

Government Information and Affordable Learning – Transcript of video

Hi, I'm Kelly, and I'm the Reference and Government Documents Librarian at Thomas More University in Kentucky.

In addition to being the FDLP coordinator, I also work with affordable learning at my institution. A big concern with affordable learning is the quality of materials available. The assumption is that if something is available for free, it's not as good, or similarly, if information came from the internet, it can't be reliable.

Government information is a good solution to address these concerns because it is free, it's in the public domain, and it's high-quality. If it's research, it's conducted by reputable scholars in the field, and if it's multimedia, it has high image and sound quality (which is sometimes a concern with affordable learning materials), and the quality of its content is also high quality.

This poster goes over other benefits, as well as some suggested resources. I've also linked to those websites so that you can explore those resources available. I've highlighted some specific educational outreach from government agencies, such as Docs Teach from the National Archives and the Teachers program from the Library of Congress.

But in all, I think it comes down to two things: interest and awareness. If instructors at your institution are interested in affordable learning, then it is our job as *de facto* liaisons for this material to promote awareness of these options.

Thanks, and please reach out with any questions, comments, or feedback. (Thanks again!)