

HENDERSON Library

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About The
TS/LOST Referendum

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We Want You To Be Informed

What we do:

Outreach to the local community by going where they are, and taking them information relevant to their lives and interests.

Every Saturday in spring, summer, and fall there is a local farmers market in Statesboro, GA. One Saturday per month, the Government Documents department hands out information to the local community as a way of spreading the resources available to citizens of this country as well as to promote free permanent public access to the Government Documents collection in general.

How we do it:

We have used the Statesboro Herald blog for marketing the collection, and this probably reaches some of the local constituency, but we realized the need for a more active approach. Our efforts have involved collaboration with the local public library director, teaching workshops on basic tax preparation, First Friday community gatherings, and reserving a booth at weekly Farmers Markets in the downtown area of Statesboro.

This last effort has proven the most successful. To do this, we pick a theme and research the topic. Many times we order pamphlets and flyers pertaining to the subject to make sure that our information is informative to our fellow citizens and to help reinforce what we have shared. At the most recent market, on September 8, 2012, we gave out 79 Pocket Guides to the Constitution to promote political efficacy. To incite curiosity and spread the message, Uncle Sam accompanies the documents librarian and shares his knowledge with the community.

Why we do it:

We are required by U.S.C. Title 44 Chapter 19 to provide access to free permanent public information, allowing the community to come into our library and use the resources. We feel it is important to take this a step further and advertise their right to this access. An additional responsibility of depository librarians is to inform the public of the availability of the information produced by their government, and of their right to that government information which is produced by tax payer dollars.

"Depository libraries shall make Government publications available for the free use of the general public, and may dispose of them after retention for five years under section 1912 of this title, if the depository library is served by a regional depository library. Depository libraries not served by a regional depository library, or that are regional depository libraries themselves, shall retain Government publications permanently in either printed form or in microfacsimile form, except superseded publications or those issued later in bound form which may be discarded as authorized by the Superintendent of Documents." (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2008-title44/html/USCODE-2008-title44-chap19.htm>)

The Information Services Department Head has long been a proponent of Community Outreach and has supported the efforts of the Government Documents Librarian to foster civic engagement and efficacy.

Government Information Belongs to YOU! What do YOU want to know?



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