

Integrating Gov Docs at a Small Selective



Problem:

- Hidden separate gov docs collection for some titles
- Mostly non-law materials
- Rarely checked out
- 99.9% older than 10 years
- Separate classification
- Not fully processed or cataloged
- Underutilized space

Conclusion:

- As a small, 3% selective, it's more efficient and better for patron access to integrate all gov docs into the main collection

Process:

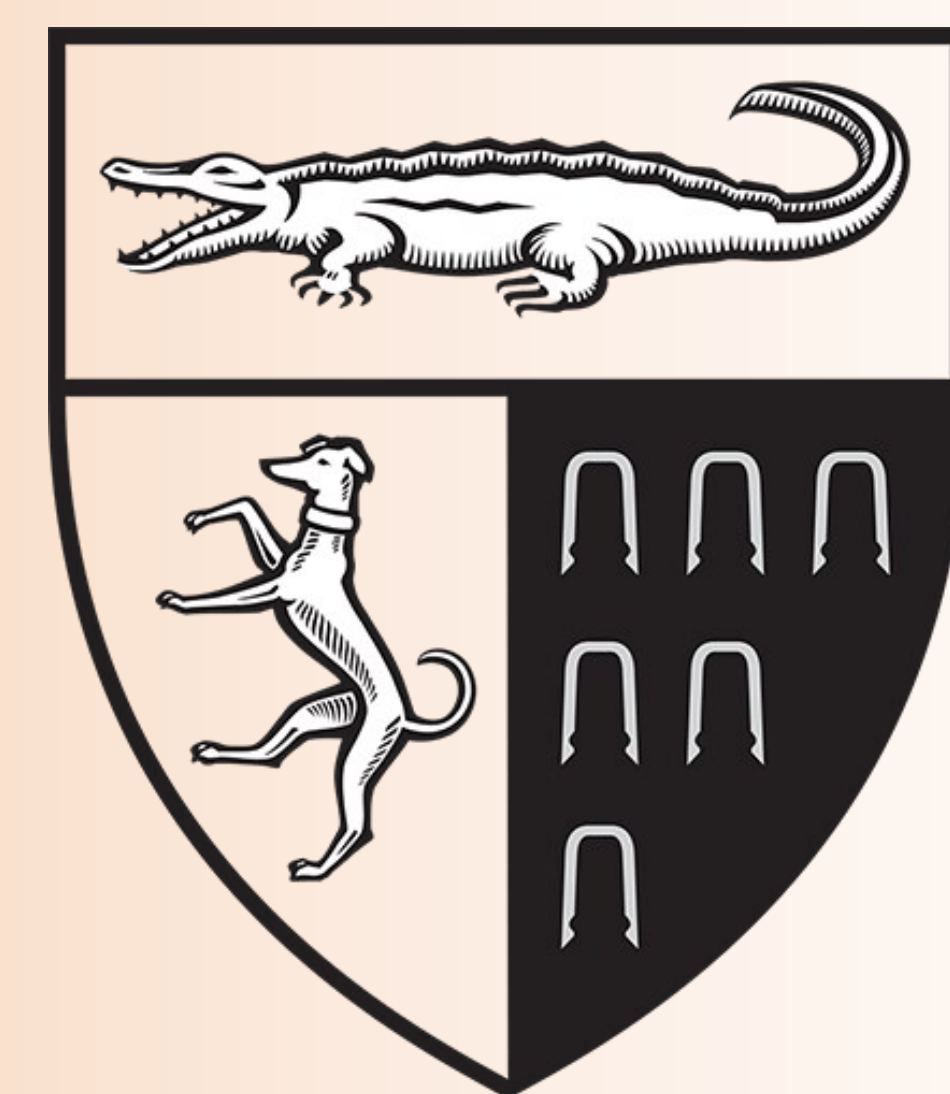
- Weed 99% of the separate gov docs collection
- Upgrade records to full cataloging where needed; reclass; relabel
- Follow the offers process
- Suppress records for weeded materials
- Reuse space for superseded CFRs
- Send all FDLP materials to the stacks or off-site storage facility

Takeaways:

- Balance the cost of permanently integrating all FDLP materials with the cost of maintaining a separate collection
- Budget extra time for completing the project
- Consult all departments to anticipate problems

About 0076A:

- Yale Law Library
- Small selective separate from main campus library
- Primary legal materials, some social science
- Most titles integrated into collection before project



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What's next?:

- Rethink catalog access to gov docs materials, such as CFRs
- Create a selection profile for online materials
- Consider sending some new docs directly off-site