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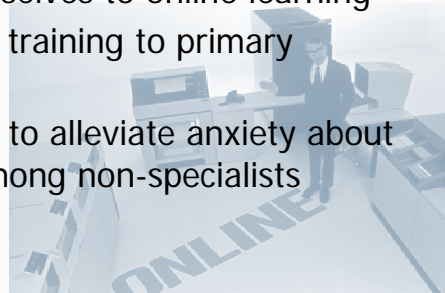
Training and Communication at a Distance

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Why Offer Online Training & Communication?

- Cannot always travel due to funding, time, staff coverage
- New technologies bridge distances—physical and temporal
- Newer resources lend themselves to online learning
- Provide anytime, anywhere training to primary clientele
- Spare-time training options to alleviate anxiety about government information among non-specialists
- “Cloning” yourself





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- 3 presentations to start – 2 more added due to popularity – 50 librarians total with more on waiting list
- Librarians in MN, SD, and ND from high schools, public and academic libraries, business and hospitals
- Recorded all presentations but chose best to be available afterward

Researching Candidates and the
2008 Election

MINITEX Webinars
September & October 2008
Kirsten Clark, University of Minnesota

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Voting in the Minnesota Elections

The Minnesota Secretary of State

Voting Information site provides extensive voter registration information. Frequently asked questions regarding voting in Minnesota are answered below.

Am I eligible to vote?

You may register and vote in Minnesota on the next Election Day if you:

- will be at least 18-years-old on Election Day
- are a citizen of the United States
- will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
- have any felony conviction record discharged, expired, or completed
- are not under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights
- have not been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law

How do I register?

Early voter registration ends **October 14th, 2008**.

The state of Minnesota allows voters to register at the polling place on Election Day. You must provide proof of residence to register at the polls. Check out the Secretary of State's Register to Vote page for more information on acceptable documents to use as proof of residence.

Special note to students: Students can register to vote at their current residence address (campus address) or their home address through absentee ballot. Check out the College Students voting in Minnesota guide for more information.

Where do I vote as a student?

The [Minnesota Polling Place Finder](#) provides your polling place (based on residence address), a map to the polling place, and a list of elections you will be voting for.

Who are the candidates and what are their positions?

Check out Election Insite



Voting in other States by Absentee Ballot

Each state has its own rules regarding voter registration and election day activities. For students that decide to register at their home address and that address is in another state, please check out the United States Election Assistance Commission for information on absentee voting for that state.

Other Election Resources

- [Researching the 2008 Elections](#): A special workshop for students
- [Are You Talking to Mr? A Discussion on Student Engagement and Elections](#)
- [Presentation - Candidate Accountability: the 2008 Elections and Beyond](#)
- [Researching Candidates and the 2008 Election Webinar](#)

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MINITEX WEBINAR - RESEARCHING CANDIDATES AND THE 2008 ELECTION

Program Description:

With campaigns beginning in 2007 and primaries and caucuses occurring so early in 2008, voters are dealing with an overload of candidate information and platform positions. How does someone sift through the massive amounts of information to find the deciding factors in determining their final vote? So, as you prepare for upcoming patron and student questions and research regarding the 2008 election, don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of your Minnesota library community colleagues about sources, sites, and search techniques to make the sifting easier.

Workshop Details:

Date	Time	Presentation Materials
Wednesday, September 10th	1:30 - 2:30 pm	PowerPoint
Wednesday, September 17th	2:00 - 3:00 pm	PowerPoint
Wednesday, September 24th	3:30 - 4:30 pm	PowerPoint
Tuesday, October 7th	9:00 - 10:00 am	PowerPoint Webinar Recording
Tuesday, October 14th	3:30 - 4:30 pm	PowerPoint

Register for these webinars through MINITEX.

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- It's a conversation between you and an unseen audience
- A lot depends on the audience itself. Same presentation done 5 times = different experience each time
- If possible, have a ringer in the room the first time.
- Make it fun.... Make it relevant....

Making it fun.....

169 Days to the Election

- Not so fast, Clinton says to Obama – there's no Democratic nominee yet
- Obama to reach delegate milestone Tuesday, but will still be short of nomination
- McCain accuses Obama of inexperience and reckless judgment over his comment about Iran
- McCain Finds a Thorny Path in Ethics Effort

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56 Days to the Election

- 2 post-convention polls show McCain passing Obama nationally, 3 others show them even
- For Obama, a new sense of urgency to raise money
- 56 Days to the Election: A look at the race for 2008 on Tuesday
- Palin's fame spawns sexy action-figure dolls
- Republicans push for later primary season in 2012

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29 Days to the Election

- Palin ethics probes beset by secrecy and lawsuit
- U.S. Senate candidates spar in first of five meetings
- McCain, trailing in polls, switches gears, gets tough – aggressive ads will question whether Barack Obama has experience to be president
- Minnesota Poll Sales tax hike for environment, arts has broad support

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Organization Name	Date	Amount
NATIONAL BEER WHOLESALERS ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	02/07/2007	2500.00
NATIONAL BEER WHOLESALERS ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	04/11/2007	2500.00
NATIONAL BEER WHOLESALERS ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	07/25/2007	2000.00
NATIONAL BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NBAA-PAC)	07/26/2007	500.00
NATIONAL CABLE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NCTA PAC)	11/28/2007	1000.00
NATIONAL CABLE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NCTA PAC)	11/28/2007	4000.00
NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NCBA-PAC)	05/21/2008	2000.00
NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	03/12/2007	1000.00
NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	04/25/2007	1000.00
NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	05/15/2008	2000.00

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Organization Name	Date	Amount
ATKOFF, REE	08/31/2007	1000.00
ATKOFF, REE, K	02/14/2007	1000.00
ATKOFF, DAN	06/09/2007	2000.00
ATKOFF, DAN	06/09/2007	2000.00
ATKOFF, DONALD	03/09/2007	2000.00
ATKOFF, KENNETH	03/11/2008	1000.00
ATKOFF, KENNETH	11/21/2007	1000.00
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ANDREWS, MARGIE	07/02/2008	200.00
ANDREWS, FRANK	08/14/2008	100.00
ANDREWS, FRANK	01/08/2008	200.00
REGULATORY BOARD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION THROUGH ROBERT BROWN		
ALTERS, JEREMY	07/21/2008	1000.00
ALTERS, JEREMY	07/21/2008	1000.00

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AYMONG, KENNETH	LOCUST VALLEY NY 11560	11-21-2007	1000.00	NBC TV PRODUCER	28020420853

TRY A NEW QUERY
RETURN TO FEC HOME PAGE

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www.lwvnmn.org

Osseo Area Independent School District No. 279

General Election - Tuesday, November 4, 2008

School Board - 3 seats, 4 year terms

- Barbara Abeln
- Laura Cottington
- Jennifer Dejourmett
- Linda J. Etim
- Kim Green
- Collette Guyott-Hempel
- Dean Henke
- Shelly Korby

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Top Industries
Congressman Collin C. Peterson 2007 - 2008

Campaign Finance Cycle: 2008

Industry	Total
Crop Production & Basic Processing	\$200,250
Agricultural Services/Products	\$83,000
Food Processing & Sales	\$32,137
Dairy	\$27,500
Livestock	\$23,548
Lawyers/Law Firms	\$20,850
Transportation Unions	\$19,600
Beer, Wine & Liquor	\$19,092
Public Sector Unions	\$19,000
Industrial Unions	\$18,000
Poultry & Eggs	\$17,500
Accountants	\$15,849



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Top Industries
Congressman Michele Marie Bachmann 2007 - 2008

Campaign Finance Cycle: 2008

Industry	Total
Retired	\$162,650
Insurance	\$96,350
Republican/Conservative	\$67,050
Real Estate	\$51,850
Leadership PACs	\$51,214
Commercial Banks	\$50,300
Securities & Investment	\$44,150
Misc Finance	\$44,100
Lawyers/Law Firms	\$43,310
Accountants	\$35,600
Pharmaceuticals/Health Products	\$33,550
Building Materials & Equipment	\$31,750



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Public Access Assessments

August 20, 2008 - Workshop
September 3 & 4, 2008 - Webinars

- Area of interest to selectives
- Different opportunities to participate – in-person workshop at UMN or online webinar
- Recorded for those unable to attend in-person or online

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PUBLIC ACCESS ASSESSMENT WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1 (Hands-on): August 20, 2008, 1-3 pm
Wilson Library, Room S30C

Workshop 2 (Webinar): September 3, 2008, 1-2:30 pm

Workshop 3 (Webinar): September 4, 2008, 2:30-4 pm

Workshop Resources

- Powerpoint presentation
- Recorded Webinar (September 4, 2008)
Instructions: Enter your name then click "View recording".
- Online resources
 - Federal Depository Library Handbook, Chapter 7
<http://www.fdlp.gov/handbook/index.html>
 - FDLP.gov Public Access Assessments Site
<http://www.fdlp.gov/repository/paa/resources/index.html>
 - Self Study - Public Services section
<http://www.fdlp.gov/selfstudy/news/publicservices.html>
 - Government Information Web Page Template
<http://www.library.unt.edu/govinfo/government-information-web-page-template>
 - FDLP Logo
<http://www.fdlp.gov/promotion/promographics.html>
 - Depository Library Directory
<http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp>

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Public Access Assessment

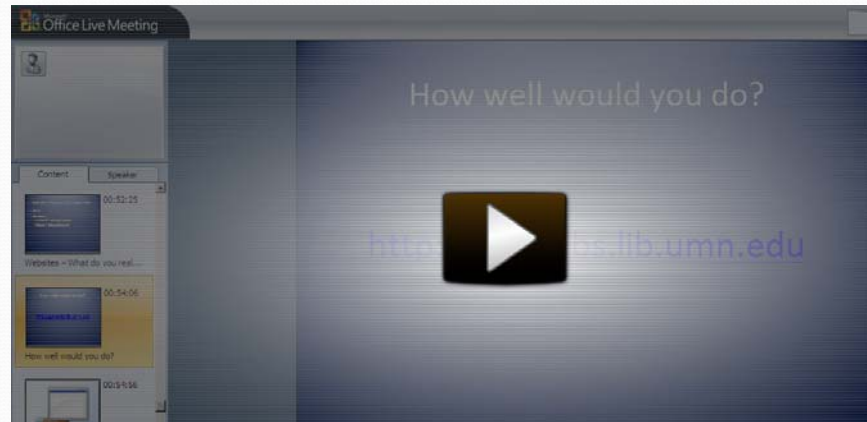
“...emphasizes how Federal depository libraries serve general public Federal Government information needs by reviewing how they provide access to and services for their Federal Government information products.”

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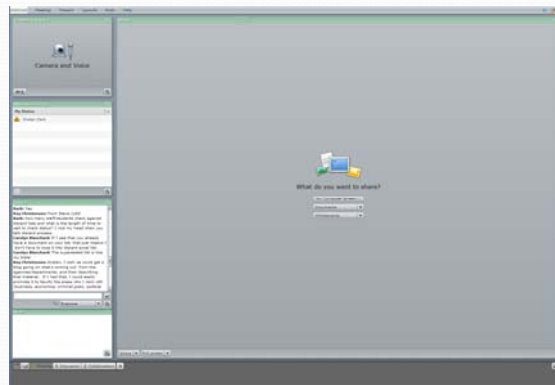
How well would you do?

<http://govpubs.lib.umn.edu>

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Minnesota/South Dakota Depository Meetings



- Joint in-person and online meetings – 34 participants
- Streaming audio/video with chat

Virtual Meetings for Peer Mentor Groups

- Can use tools like Skype or Oovoo to talk with colleagues around the world
- Example: monthly meetings post-Leadership Institute via Skype



Montana Librarian Training



Government Information for Kids (and Teens)



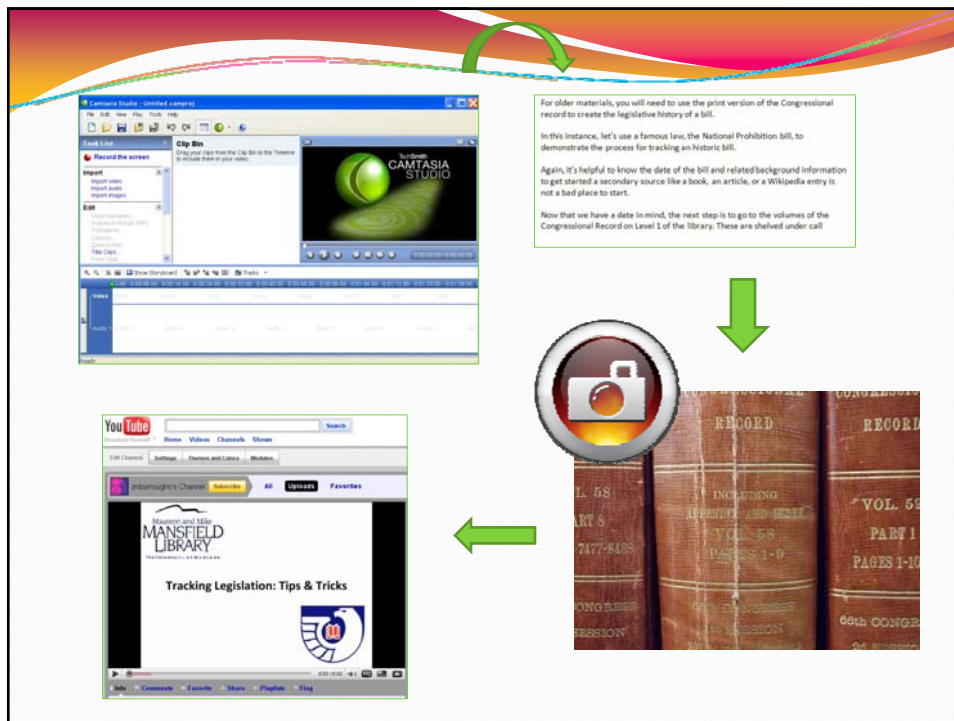
- Series of 3 programs using the Montana State Library OPAL room
- Open to all libraries
- Focus on freely accessible resources
- Recorded for those who had scheduling conflicts
- Raised awareness of resources and options

Video Tutorials for Students

- Answer frequently asked questions
- Demonstrate unique research processes
- Facilitates anytime training
- Supports visual learning styles



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iA7XD-855sk>



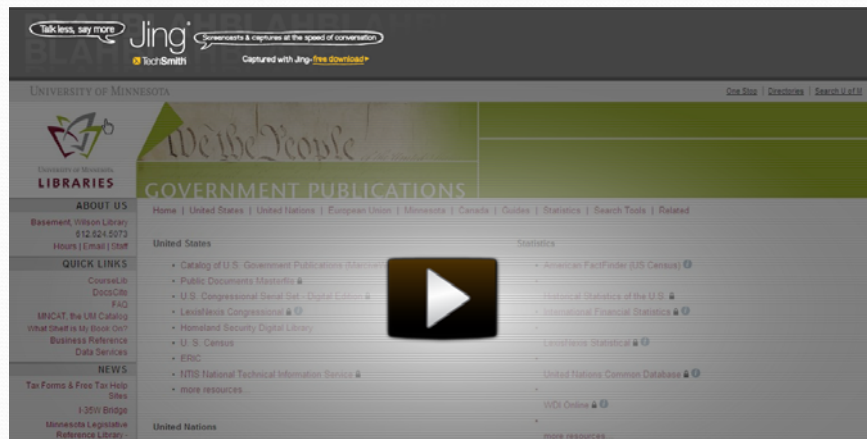
Video Tutorials for Depositories

- When you are geographically separated from other depositories, online training can help.
- Answer frequent questions with visuals
- Some tools are very simple and free.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIQ5s5N3mzA>

Tutorials for point-of-need



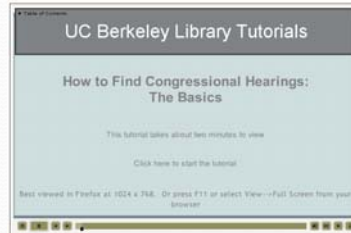
Other Inspirations

GITCO virtual forums



http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Virtual_forums

UC Berkeley Library's Congressional Research Tutorials

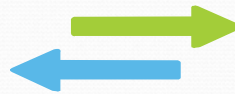


<http://ucblibrary3.berkeley.edu/wikis/congresearch>

We can participate... right now



South Dakota





UMConnect Demo

- Join in the Journey
- Participants from FDLP and MN/SD Federal Depository Libraries
- Note to Self: REMEMBER TO RECORD

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Examples

Election Webinar for Librarians in Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota

<http://govpubs.lib.umn.edu/guides/elections/elections2008minitex.phtml>

Public Access Assessment Workshop for Depository Librarians in Minnesota and South Dakota

<http://govpubs.lib.umn.edu/regional/paaworkshops.phtml>

Montana State Library Training Series: Government Information for Librarians

<http://msltraining.pbworks.com/Government-Information-for-Librarians>

Historic Bill Tracking Tutorial (University of Montana)

<http://is.gd/3ZivK>

Tools

Virtual Meeting Software

Online Programming for All Libraries (OPAL): <http://www.opal-online.org/>
Virtual presentation software that lets you use slides, live demos, voice, and chat. Sessions may be archived for later viewing. Typically available on an organizational basis.

Microsoft LiveMeeting: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/livemeeting/default.aspx>

Fee-based virtual presentation software that can be used for demonstrations and recorded for later use.

Online Programming for All Libraries (OPAL)

Adobe Presenter: <http://www.adobe.com/products/presenter/>
Fee-based product that can be used to create interactive presentations.
UMConnect is a campus example of the use of Adobe Presenter
(<http://www.oit.umn.edu/umconnect/index.html>).

Skype: <http://www.skype.com/>
Free, web-based conference calls. Share voice, links,
documents.



Meebo Rooms: <http://www.meebo.com/rooms/>
Free, text-based chat software.

Oovoo: <http://www.oovoo.com/>
Web-based, video conferencing software.



Tutorial Programs

Jing: <http://www.jingproject.com/>
Record screenshots or screencasts. Some features for free,
others with an inexpensive annual membership.



Screentoaster: <http://www.screentoaster.com/>
Free screencast software.

Wink: <http://www.debugmode.com/wink/>
Free screencast software.



Captivate:
<http://www.adobe.com/products/captivate/>
High-end tutorial software.

Camtasia: <http://www.techsmith.com/camtasia.asp>
High-end tutorial software.

Screencapture Software

Hoversnap:
<http://www.snapfiles.com/get/hoversnap.html>
Free tool for grabbing screenshots.



Snagit: <http://www.techsmith.com/screen-capture.asp>
Inexpensive screenshot software.

