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Revising the GPO Classification Manual

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Overview

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- How to provide comments/feedback



History of SuDocs Classification



LIST OF CLASSES
OF
UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS
AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION
BY
DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES

LIBRARY TECHNICAL SERVICES
SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
REVISED JUNE 2014

ISBN 9881-4541

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

- A 1.1: Performance and Accountability Report (Annual) (EL) (0006)
- A 1.1.3: Semiannual Report, Office of Inspector General (Semiannual) (EL) (0004-4)
- A 1.1.6: USDA Office of Inspector General Annual Business Plan (EL) (0004-3)
- A 1.1.8.2: Budget Summary and Annual Performance Plan (Annual) (EL) (0006-3.64)
- A 1.1.9: Annual Report of the Judicial Officer (Annual) (EL) (0004-3.63)
- *A 1.1.10: Office of Inspector General Strategic Plan (Triennial) (EL) (0004-3.65)
- A 1.2: General Publications (0010)

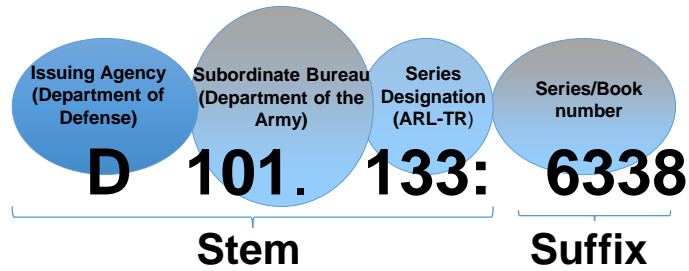
- A 1.38: Miscellaneous Publications (MF-EL) (0013-A)
- A 1.47: Agricultural Statistics (P) (0001)
- A 1.47: Agricultural Statistics (EL) (0001-A-01)
- A 1.47.2: Agricultural Statistics (Annual) (CD) (0013-A)
- A 1.57: USDA News (EL) (0013-C)
- A 1.58.A: Agriculture Decisions (Semiannual) (EL) (0002)
- A 1.58.3: Summary of Decisions (EL) (0002-A)
- A 1.60.2: Bibliographies and Lists of Publications (P) (0002-B-02)
- A 1.60.3: Bibliographies and Literature of Agriculture (EL-A series) (MF-EL) (0012-B-01)

What is SuDocs Classification?

- Relies on the origin of the document – provenance system
- Similar to Archival systems
- This is not a decimal system. The number after the “period” is a whole number.



Anatomy of SuDocs



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SuDocs Example

Title: Gliding mammals, taxonomy of living and extinct species

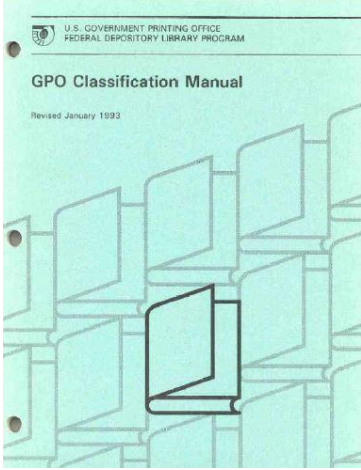
SI 1.27:638

- SI – Smithsonian Institution
- 1 – Parent agency publication
- .27: – Smithsonian contribution to zoology series
- 638 – Series number

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The GPO Classification Manual



<http://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository/gpo-cataloging/1172-gpo-classification-manual/file>

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History of the Manual

- 1985 – “A Practical Guide to the Superintendent of Documents Classification System”
- 1987 – Title change: “GPO Classification Manual: A Practical Guide to the Superintendent of Documents Classification System”
- 1993 – Revised edition: “GPO Classification Manual”



What does the Manual include?

- Class Stem Description
- Category Classes and Special Publication Types
- Serials and Series Treatment
- Book Numbers
- Congressional and Related Publications
- Special Cases and Maps
- Glossary
- Abbreviations

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What is it used for?

- Applying class stems to acquired publications
- Making cutter decisions for SuDocs assigned to specific documents
- Historical research to respond to askGPO questions about classification
- FDLP Community use for local application

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Why the update?

- The GPO Classification Manual is not up-to-date and does not reflect current rules and policies.
- To ensure we can implement more consistent practice in applying the classification scheme to Government documents
- To help us more easily respond to inquiries from the FDLP community

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Vision of Project

The screenshot shows the FDLP website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'GPO' and 'Login' buttons, along with social media icons. Below this is the FDLP logo and the text 'Federal Depository Library Program'. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. The main navigation menu includes 'COLLECTION TOOLS', 'REQUIREMENTS & GUIDANCE', and 'ABOUT THE FDLP'. The 'ABOUT THE FDLP' dropdown menu is open, and the 'CATALOGING & CLASSIFICATION' option is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation menu, there is a banner for the 'Depository Library Council Meeting & Federal Depository Library Conference' with the same 'A Rich History, A Vibrant Future' theme. To the right of the banner, there are three buttons: 'New to GovDocs? VIEW OUR QUICKSTART GUIDE', 'Join the FDLP LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS', and a 'Home' button at the bottom left.

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Vision of Project

- Draft project plan completed; LSCM project team assigned
- Phased project approach
- All internal information gathered and being reviewed
- Currently investigating format options for how to deliver guidelines to the community via FDLP.gov
- Determining approach for community participation in the project

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Project Team

Project Leads:

- Melissa Fairfield – Supervisor, Tangible Processing
- Cathy Wagner – Technical Services Librarian
- Kristina Bobe – Senior Planning and Development Specialist

Project Team:

- Technical Services Librarians
- Classification Staff
- Web Team
- Cataloging Staff

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I have a question for GPO

askGPO

Answers | Ask a Question | Your Account

Advanced Search

Find the answer to your question

Results 1 - 20 of 157

[Consumer Financial Protection Board established as FR 2?](#)
 The Consumer Financial Protection Board was created via the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. This law states that "there is established in the Federal Reserve..."
 Date Updated: 04/02/2015

["Plum Book" Jobs](#)
 United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions, more commonly known as the Plum Book, lists Federal civil service leadership and support positions in the legislative and executive branches...
 Date Updated: 02/27/2015

[New Electronic Titles - Questions - Contacts](#)
 Date Updated: 03/06/2011

[PDF File of All Code of Federal Regulations](#)
 At this time, it is not possible to download entire editions or complete titles of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) on FDsys as a single PDF file unless the whole title is comprised of a single...
 Date Updated: 02/27/2015

[PURLs for project annual reports from USDA Agricultural Research Service with the class A 77.7XX3](#)

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 Submit a question to our support team.

Categories

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 Browse for answers by category

Help

General Help
 Help with Answers, Ask a Question and Your Account

Search Tips
 Tips for searching the knowledge base

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Tips for Using askGPO

- askGPO is agency-wide, not just for LSCM.
 - The categories of greatest interest to you are:
 - ◆ Federal Depository Libraries
 - ◆ FDsys

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Example classification questions

- According to the CGP the SuDocs number for the title "Criminal justice planning in the governing process..." is J 26.2:C 12/3. The OCLC record shows the SuDocs number as J 26.2:C 86/11. Which SuDocs number is correct?

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Example classification questions

- I have attached two serial books published by GPO. Would you please find me what their SuDoc Numbers are?

The image shows two serial books. The first book is titled "HOUSE MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS ON PUBLIC BILLS, I" and has a SuDoc number of 12795-1. The second book is titled "HOUSE MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS ON PUBLIC BILLS, III" and has a SuDoc number of 12932-3. Both books are published by the Government Printing Office (GPO) and are part of a series of reports on public bills.



Questions?

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