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TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

Congratulations to Graham for a well-planned and well-executed fall meeting! The presentations were interesting and informative. I particularly appreciated being able to talk with the representatives after the meeting so that I could ask specific questions. From the reaction of all of you who attended it was evident that Graham had picked a topic of immediate importance. I can hardly wait to see what he does with the spring meeting!

Thanks also to everybody at the University of Cincinnati for being such good hosts! I particularly enjoyed the dinner at the Saigon Dragon the night before the meeting. Marvelous food and a chance to talk documents for the entire evening---what could be more perfect!

I am delighted to be able to invite you to Kenyon for the spring meeting. Graham is planning the program. In response to your requests for more time to talk, we will have an informal session on the afternoon of Thursday, May 18th. For those who wish to eat dinner as a group, we will make reservations. We will probably continue the discussion at my house after dinner for those who haven't had enough. The meeting will be on Friday, May 19th.

I'll see you there!

Carol A. Singer
President

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I would like to wish everyone a good year in 1989. May you get all of your new projects approved and the old ones finished.

The memo from Clyde Hordusky on the recent inspection reports will be very helpful as we prepare for future inspections and recover from those we've just completed.

I am very concerned about GPOs insistence on a shelflist in call number order when many of us are looking forward to getting our records into our local online catalogs and automated serials systems. Shelflists with 3x5 cards in sudoc order are not going to exist in the future. They will not be needed as the information is going to be organized differently. I have heard this concern mentioned at Council meetings from more than one library, so it is not just one inspector who is requiring this. This as well as other automation issues need to be considered when a library is inspected. Records need to be kept and the records have to be in good condition or you are going to have a messy data base. Requiring a printout of a shelflist is not the best way to do it, especially when computers do not like to put sudoc numbers in call number order.

The Spring issue of DOCS PRESCRIPTION will be on automation and reference work. I will gladly accept articles on any topic that is related. Are the public libraries searching the document databases? What material is showing up on LEXIS and not in paper? I have been promised a couple of reviews of the new Monyhlu Catalog CDs, and I will be glad to run additional views. A two or three paragraph comment on a topic that interests you or that you feel should be brought to our attention will be welcomed. Also for the Spring issue I am going to randomly call some of our members to find out what is happening in their libraries and around the state. Deadline will be April 1, 1989. The Spring issue is sent to all depository libraries in the state and other libraries with document collections, so this is your chance to write an article for publication. Those of you who do not want to write an article, please come up with a suggestion for an article or a topic that needs to be covered. Our new phone system at U.C. works, for the most part, and my number is 1-513-556-1873. Or you may want to call or write one of the officers.

The Summer issue is tentatively going to be about old documents. I am looking for articles on rare documents, and documents used by genealogists or historians. Any suggestions?

Have you noticed how many new publications are being produced by the various federal agencies? I have just spent some time "setting up" new series and I would like to have seen the justification for some of the new documents, I think they had to stretch it a little. Maybe we will get a new edition of the cockroach pamphlet someday (one of my favorite documents).

Kaen

If there is a red star on your mailing label, please contact Nani Ball. This indicates she does not have a record of your dues being paid for in 1988-89. Dues are \$5.00 and include the newsletter.

EDITOR'S BULLETIN BOARD

OHIO DOCUMENTS

FLYING COLORS: OHIO FACTS: A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT OHIO TODAY COUNTY BY COUNTY (Clements Research II INC., Dallas Texas, 1988). This is a new reference book that contains statistics and information on Ohio from many state and federal sources, arranged by county. There are no footnotes for the source of the information that is given and there is no bibliography. There is a list of acknowledgements to the many agencies that supplied the information in the front of the volume. Statistics in the 1988 volume have mainly 1986 and 1987 dates. The company appears to be doing a series of the books on each state. The information looks good and the format will be useful, but I wish that there were footnotes. The cost is \$54.50.

The Ohio River Division, Corps of Engineers (P.O.Box 1159 Cincinnati, OH 45201-1159) publishes a two page price list of the navigation charts available from their office for the area of the Ohio River under their supervision. Addresses and phone numbers are also given for sources of other charts and boating information.

Ohio Data Users Center's new newsletter is called OHIO DATA RESOURCES. It contains information on the affiliates, new publications, from the Census Bureau and sources of data available from other state and federal agencies. ODOC's address is Ohio Data Users Center, Ohio Dept. of Development, P.O. Box 1001, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0101.

OF INTEREST

The following appeared in recent depository shipments:

The Post Office has published a family tree chart for beginning genealogists (P 1.2:F 21). The United States Postal Service suggests that one way to learn more about your family history is to write letters to your relatives. Sneaky, but it sells stamps.

SMOKE-FREE: LOW STRESS SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM (S 1.40/2:Sm 7), is an instructor's guide for leading a group interested in learning how to stop smoking. It is published by the Department of State.

INDUSTRIAL PARKS:A STEP BY STEP GUIDE (C 46.8:P23), published by the Economic Development Administration in 1988. It gives detailed information on how to get an industrial park for your community.

NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION MANUAL (T 17.5/2:N 16/988), is a new edition of a document originally published by the Justice Department and contains color photographs of narcotics and other illegal substances.

"How to estimate population: Here's what to do while you're waiting for the next census," by James C. Raymondo is in the January 1989 issue of AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS, on pages 46 and 48. It is a short article on how to create your own current population statistics. It talks about the various methods that can be used and then gives a chart with the formulas, including advantages and disadvantages of the methods.

Joyce Mauer, the Theater Bibliographer at the University of Cincinnati has brought the following article to our attention. "Crosscutting Regulations Applying to Federal Grants," published in REGULATION, September/October 1981, p. 43-46. It was published several years ago, but it may be a place to start looking for information. The OMB definition of crosscutting regulations is "those national policies prescribed by statute, executive order or circular which apply to the assistance programs of two or more agencies." The chart gives the title of the law, the agency responsible for overseeing the provision, U.S.C. citation and a short annotation of the act. The information is arranged by subject. As an example, under social policy: visual impairment you would find the following information:

Education Act Amendments of 1972, Title IX 20 U.S.C. 1684
Agency--Justice Prohibits discrimination because of blindness or impaired vision in admissions to courses of study by recipients of federal financial aid.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT was an irregularly published periodical dating from 1973 to 1985, by the Drug Enforcement Administration. While cleaning out a file I found a copy of the periodical publishing history prepared by the agency.

v. 1	5 issues	Fall 1973 - Fall 1974
v. 2	3 issues	Winter - Summer 1975
v. 3	2 issues	Winter 1975/76 - Spring 1976
v. 4	3 issues	Feb., Aug., Dec. 1977
v. 5	2 issues	July & Sept. 1978
v. 6	3 issues	Feb., July, Oct. 1978
v. 7	2 issues	March & Dec. 1980
v. 8	1 issue	Summer 1981
v. 9	2 issues	Summer & Fall 1982
v. 10	2 issues	Spring & Fall 1983
v. 11	1 issue	Summer 1984
v. 12	1 issue	Summer 1985

INFORM is published by the Association for Information and Image Management. In each issue there is a column entitled "Capitol Comments." The October column on pages 8 & 9, was written by Yvonne Kid and was entitled "Successful contractors know the rules of competition." It was on government contracting in general. The entire November/December issue of INFORM was on information management in government. It was a very interesting issue, articles are on the optical disk programs at DOE, the Veterans Administration, the IRS, and the FDA.

The "Caduceus" column by Bonnie Snow in ONLINE, September 1988, p. 102-109 was on "Health Care Statistics Online: Business, News and Government Resources." The article gives information on the type of material to be found in the various data bases, such as the MAGAZINE INDEX, NTIS and ASI. It also tells how to do the search.

Phil Yannarella, Documents Librarian at Northern Kentucky University has provided the following information on contested elections in the House and Senate.

House Contested Elections	may be found in	Serial Set Vol.
1789-1901		#4172
1901-1917		#7240
Senate Election Cases	may be found in	Serial Set Vol.
1789-1885		#4558
1913-1940		#10449
Senate Election, Expulsion and Censure Cases	may be found in	Serial Set Vol.
1789-1960		#12444
1793-1972		#12935-1

The fact that the Office of Education originally prepared and distributed as a depository title the DIRECTORY OF HIGHER EDUCATION is not mentioned in "Publishers of Two Educational Directories Fight Over Title," by Jean Evangelauf from the CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, December 7, 1988, p. A2. Has anyone seen both of the publications? They are HEP HIGHER EDUCATION DIRECTORY (\$37) AND PETERSON'S HIGHER EDUCATION DIRECTORY, 1988 (\$36.95).

Two articles of interest on federal information may also be found in issues of the CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Donald Richie's article "Point of View: Oral Histories May Help Scholars Plow Through the Rapidly Accumulating Mass of Federal Paper," November 2, 1988 is on page A44. And Ray Kline's letter to the Editor in the December 14, 1988 issue on page B3 is entitled "Will the REcords of Today's Government Be Available and Retrievable?" The Kline letter is discussion of the soon to be released report from the National Academy of Public Administration (Department ABOUT, 1120 G Street, N.W. Suite 540, Washington D.C. 20005). Copies of EFFECTS OF ELCTRONIC RECORDKEEPING ON THE HISTORIC RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT will cost \$8.50 and will be available this month.

"Public Opinion Poll: A Guide to Accessing the Literature," in REFERENCE SERVICES REVIEW, v. 16 #4, 1988, p. 65-74 is a very good and useful article on polls. I have been looking for something on this topic for a while and was very glad to see it. And when I went back to get the citation I discovered that it was written by Graham R. Walden, Ohio State University, our VP/Pres. Elect. Thank you.

AROUND THE STATE

Alice Jones, Documents Librarian at the UC Marx Library is going home to Little Rock, Arkansas in March. Her husband has accepted the position of Head of Reference at the Little Rock Public Library. It has been very nice having Alice on the other side of campus for the past year.

Esther O'Neal, Documents Assistant in the University of Cincinnati Documents Unit is retiring on January 31, 1989. Esther is very excited about her retirement and is making all sorts of plans.

Anne Petterson reports that the depository libraries in the northeastern part of the state have received unofficial word that they will be inspected before the end of February.

DOC TECH

From RED TAPE (Michigan GORDORT Newsletter, N/D, 1988, p. 6):

"Wayne State's Purdy Library is beginning a conversion of its holdings records to SuDocs order in preparation for the records it will need available to list its holdings for the Marcive GPO tapes. This is printed here as a reminder to anyone else contemplating purchase of the GPO tapes that you will need easy access from your item numbers to your SuDocs records to create your holdings profile. Marcive's diskette, for example, lists only item numbers. If an item number contains multiple SuDocs stems, and you disposed of some series and retained others in that item no., the only way your tape record would be accurate for your holdings would be if you listed for Marcive or any other vendor those stems which you retained. Since the tapes start back in 1976, you can see the need for good record-keeping, and if you want to load tapes in the future, start now to clean up your records."

The University of Cincinnati and Youngstown University are looking into the MARCIVE tapes. Kent State is currently loading the tapes. Bowling Green University also has experience with the MARCIVE products.

UC had the MARCIVE GPO CD for a short time in December, the menu screens were easy to follow. I especially liked that you can mark titles for a bibliography while doing a search and then print it out. The records were very good and they have upgraded records as well as remained duplicates.

The test sites, that I have contacted for the census CDs in Ohio report that they have gotten it loaded with few problems, but its hard to find someone interested in the data since it is now dated. Hopefully someone will get the Census CD loaded on a machine with DBase III Plus and will try some searching not covered by the menus.

MEETINGS

Depository Council Meeting is in Pittsburgh, PA, March 8-10, 1989.

The Cincinnati chapter of the Special Libraries Association workshop on Government Information: Beyond the Monthly Catalog will be January 20, 1989. Judith Russell, member of the Depository Library Council will be one of the speakers.

ACRL National Conference will be in Cincinnati, April 5-8, 1989. A copy of the preliminary program may be obtained by contacting:

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A copy of the advance registration form is attached.

Carol Singer, Margaret Powell, Saragail Lynch and Mary Prophet will be giving their panel on Friday, April 7th.

When we discussed map processing several columns ago, I mentioned that some things, such as placement of call numbers, would be dependent on where the maps would be stored. We also discussed in a previous column, the decision to leave some maps folded (i.e. road maps, some Forest Service maps, operational navigation charts) in order to store them in file drawers or in pam boxes on book shelves. This column will discuss the problem of where to store maps, particularly the storage of flat maps, and larger sheets.

The traditional recommended storage is the horizontal drawer case. These are typically a five drawer stackable series of units with separate bases and tops. They contain drawers approximately 2 - 2 1/2 inches deep and vary in width from 36 to 72 inches. In fact on a visit to the Newberry Library in Chicago, I saw one case which had to be 10 or 12 feet wide. A map collection with adequate space usually stacks the units three high and uses the top for consultation space or reshelving and processing space. Libraries with less space stack them to the ceiling and buy ladders to access them.

Each of the five drawer units holds around 200 maps of full drawer size per drawer so that a unit holds approximately 1000 maps. Cases are available which will hold two stacks of topos per drawer, thus doubling the number of maps stored per unit. These units can become very heavy. If you have a map collection housed anywhere, except the bottom floor, you might want to have an engineer check the weight limits per square foot of your floor. A filled five drawer unit can weigh almost 600 pounds. We have them stacked four high with bases and tops which is approximately 2500 pounds per stack or 207 pounds per square foot. Not all library floors are built to support this weight.

The major alternate system for maps is a vertical system. Vertical systems are of two types: suspension and compression types. These units look like a chest freezer and work much like filing cabinets. In the suspension system, the maps are hung on a rack within the unit. This system necessitates punching holes in the maps, adding a strip of material for the holes to the maps or using clamps to hold the maps suspended. This type of storage is excellent for plastic relief maps, tactile maps and the like which must be protected from crushing. The other type of vertical storage is the compressor type. In these cases, folders are held in place by a spring system. The folders are pulled out part of the way (2/3rds or so), folded back and the maps added or removed. The folder is then slid back down in its slot.

In the past there were other systems used, such as binding maps and shelving them on oversize book shelves, or there were roller shelves, rolling maps with various tagging systems on the ends, and the dissect and fold method to make them book size to fit on regular book shelves. None of these systems are favored at the present time. However, rolled maps present a constant problem and if your collection includes large rolled maps, such as the "window shade" type you will find no preferred way to deal with them in the literature. At BGSU, we solved the problem by including in our collection development policy, a statement that we do not collect maps in this format.

Both vertical and horizontal systems have their advantages and disadvantages. Verticals hold more maps per square foot and do not need as much aisle space but also can be stacked up when space is limited. Horizontal drawers allow maps to slide and get crushed in the back of the drawer as well as totally losing small maps. They also seem to be designed to fulfill one of the primary laws of map service, which is that the map you want is always on the bottom of the pile. Vertical cases are good for maps of the same basic size but you need folders with handles and some strength to retrieve the back folders in each case.

Joanne M. Perry wrote an article on vertical storage of maps which presents good arguments for this type of storage (Special Libraries 7:82 p. 207 +). Catherine I. Bahn has a good comparative article (SLA G & M Div. Bull. 46 p. 3-17, 1961). Mary Larsgaard also discusses the various types of storage in Map Librarianship (2nd edition) on pages 170-181. These articles should help you decide on the best type of storage, but if you are like we are at BGSU, we inherited a combination of types and sizes of units and have tried to fit the collection into what we have. However, since we have limited floor space we are adding stackable units as our current purchases. We have seven vertical cases which we use for special sets and overflow of our topos. Beyond these we plan to continue to use horizontal cases as our main type of storage. Elizabeth Nokes said, "the ideal of storage is to preserve the face of the map and eliminate factors tending to cause strain, fracture and decay." You will have to decide which system is superior in this regard for use in your map collection.

DOCS DETECTIVE

Carol A. Singer

"It's a Grand Old Flag..."

The other day, an art student called and asked me to find out the proper proportions of the American flag. I must admit that I didn't immediately see this as a government documents question. I looked in the WORLD ALMANAC and didn't find it. Next, I tried the ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA. To my surprise, it referred me to the U.S. CODE.

I suppose that I should have assumed that this is something set by law, but I never thought about what size the flag should be or how far apart the stars are. According to the U.S. CODE, the proportions of the flag must conform to those set out in Presidential Executive Order no. 10834, signed on July 4, 1960 by Dwight D. Eisenhower. As you would expect this provides that the flag, "shall have thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white, and a union consisting of white stars on a field of blue." You may not realize that the following relationships must also be true:

If you consider the hoist (width) of the flag to be equal to 1.0, then the fly (length) must be 1.9. The hoist of the union must be 0.5348 (7/13) and the fly must be 0.76. In addition, the distance between the lower edge of the union and the center of the first row of stars must be 0.054, as must the distance between the centers of adjacent rows of stars. Also, the distance between the side edges of the union and the center of the nearest row of stars must be 0.063 as must the distance between the centers of the columns of stars. The diameter of each star must be 0.0616 and the width of each stripe must be 0.0769 (1/13 of the hoist of the flag).

You know, the U.S. CODE can take the fun out of almost any subject!

**GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS IN A MEDIUM SIZED,
NON DEPOSITORY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Liese Adams

Working with government documents in a non depository public library is, in some ways, more difficult than in a depository library. In addition to classifying and servicing these materials, there is the additional consideration of their cost and acquisition. A medium sized public library will never have to deal with the volume or scope of the materials that a depository in a larger library is responsible for. Since acquisitions is the largest difference, I'd like to address that issue first.

ACQUISITIONS

A deposit account with GPO is a must, since it can be used to pay for documents from NTIS, GPO, the Local GPO Bookstore, or those pamphlets which are terrific for a vertical file collection that are issued through the Consumer Information Catalog. It allows documents to be ordered throughout the year without the burden of cutting purchase orders. Every public library ought to have a deposit account. Standing orders are available through GPO too, although it is tempting to put core serial publications on a standing order list with a regular vendor since a 5% discount is frequently available.

In any library, it's a given that there is never enough funding to go around so sometimes creative means are necessary to obtain free documents. One inexpensive way is to contact your local congressional representatives. Keep track of the calls and letters to which officials and who was approached in the office so that one office is not overburdened with requests and its easy to determine which staff members are the best at responding, promptly, to your needs. In addition to congressional offices, the local offices of government departments are frequently willing to provide their documents free of charge. The cost is only a local phone call, if you live in a major PSA such as the Cleveland area. When obtaining free publications, bear in mind that there is a hidden cost of staff time to write or call and make the necessary follow up.

INDEXES AND OTHER TOOLS:

For an average or small public library it is not possible from the standpoint of cost or space, to subscribe to the Monthly Catalog or its clones. The next best thing is to get a copy of the PRF, even if it is a superseded copy from a local depository. Even an out-of-date PRF can help to verify a publication. Other sources of information include:

Library Journal's Annual Notable Documents Issue
Notices from Departmental or Agency Mailing Lists
(however these are frequently being cut back
Mailings from the local GPO Bookstore
Consumer Information Catalog

U.S. Government Books
Price List 36
Selected Books (GPO)
Columns in RQ
Administrative Notes

There are obviously more relevant journals such as Government Publications Review or Government Information Quarterly that are too specialized for acquisitions in a small library.

PROCESSING:

Processing in a non depository library is easier than processing in a larger library. In a small or medium sized library, documents are integrated into the main collection. There are no laws to follow regarding processing or retention. Many of the publications can be integrated in a pamphlet file, periodicals or cataloged depending on the library's practices. Sources of cataloging include: OCLC, Marcive, and Bibliofile to name a few.

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REFERENCE SERVICE:

One of the hardest things to do is to keep up with what's going on in documents. Another difficult thing to do is keep staff apprised of how to answer "docs" questions, and what materials are available at local depositories. Many reference personnel live in fear of being asked for those dreaded statistics on the cost of living or the prime rate in their panic can't remember what to look for, and then they become even more panicked and confused by the Statistical Abstract's recent switch to table numbers instead of page numbers. Someone on staff should be designated with being a "document expert" and should spend some time on developing the knowledge of other collections and the documents themselves. Online searching services make many of the indexes that would be infrequently used, very accessible. Frequently asked documents questions in a public library cover employment outlook, SIC codes, well known Supreme Court cases, and department/agency information (the latter two are school assignments).

REFERRAL:

If you are fortunate enough to be in a major population center, it is much easier to refer patrons. Either a superseded copy of the Union List on microfiche is helpful, or print copies made from the tapes that create the Union List are available. Kent State University has made a list for the Cleveland area depositories. Sear's and Moody's Using Government Information (2 vols) is a must, it is well indexed and illustrated. Lesko's Information USA, D'Aleo's FedFind, Greenwood Press' Government Agencies, or Williams' Subject Guide to Major U.S. Government Publications are also valuable. I have found attending our local document group meetings very helpful too.

CORE LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Statistical Abstracts	U.S. Government Manual
Congressional Directory	U.S. Industrial Outlook
Local Population Census tracs	Occupational Outlook Handbook
Social Security Handbook	Annual of Small Business
Yearbook of Agriculture	Zip Code Directory
Census Catalog	Country and City Data Book
State and Area Metropolitan Book	Consumer Price Index
Background Notes	Subject Bibliographies
Department of the State Bulletin	Local Area Handbooks
Handbook of North American Indians	Monthly Labor Review
Copyright Forms and Publications	Aging
Topographic Maps of The Surrounding Area	FDA Consumer
U.S. Code	

HELPFUL PRIVATE SECTOR AIDS AND INDEXES

CQ Almanac and CQ Weekly Reports	Federal Regulatory Directory
Washington Information Directory	Federal Database Finder

The above list of items is by no means complete, but those that I have found valuable in working in a public library.

Note: Lisa Adams is currently Head of Public Services and System Manager at the Porter Public Library
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**INFORMING THE NATION
AND THE FUTURE OF DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES**

Carol A. Singer

This fall, the Office of Technology Assessment published its long-awaited study, **INFORMING THE NATION: FEDERAL INFORMATION DISSEMINATION IN AN ELECTRONIC AGE**, (Y 3.T 22/2:2 In 3/9). One of the chapters focuses on three possible futures for the depository library system.

The first alternative would be to maintain the status quo. The OTA anticipates that the amount of materials distributed through this system could decrease due both to agencies failing to place their documents in the program and to an increase in electronic dissemination of information. Most electronically disseminated information would be available from commercial producers and wouldn't be included in the depository program. The OTA concludes that, under this alternative, access to federal information through the depository system would continue to erode and the costs would increase for both the government and for the depository libraries.

The second alternative would be to expand the current program to include information that is disseminated in an electronic format. The OTA anticipates that the few problems this would cause the Government Printing Office would be due to the inclusion of online data. The depository libraries could anticipate additional costs for equipment, staffing, training, telecommunications or online fees. The report suggests that Congress might consider a one-time grant to depository libraries for equipment purchases and that some of the training might be provided by GPO. Under this alternative, overall access to government information would be enhanced for those libraries able to afford the resources to take advantage of these new formats. However, for other libraries access might decrease as certain kinds of information are no longer produced in paper or microfiche formats.

The third alternative is based on a recent Association of Research Libraries proposal for restructuring the depository program. They proposed that the system be made in three tiers: a few libraries would receive all government documents in all formats; an intermediate level would receive many government documents, including some in electronic format, and would have gateway access to the rest of the documents in electronic format; and the basic service level would receive small numbers of documents and have gateway access to electronic information.

It is unclear whether or not this alternative would save money for GPO. The OTA report did state that access to government information would be improved because this three-tiered system would be more efficient. They believe that it would facilitate and expand access to both print and electronic information and that it would encourage more sophisticated manipulation of data. In addition, they felt that it would encourage the formation of networks among depositories.

In the final section of this chapter, the report focuses on four issues:

1. Whether electronically disseminated information ought to be available through the depository program. The report states that the inclusion of electronic information in the program will necessitate reexamination of the relationship between depository libraries and the government.
2. Whether access to government information ought to remain free, or whether user fees could be charged, in view of the costs associated with the electronic format.

3. Whether the current depository system could accommodate the new formats or would have to be reorganized. The report stated that the depository system might not necessarily be the most efficient or effective way of providing the information. They emphasized that networking and resource sharing might be improved with a reorganized depository system.

4. The shift to dissemination of electronic information would necessitate reexamination of the relationship between the government, the private sector and libraries. Both the needs of the private sector to make a profit and the responsibilities of libraries to provide access to information would have to be considered.

The report spoke most favorably about the possibility of reorganizing the depository system into tiers. However, the OTA emphasized that it is imperative that all interested parties be involved in the discussion. The major conclusion:

"OTA has concluded that congressional action is urgently needed to resolve Federal information dissemination issues and to set the direction of Federal activities for years to come... the stakes... are high and need to be carefully balanced by Congress."



CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATION

GEORGE BARNUM.

On October 31, 1988, Case Western Reserve University Libraries celebrated 75 years of depository service to the community with a reception and program held in the University Ballroom of the CWRU campus in Cleveland. Approximately 60 friends of the depository, including staff, faculty, and other librarians attended the event.

Superintendent of Documents Donald E. Fossedal was honored guest at the event. He presented CWRU Director of Libraries Susan J. Cote with a certificate of appreciation honoring the event. CWRU's predecessor, Western Reserve University, was designated a GPO Depository in 1913. It currently serves the 21st U.S. Congressional District and Congressman Louis B. Stokes, though unable to attend, sent Community Liason Marilyn Weiner to convey his greetings and congratulations.

The keynote speaker for the event was Ronald E. Powaski, Ph.D., author of March to Armageddon: the United States and the Nuclear Arms Race, 1939 - Present. Dr. Powaski, a CWRU alumnus, has been a regular and frequent user of the depository collection at CWRU, especially during the period of research for his book. He addressed the audience on the importance of public information in the academic environment and the impact of technology on that information.

The 75th Anniversary celebration was planned by a committee headed by Government Documents Librarian George Kosman, and it was a great success for everyone who participated.

MINUTES OHIO GODORT MEETING

University of Cincinnati Library, October 21, 1988

The meeting was called to order by the President Carol Singer. The minutes were read and corrected to include Karen Kottsy on the Awards Committee with Evron Collins and George Kosman. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Several of the members who attended the recent Depository Council meeting in Washington, D.C., made comments on the proceedings. They included Karen Kottsy, Margaret Powell, Julia Baldwin, Jean Sears, and George Kosman. They reported that the Library Programs Service is expecting positive results from the survey of users of Depository Libraries. Libraries without a CD-ROM drive should include that in their next budget. Parts of the next Census will definitely be distributed on CD-ROM. The Washington people, like spin doctors, seemed intent on giving the impression that everything is wonderful, but that must not be the case since Kennekel has recently resigned and will be working in private industry. There was an interesting program explaining government procurement procedure, specifically in relation to the problems GPO has had with microfiche contracts. Also discussed at the Depository Council meeting was the delay in publishing the bound volumes of Congressional Record which has been complicated by the dual format option.

Depository Libraries recently received the report from the Office of Technology Assessment titled Informing the Nation: Federal Information Dissemination in an Electronic Age. This is important reading for depository librarians, as it deals among other things with the future of the federal depository library program.

Several members from Ohio libraries that are testing the CD-ROM of Census information made comments on their experience. The same tables are available on CD-ROM as you find in the paper format. There have been some problems with having to change the computer's configuration to access the information. Other CD-ROM products use a different configuration. In order to manipulate the data you need to know D-Base III, select codes and set tabs.

Carol Singer announced that she with Margie Powell, Sara Gail Lynch and Mary Prophet will be presenting a program at the ACRL convention in Cincinnati in April 1989 on "The Tightening Noose: Decreasing Access to Federal Information."

Carol Singer invited Ohio GODORT to have their spring meeting at Kenyon College. Friday May 19, 1989 was selected as the date by a show of hands.

A discussion followed about various government publications. Mary Prophet pointed out that the latest wage estimate for women in a Labor Department News Release has changed dramatically. She checked on how the figure was derived and found that new figures include all part time high school students, so the figures have changed because the definition has changed. One TIAS bound volume which appears to be missing has not yet been published. Also a new Serial Set Numerical List has been distributed, but the previous list has not been published yet.

The question of establishing an archives for Ohio GODORT was referred to Graham Walden. He is still working on that possibility.

Julia Baldwin mentioned that Jean Sears and Peggy Lewis were given a commendation at the Depository Council meeting for their recent article "Currency of Selected U.S. Federal Government Agency Annual Reports Received by Depository Libraries"

which appeared in Government Publications Review, volume 15, pages 323-341, 1988. Also at the Council meeting there was a great deal of discussion about state plans. It may be necessary to revise the Ohio state plan.

A member asked if the "Clyde" award would be presented this year. This is not necessarily an annual award. It was suggested that if there are any recommendations this year, they should be sent to Carol Singer.

One library that was recently inspected has an on-line shelf list which includes both SUDOCs items and LC items. The inspector was not pleased with this arrangement, apparently because you could not printout a list of all SUDOCs holdings.

There was a discussion of the national survey of users of depository collections. The following points were made:

1. The directions are difficult to follow.
2. It is not possible for one person to be responsible for the blue log if the library is open long hours.
3. Some libraries are attaching a letter explaining the problems they have had in administering it.
4. Some libraries have decided not to conduct the survey because of the problems administering it.
5. Since the government apparently would like to make the depository system smaller it is logical for librarians to be concerned that the survey might be used to cut some collections out of the system.
6. If use seems untypically low, should a library estimate use, pass out forms to generate false figures, or refuse to participate in the survey? It seems likely that some libraries will do each of these things.
7. The survey cards were poorly designed. They seem geared to show little use of documents.
8. Extra staff would be needed to conduct the survey in any library where documents are used in multiple locations.
9. The limit of one card per individual, even if that individual uses documents several times during the survey period for different purposes, seems an unreasonable stipulation.

It was suggested that Ohio GODORT send an official letter based on the comments made at the meeting. President Carol Singer offered to draft a letter based on the comments recorded in the minutes. Members present at the meeting were able to sign a list which is to be included with the letter. Constance Whittaker so moved, Mary Prophet seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Following lunch, there were three presentations on CD-ROM. First CIS: Congressional Masterfile 1789-1969 on CD-ROM, then Silver Platter's GPO CD-ROM, and finally OCLC's Search CD-450 system which includes NTIS, AGRICOLA and will have the GRO Monthly Catalog.

Respectfully submitted,

Nani Ball, Secretary

REPORT OF THE OHIO GODORT FALL MEETING

Graham R. Walden

Friday, October 21, 1988

An informative and busy meeting was enjoyed by a very healthy turnout of Ohio GODORT members. It became apparent by the level of discussion interest, both about general business and about issues that were raised during the presentations, that some modification in approach to scheduling the meeting may be necessary. Clearly, a call for increasing the discussion time was demonstrated.

Listening to various small group discussions, and observing individual reactions, it would seem fair to say that the subject of CD-ROM's for the meeting's presentations was very timely. All three presentations by representatives from CIS, Silver Platter, and OCLC were well received. Attendance remained steady throughout, with many members choosing to stay after the close of the meeting to search personally each of the systems discussed.

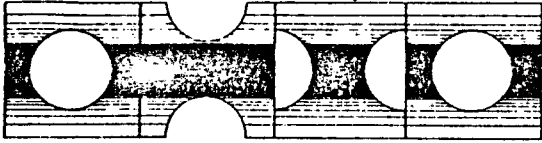
The CIS Masterfile product, while very interesting and innovative, has a price tag which only a select few locations may be willing to meet. The possibility of purchasing the CD-ROM product, which covers only the most recent number of years, was of great and immediate interest to the group.

The Silver Platter product for government documents was explained in great detail--from equipment required to how to interpret each abbreviation used in the records. The format used is very similar to that used in other Silver Platter products. The approaches used have been in existence for a number of years in such products as Silver Platter ERIC.

At the time of the presentation, the OCLC government documents CD-ROM was not yet publicly available. Soon to be released, the product was explained by both a marketing representative and a products development representative from OCLC. An overview of the OCLC EPIC system was provided as an unexpected, but very welcome addition to the program. OCLC EPIC will bring searching capabilities to the OCLC system previously only dreamed about. Subject heading and key word searching will eventually allow incredible access to more than eighteen million records.

The Spring Meeting of Ohio GODORT will follow up on our exposure to CD-ROM's. Areas in which it is hoped that we will be able to have speakers include: the impact of CD-ROM's; future responses to technologies at the Bureau of the Census; new technologies in the next five to ten years; and the future of government documents loaded into online systems using main frame computers. Much will depend on the availability of speakers and the degree to which we incorporate more discussion time into the program, and finally, the desire of the membership to expand to a more substantial and therefore longer meeting format. The meeting plan proposed for the Spring is ambitious, and realities of long lead times necessary for nationally prominent speakers may require some modifications. As Program Chair, I would greatly appreciate feedback on these ideas and proposals. Please write or feel free to call me at (614) 292-6175. I look forward to an exciting Spring meeting, and I would like to thank the many members who made positive remarks about the Fall Meeting.

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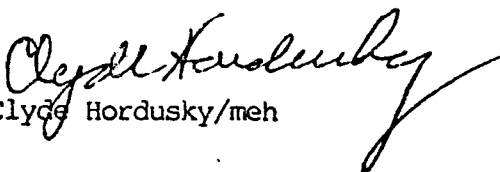
Dear Mary,

I want to thank you and the Government Documents Round Table of Ohio for the wonderful award you presented to me at the last meeting. It really is a joy to know that your peers think so much of you not only to present an award but to also name it after him. I shall treasure it always.

A large amount of the credit goes to the staff in the Documents Department at the State Library. Without them, it would be extremely difficult to go on inspections, give presentations, and try to obtain those elusive State of Ohio publications.

There are so many excellent document librarians in Ohio that it truly makes one feel honored by this award.

Cordially,


Clyde Hordusky/meh



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Ms. Karen Kottsy
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Dear Karen:

In my role as Program Chair of Ohio GODORT I would like to thank you very much for all the preparations and planning you did to make the Fall meeting a success on Friday, October 21, 1988. Your colleagues who assisted you, Ester O'Neal and Kathy Kinsey, also deserve a warm thank you.

The meeting was well arranged with maps in our newsletter. The meeting rooms were ready and the refreshments in place. The presentations proceeded uninterrupted, and the membership enjoyed the hospitality of the University of Cincinnati Library a great deal.

Again, thank you for helping to make the program a success. I enjoyed working with you, and I wish to thank you for providing the concept for the program, as well as the name of the potential first presenter. Above and beyond these areas I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution you make to Ohio GODORT by editing the newsletter Doc's Prescriptions.

Sincerely,

Graham R. Walden
Program Chair/President Elect
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cc: Carol Singer,
President, Ohio GODORT

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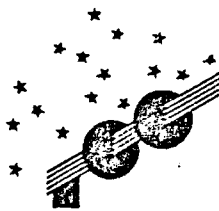
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SOUND BITES FROM THE SLA WORKSHOP HELD IN CINCINNATI ON JANUARY 10, 1989

The Cincinnati Area Special Libraries Association's annual workshop was on government publications this year. "Beyond the Monthly Catalog: Maneuvering Through the Maze of Government Information" was attended by 55 Librarians at the Drackett Company in Cincinnati on the Friday before the Super Bowl.

Judy Russell, GPO Depository Council Member, spoke on "Emerging Technologies." Among other things she mentioned the electronic filing of reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the large amount of material that will eventually be gathered by this method. Also efforts will be made in this Congress to change the Freedom of Information Act so that it will include electronic information. Judy has just recently moved to Dayton from Washington D.C. and is looking forward to attending some of our Ohio GODORT meetings.

Kurt Metzger's talk on the census was basically the one we had at an earlier meeting, but 1990 is getting closer and the Census Bureau is getting ready. All of the questions have been approved for the 1990 census. Many of the question changes have been reinstated. The first law suite has been filed by several large cities concerning the undercount. The economic censuses are still expected in the spring.

Ron Guzicki from the Chicago Regional Office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics spoke on the various services offered by his Regional Office. The AREA WAGE SURVEY now covers 90 areas of the country but only 31 are done annually. Dayton is one of the areas that was dropped. But since the Employment Standards Administration needs the information for the Davis-Bacon Act employment surveys, the information is now being gathered on a contract basis and is available. ESA has also picked up other dropped areas. The Chicago phone number is 1-312-353-1880 between 9-1 & 2-4 M-F.

CIS is working on a historical set of ASI for material published prior to 1974. It is to be published in 1990!

Jonda Byrd, Head Librarian of the AWBERC Library at the Environmental Protection Administration Building in Cincinnati talked about the library and its many collections. She also handed out a guide that she had prepared on "Environmental Information" with recommended guides and phone numbers.

I have extra copies of the handouts from the workshop if anyone is interested. Copies of the PRELIMINARY GUIDE TO FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES IN SOUTHWESTERN OHIO AND NORTHERN KENTUCKY are also available. This is a first draft and the depository librarians will be reviewing it in early March for additions and corrections.

THE UC HAS RECEIVED ITS SHIPMENT OF OHIO TAX FORMS

If there is a red star on your mailing label, please contact Nani Ball. This indicates she does not have a record of your dues being paid for in 1988-89. Dues are \$5.00 and include the newsletter.



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