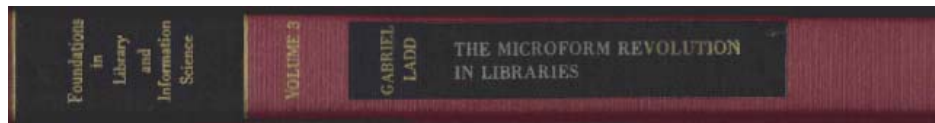


# From Revolution to Remote Storage: The Irony of Microforms

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## Space. The final frontier.



## Options for Selectives

- ▶ Weeding...especially in light of stable digital equivalents and the fact that the regional has got your back.
- ▶ How to make sure resource discovery is not denigrated (i.e., you take thousands of microfiche records out of your catalog).



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*Animal welfare program federal regulation relating to the transportation of...*

**Title:** Animal welfare program [electronic resource] : federal regulation relating to the transportation of dogs : report to the Honorable Manual Lujan, Jr., House of Representatives / United States General Accounting Office.

**Published:** [Washington, D.C.] : The Office, [1988]

**Description:** 26 p. ; 28 cm.  
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**Location:** Yale Internet Resource

**Call Number:** None

**Notes:** Online resource

**Notes:** Cover title.  
 Distributed to depository libraries in microfiche.  
 "March 1988."  
 "GAO/RCED-88-100."  
 "B-217824"-P. 1.

**Variant and related titles:** Federal regulation relating to the transportation of dogs.

**Subjects (Library of Congress):** [Dogs —United States —Transportation.](#)  
[Pets —Transportation —Law and legislation —United States.](#)

**Also listed under:** [United States. General Accounting Office.](#)

## Options for Regionals (and Selectives)

- ▶ Able to withdraw certain items
  - Dual-distribution, duplicates, superseded materials
- ▶ Selective housing agreements
- ▶ Remote Storage
  - Housing Models
  - Retrieval/Delivery

## The Alabama Experience

- ▶ 69 microfiche cabinets in the Government Documents area
- ▶ Wanted more space for students
- ▶ Fall 2009 – refurbishment of space
- ▶ Summer 2010 – Music Library relocation

## The Alabama Experience

- ▶ 20 cabinets of DOE fiche sent to Science and Engineering Library
- ▶ 8 cabinets of fiche withdrawn (duplicates, superseded materials)
- ▶ Remainder sent to remote storage

## Remote Storage – The Alabama Experience

- ▶ Pros:
  - Frees up space in the building that can be re-purposed.
- ▶ Cons/Challenges:
  - Annex staff unfamiliar with SuDoc classification – training required
  - Inaccurate or non-existent cataloging records
  - No longer a browseable collection – makes things difficult for staff
  - We are a Regional depository who still asks selectives to notify us when they are discarding microfiche

## Lessons Learned

- ▶ Quality bibliographic control is important
  - If you don't know what you have before you send the material off, it's not going to be easy to find.
  - Problems stemming from load of Marcive records oh so many years ago
- ▶ Communication between Docs Staff and Annex Staff is key

## Collaborative Solutions

- ▶ Selective Housing Agreements
- ▶ ASERL Collaborative Federal Depositories Program
  - Developing as-comprehensive-as-possible collections for federal agencies
- ▶ CRL

# Innovative Services

- ▶ Scan on demand (Illinois Institute of Technology)
- ▶ Remote viewing (Louisiana State University Special Collections)

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### Scanning of Microfiche

In order to expedite the shipment of and minimize the storage requirements of government documents titles, the Government Printing Office has throughout the latter 20th and into the 21st centuries used machine readable microfiche (pronounced "micro-feesh") format. Although the last 10 years have seen a shift to electronic format for many government materials, in particular web based solutions, many titles are still received in microfiche format. The transition to electronic formats for government materials, in particular technical reports, has been inconsistent, and there is no assurance that a major retroactive effort will be made to post older materials. Additionally, although the microfiche format allows great amounts of material to be stored in a small space, access to the individual titles is less than ideal.

It was with these considerations in mind that the Government Documents Depository at the Paul V. Galvin Library has instituted a scanning program. We hope to relieve students and faculty of the tedium and costs involved with printing these titles out by having Documents staff scan the titles, post them to the Internet in PDF format, and inform patrons of their posting via email.

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Paul V. Galvin Library, 25 W. 22nd St., Chicago, IL 60616, 312.527.2616

### **Remote Film Viewing at LSU Libraries Special Collections**

Contact Public Services to schedule a remote viewing session – 225-578-6568

#### **Instructions**

At approximately 4:30 p.m. on the day of your scheduled remote microfilm viewing session, an LSU Libraries staff member will send you an invitation to access the microfilm scanner. This message will be from the e-mail address "bmelan1@lsu.edu." You will be connecting to the scanner and its computer via a third party software called "LogMeIn". If you have used remote desktop software before, this will be a similar experience.

As soon as you receive the e-mailed invitation (between 4:30-4:40 p.m. Central standard time) you will need to respond by clicking on the link and following the LogMeIn directions. A Special Collections staff member will be sitting at the computer you will be using remotely, and he or she must approve your log in to give you access to the computer. It is important that you respond to the invitation promptly, because there are several steps to complete before you can begin your microfilm viewing session. Our

# Thank you!

## Questions, suggestions, innovations?

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