

GETTING “REAL” WITH GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS:

How Government Information Is Relevant to
Academic Library Users Using Real Life Examples

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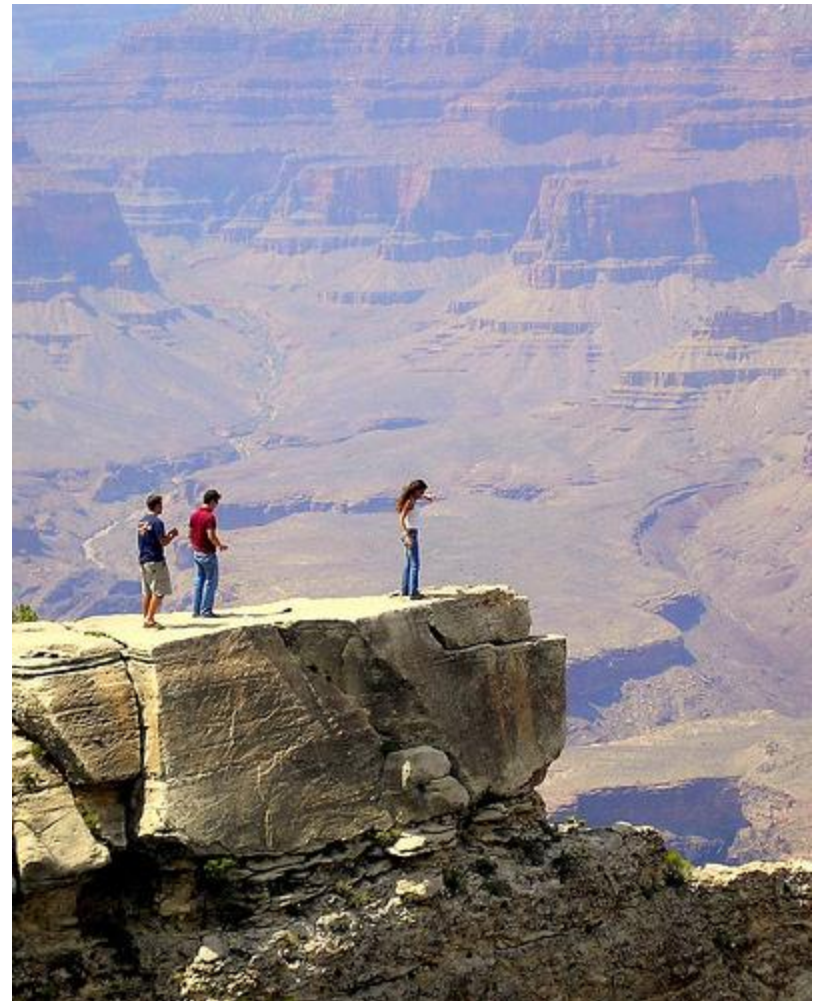
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Challenges:

- Public opinion challenges for government
- Clutter of information and information selectivity

Opportunities:

- Lots of useful government publications
- Millennials and how they learn



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Real Life Problems

- Safety
- Health
- Money
- Housing



- Voting
- Emergencies
- Cars
- Travel



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Safety



- Criminal histories
(<http://casesearch.courts.state.md.us/inquiry/inquiry-index.jsp>)
- Sex offender registries
(<http://www.nsopw.gov/?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>)
- Crime maps
(<http://www.baltimorepolice.org/your-community/crime-map>)
- Property searches
(<http://sdat.resiusa.org/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>)

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Health

- College Drinking Prevention: Calculators
(<http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov/Default.aspx>)
- Daily-Med
(<http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/>)
- HealthFinder
(<http://www.healthfinder.gov/Default.aspx>)



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Health

- USDA Farmer's Market Search (<http://search.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/>)
- Nutrition.gov <http://www.nutrition.gov/>)
- USDA National Nutrient Database (<http://ndb.nal.usda.gov/>)



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MONEY

- CareerOneStop (<http://www.careeronestop.org/>)
- MyMoney.gov
(<http://www.mymoney.gov/Pages/default.aspx>)
- Federal Student Aid (<http://studentaid.ed.gov/>)



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Housing

- HUD Portal in Maryland
(<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/maryland>)
- Maryland Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division
(<http://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer/index.htm>)
- People's Law Library (<http://www.peoples-law.org/>)

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Voting

- Can I Vote (<http://www.canivote.org/>)
- Congress.gov (<http://beta.congress.gov/>)
- Election Assistance Commission (<http://www.eac.gov/>)



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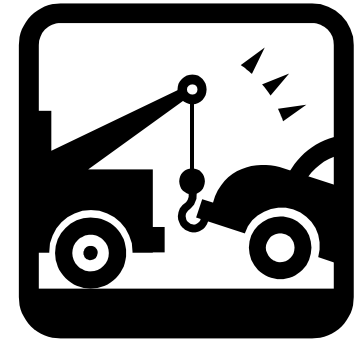
Emergencies



- **READY.GOV** <http://www.ready.gov/>
 - Basic Shopping List: <http://www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit>
 - Natural Disasters: <http://www.ready.gov/natural-disasters>
- **MEMA** (<http://mema.maryland.gov>)
 - MEMA Mobile App (<http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/mdprepares.aspx>)
 - OSPREY for Everyone (<http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/OSPREYlanding.aspx>)

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CARS



- Safercar.gov: Vehicle Shoppers
(<http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Shoppers>)
- Safercar.gov: Crash Test Videos
(<https://www.youtube.com/user/SaferCarTV>)
- Safercar.gov: Vehicle Owners
(<http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Owners>)

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TRAVEL

- Recreation.gov (<http://www.recreation.gov/>)
- Travel.gov (<http://travel.state.gov/>)
- Students Abroad.gov (<http://studentsabroad.state.gov/>)
- NOAA Watch (<http://www.noaawatch.gov/>)



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