. If you work in one of these lucky libraries, don't forget to invite all of us to the celebration!

130th (Became a Federal Depository in 1886):
Cleveland Public Library
Ohio University

65th (Became a Federal Depository in 1951):
Bluffton University

50th (Became a Federal Depository in 1966):
Cleveland State University, Michael Schwartz Library
College of Wooster
Muskingum University
University of Rio Grande

45th (Became a Federal Depository in 1971):
Chardon Public Library
Youngstown State University

35th (Became a Federal Depository in 1981):
University of Toledo, College of Law Library

30th (Became a Federal Depository in 1986):
Wilmington College

25th (Became a Federal Depository in 1991):
Porter Public Library



Embedded in the History Department

By Carol A. Singer

Bowling Green State University

As with many of us who work with government documents, that's not the majority of my job. I do reference, instruction, and outreach for a number of academic departments. I've worked with the History Department for almost eighteen years, ever since I began to work at BGSU. This semester, I've worked even more closely with them by holding office hours in the History Department, helping students and faculty with their research.

This all began in December 2015 when I was working with a History class. I had given them several presentations earlier in the semester and was attending class again to help individual students. The faculty member and I were talking about a wide selection of topics and I mentioned that, at some schools, librarians had office hours in the department. The faculty member had never heard of this, but was fascinated with the idea and said she would bring it up to the rest of the department. Since this was right before the end of the semester, I thought that was the last I would hear about it.

To my surprise, the faculty member brought the idea to the first History Department meeting of the Spring Semester and the rest of the department thought it was a good idea. They agreed to put the information about my office hours in their syllabuses and to tell their classes about my presence. They decided they could give up access to a small seminar room one afternoon each week for my use. The room had a computer, a white board, and even a window. To many of you, having a window might not seem significant, but I haven't had a window in my office for almost twenty years. They even gave me a key to the room so I wouldn't have to find somebody to let me in.

I began holding office hours the next Tuesday afternoon. I can't say I've been busy every afternoon, but I usually have at least one person who needs extended help, in addition to answering simpler questions. I've talked to quite a number of faculty members about their research and helped some of them find information they needed. I've become more knowledgeable about the research being done by various members of the department and also about some of their concerns. I knew I was becoming part of the department when people started asking me where they could find envelopes or the departmental secretary.

Students have stopped in to ask for help. Some of these students were directed to me by a faculty member, while a few were brought to me by a faculty member. Some of the students would have probably found me before I was spending time in the Department, but I think some would never have thought to come ask a librarian for help.

Of course, this also gave me a chance to make sure that government information was used whenever it was appropriate. It's also been an education for me because I've needed to learn more about the resources in our Ohio government documents collection and I've needed to hunt down government information from other countries and from international government organizations in order to answer questions.

This has been caused by the increase in complicated questions that require a considerable expenditure of time and effort. Many weeks I came away with a list of

things that somebody needed. I also received more emails than normal from History faculty and students, asking for help with their research or asking if they could meet with me to discuss their research.

As you would expect, this has created additional work, but I've enjoyed every minute of it. I'm now much more a part of the work of the History Department and I've had the opportunity to help a number of people who might otherwise not have thought to ask for help. I've also increased my knowledge of our government documents collection and of online government documents resources.

It's been successful enough that some faculty in other departments have taken note of this service. One of my colleagues has been asked if she would consider having office hours in one of her outreach departments!



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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)

**Government Documents Round Table of Ohio
Spring Meeting – May 6, 2016
State Library of Ohio (Columbus, OH)**

AGENDA

Agenda	
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Refreshments
10:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Program: govinfo.gov Presentation from GPO about the beta website that will eventually replace the Federal Digital System (FDsys) public website. <i>GPO Q & A Session</i> GPO Outreach Librarians Jaime Huaman and Ashley Dahlen will join us (in person) to answer our questions about depository resources and operations.
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch (pizza) at the State Library, provided by OH GODORT. Contact Cheryl Lubow to RSVP.
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Business Meeting

Members please note: Membership renewal takes place at the spring meeting. An annual membership is \$20.

For meeting information contact Akram Sadeghi Pari (sadegha@ucmail.uc.edu).

Directions

The State Library of Ohio is located at [274 East First Avenue in Columbus](#). The building is in the Jeffrey Mining Corporate Center along the north side of East First Avenue. The parking lot and entrance are on the west side of the building. Parking is free.

Accommodations

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

Directions

From the North

Take I- 71 S.

Take Exit 109A to merge onto I- 670 W

Take Exit 4A (Fourth St/US-23 (N)) to N 4th St (US-23)

Turn right (E) on E 1st Ave.

Continue East on E 1st Ave for 0.08 mi until you reach 274 E 1st Ave. (on left)

From the South

Take I- 71 N.

Take Exit 106B to OH-315 (N)

Merge onto 670 (E)

Exit at 4th St. (Exit 4B – US 23, Third St/Fourth St – to the Right)

Turn Left on E Goodale St.

Turn left at light – (N) on N 4th St (US-23)

Turn right at first light – (E) on E 1st Ave.

Continue East on E 1st Ave until you reach 274 E 1st Ave (on left)

From the East

Take I-70 W.

Take Exit 100B (US-23/Fourth St)

Turn Right onto US-23 (US-23/S 4th St)

Continue (N) on US-23 (N 4th St). for 1.8 mi.

Turn right (E) on E 1st Ave.

Continue East on E 1st Ave for 0.08 mi until you reach 274 E 1st Ave (on left)

From the West

Take I-70 E. to 670 E

Exit at 4th St. (Exit 4B – US 23, Third St/Fourth St – to the Right)

Turn Left on E Goodale St.

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