CIC Federal Documents Digitization Project

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Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)

- Consortium of the Big Ten universities plus the University of Chicago (and soon Nebraska)
- Center for Library Initiatives (CLI)
- CIC Heads of Government Publications

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CIC Member Universities

- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois
- Indiana University
- University of Iowa
- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- University of Minnesota

- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Purdue University
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

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December 2008: CIC Steering Committee on Federal Documents Digitization

- Work concurrent with Minnesota's pilot project
- Responsible for developing and overseeing a comprehensive collection management strategy for U.S. government publications.
- Committee charged with shaping and guiding the processes for:
  - a) digitizing print collections of documents;
  - b) securing and organizing the resulting digital files;
  - c) making them accessible to users; and
  - d) making recommendations for the management of print once the digital files are in place.

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Steering Committee Members

- Kirsten Clark (Co-Chair), University of Minnesota
- Clifford Haka, Michigan State University
- Wendy Lougee, University of Minnesota
- Lou Malcomb, Indiana University
- Marianne Ryan (Co-Chair), Northwestern University
- Geoff Swindells, Northwestern University
- Irene Zimmerman, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Assisted by CLI staff (Mark Sandler and Kim Armstrong)

October 2009, Staging Plan

- Established Scope: print publications distributed to CIC libraries through the FDLP.
- Set guiding principles
  - Compliance with Title 44 and disposal guidelines of the appropriate regional federal depository library.
  - Minimize the overall costs associated with preparing materials for digitization.
- Establishment of an implementation team

Staging Plan (cont.)

- In the first stages, libraries will contribute collections of "shovel-ready" (cataloged/barcoded) federal publications that meet the format, size and condition standards adopted by Google, using the "pick-list approach.
- In later stages, each library within the CIC will take responsibility for the publications of a group of individual federal agencies, and will help ensure that the project has digitized a "comprehensive" collection of print publications.
- In later stages, CIC will also identify additional digitization partners for materials that do meet Google's format, size and condition standards.

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January 2010: Implementation Team

- Charged with exploiting or developing tools and strategies that will
- a) assist our libraries to select and deliver U.S. Federal documents to Google for digitization;
- b) review and disseminate the quality assurance strategies associated with this project, including efforts by HathiTrust to aggregate serials and reflect other underlying principles for organizing U.S. Government Documents;
- c) identify resources and strategies for digitizing material that falls outside the parameters established by Google; and
- d) facilitate the efforts of our libraries to assess their options for print collection management, given the availability of digital surrogates in Hathi and the retention commitments of other CIC and depository libraries.

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Digital files

- Deposited with Hathi Trust
  - **Minnesota**: 85,000 duplicate holdings were sent to Google for scanning. These duplicates cover the whole SuDoc range but are particularly heavy in the areas of Agriculture, Interior, Census, Labor, Transportation and specific Congressional committees, from 1976-present.
  - **Penn State**: Approximately 26,000 volumes are currently being sent to Google. These are exclusively Congressional committee hearings, reports and prints published between 1960 and 2009.
  - **Illinois**: In the planning stages to begin sending materials in September 2010.
- Deposited with GPO when ingest capability is available.

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For more information

- http://www.cic.net/Home/Projects/Library/BookSearch/GovDocs.aspx