

Becoming a Gov. Doc. Librarian: What I've Learned and How I Learned It

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First and Foremost!

- ▶ Feel free to add any resources that have been helpful to you. I do not know everything and everyone has different experiences. This is meant to be a webinar where we can learn from each other.

How Did I Get Here?

- ▶ 2016: Hired as the Government Documents student worker. This was my first library job and where I became familiar with the collection. Graduated December 2018.
- ▶ March 2019 – November 2021: Returned to work at ISU in public services in the circulation department. Solidified my desire to go to Library School.
- ▶ January 2020 – December 2021: Went to Indiana University for an MLIS with a specialization of RBMS.
- ▶ November 2021 – December 2021: Technical Services Acquisitions Assistant position to train in Government Documents before my predecessor retired.
- ▶ January 2022 - Present Day: Promoted to Government Resource Specialist charged with maintaining and developing Govt. Docs Collection and Resources at ISU.

Get to know your physical collection

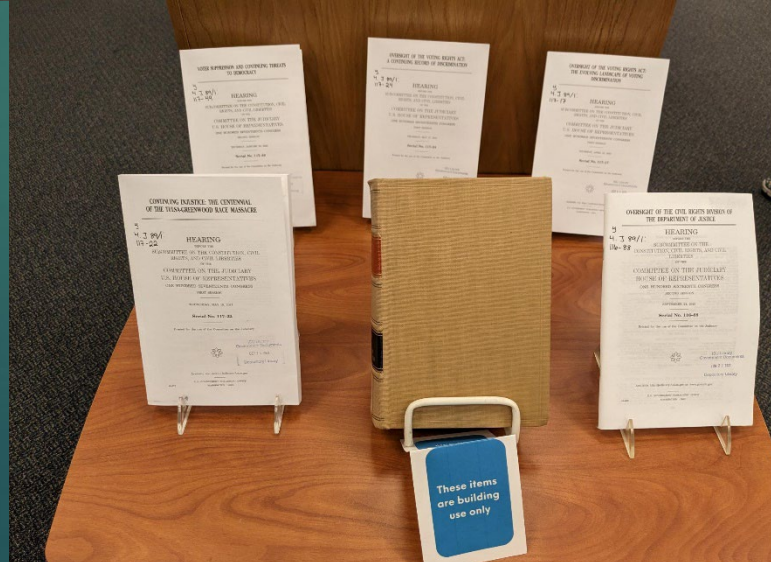
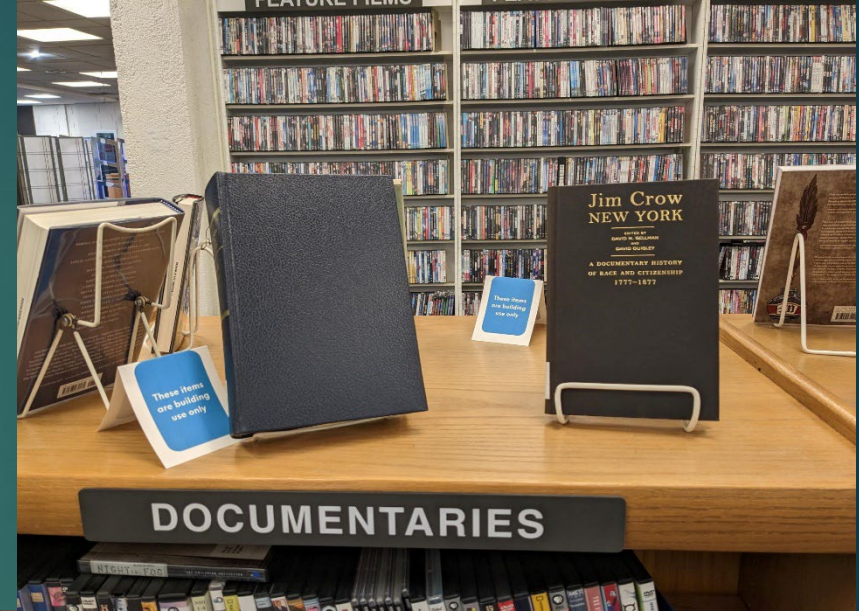
- ▶ What are the collections strengths?
- ▶ Does it align with the community/campus?
- ▶ Knowing your collection will help your patrons and be part of library displays.



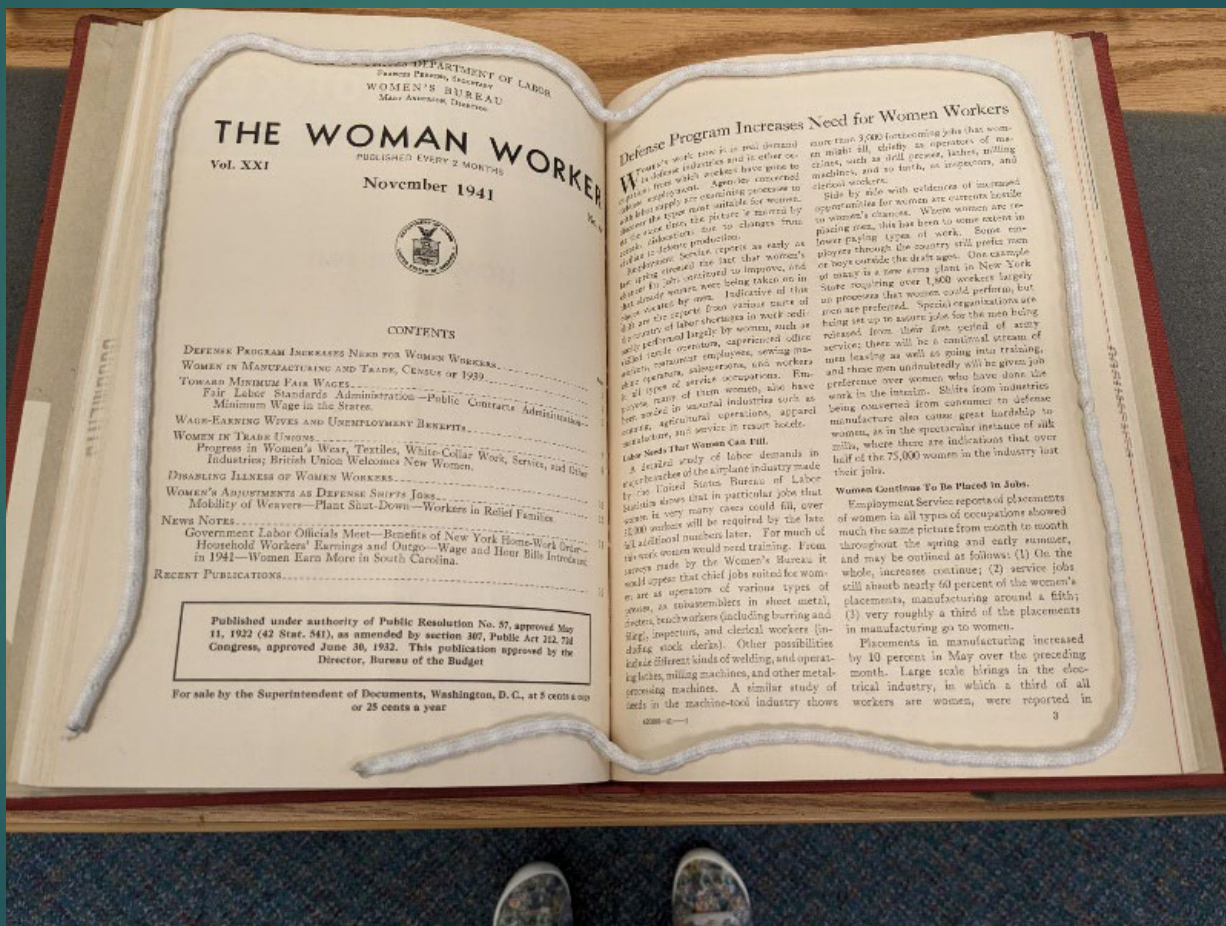
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Display Examples



Display Examples Cont.



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Frances Perkins, Secretary
WOMEN'S BUREAU
Main American Division

THE WOMAN WORKER

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Defense Program Increases Need for Women Workers

Women's work has increased steadily in the defense industry and in other occupations since the war broke out. In fact, the demand for women workers has increased so rapidly that it is now estimated that over 3,000,000 women are employed in the United States. This is an increase of 50 percent over the number of women workers in 1930. The increase in the number of women workers is due to the fact that women are being taken on in jobs previously held by men. In many instances, the jobs are being taken on by women because the men are needed in other parts of the country. The demand for women workers is increasing rapidly because of the need for women in many of the essential occupations of the defense program. The women who are being taken on in these occupations are doing the same kind of work as the men. They are operating the machines, doing the clerical work, and performing the other essential duties of the defense program. The women who are being taken on in these occupations are doing the same kind of work as the men. They are operating the machines, doing the clerical work, and performing the other essential duties of the defense program.

Lack Study That Women Can Fill

A study of labor demands in the defense industry made by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that in particular jobs that women can fill, over 200,000 workers will be required by the late summer. For much of the additional workers needed, women would need training. From a survey made by the Women's Bureau it appears that chief jobs suited for women are at operation of various types of machines, as subassemblers in sheet metal, dress, hosiery, and clothing, and clerical workers (including stock clerks). Other possibilities include kinds of welding and operating lathes, milling machines, and other metal-working machines. A similar study of needs in the machine-tool industry shows

Women Continue To Be Placed in Jobs

Employment Service reports placements of women in all types of occupations slowed much the same picture from month to month throughout the spring and early summer, and may be outlined as follows: (1) On the whole, increases continue; (2) service jobs still show nearly 60 percent of the women's placements, manufacturing around a fifth; (3) very roughly a third of the placements in manufacturing go to women.

Placements in manufacturing increased by 10 percent in May over the preceding month. Large scale hirings in the electrical industry, in which a third of all workers are women, were reported in

GPO & FDLP

The logo for the Government Printing Office (GPO), consisting of the letters 'GPO' in a white, sans-serif font centered within a blue square.

- ▶ [GPO](#): FDLP is administered by the GPO. Gave me more information on the importance of government resources.
- ▶ [FDLP.gov](#):
 - ▶ Gives great explanations about the program.
 - ▶ Contains the classification guidelines, structure of the classification number.
 - ▶ LibGuides.
 - ▶ Latest news about FDLP and government documents.
 - ▶ FDLP Academy (will get to momentarily).



CGP

- ▶ Catalog of U.S. Government Publication (CGP):
 - ▶ Before I honed in more skills in OCLC this was my go-to for cataloging government documents.
 - ▶ Figure out call numbers.
 - ▶ Export OCLC numbers.
 - ▶ PURLS.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP). At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Basic, Advanced, Expert, Browse, New Titles, Help, About, FDLP Login, and MetaLib. Below this is the main header with the title "CATALOG OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS (CGP)" and a decorative background of bookshelves. A secondary navigation bar contains links for "Catalogs to Search" (Congressional Serial Set, Congressional Publications, Historic Shelflist, Electronic Titles, FDLP Web Archive, Gov eBooks, Serials) and "My Options" (Bookshelf, Preferences, Results List, Previous Searches). The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: "Catalog of U.S. Government Publications Home Page > National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications". A welcome message reads: "Welcome to the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)!". Below this, a paragraph explains that the CGP is a finding tool for federal publications, including descriptive information and direct links to full documents. It also mentions a federated search engine, MetaLib, and the Federal Depository Library Directory (FDLD). At the bottom, there is a search interface with a text input field, a "Keyword(s)" dropdown menu set to "Any", and a "Catalogs" dropdown menu set to "National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications". An example search term is provided: "wildlife 'environmental impact statement' NOT draft".

GODORT

- ▶ Government Documents Round Table (GODORT):
 - ▶ Wide range of LibGuides.
 - ▶ Voting and Elections Toolkit.
 - ▶ Government Information for Children (GIC).



FDLP Academy

- ▶ [FDLP Academy Training Repository](#):
 - ▶ Some presentations are given by specialists in the field.
 - ▶ Some presentations are presented by fellow librarians who want to share what they know.
 - ▶ Can receive a certificate after viewing. Save them!
 - ▶ There are subject and agency tags if you are looking into a specific topic.
 - ▶ I found many resources that are now on my LibGuide.

 FDLP ACADEMY TRAINING REPOSITORY



Look for organizations in your area.

- ▶ See if there is an organization or Listserv pertaining to government information.
 - ▶ I was able to connect with [INDIGO](#) (Indiana's Government Information Specialists) after the 2022 FDLP Conference.
 - ▶ Promotes government information resources and literacy.
 - ▶ In the listserv we send out recent publications or questions that we as a group can answer and give feedback.
- ▶ I also encourage you to talk with your Regional Coordinators and other FDLP coordinators in your area about any questions you have.



Image from INDIGO website.

Got some foundations... Now What?

- ▶ After viewing many webinars, I went down many rabbit holes and just took the time to explore the websites and kept asking myself:
 - ▶ Where do I find research in these areas?
 - ▶ Where are their social media pages?
 - ▶ What is this department/branch currently working on?
 - ▶ What is going on in the news pertaining to this department/branch?
 - ▶ How can I make this relatable to my patrons and their needs?
 - ▶ Are there career opportunities for students?
- ▶ Much of what I learned and have applied to my job was from going through the department/branch webpages and familiarizing myself with those.
- ▶ Because I have put the time and energy, going through the physical and electronic resources, I am able to answer reference calls with greater ease.

Keep tabs on the news and current affairs.



- ▶ It is essential to stay in touch with current affairs and how the government works and what they are doing.
 - ▶ Example: When the Francis Scott Key Bridge was collided into I was constantly looking to the DOT for news.
 - ▶ Be aware of Heritage and Awareness Months:
 - ▶ Can add as a fun part of your LibGuide.
- ▶ Take the time to update you LibGuide if you choose to showcase government news articles.

In the News!

- [80 Years of Smokey the Bear and Preventing Wildfires](#) - YouTube (2 mins)
- [USDA Celebrates Long-Standing Partnerships with Rural Cooperatives as Part of 60th Anniversary of National Cooperative Month](#) (October 1st, 2024)
- [USDA Roles in Helene Response](#) Radio Newsline (October 1st, 2024)
- [USDA Scientists Collaborate to Protect Endangered Species from Extinction](#) Blogpost (March 21st, 2024)
- [USDA Radio Newsline](#)

LibGuide I

Content Warning

Please be aware that there are federal government resources related to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP), boarding schools, and BIA historical photographs that may evoke memories or feelings from a history of oppression. All information presented is for educational and informational purposes.

⚙️ Add / Reorder ▾

Mar 7, 2024

Check this out!



A Proclamation on National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, 2024 (September 30th, 2024)

Breast Cancer from the CDC: Research the basics, prevention, and statistics.

Image from the Virginia Department of Health.



LGBT History Month: Celebrate the Achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender icons!

Image from ACSA Resource Hub.



Don't forget October 14th is Indigenous Peoples' Day!

Indigenous People's Day: Celebration and recognizing the many Indigenous nations, communities and cultures that make up our great country (October 6, 2023)

Image from the NICOA.

Veterans Crisis Line



If you are a Veteran or someone concerned for a Veteran, the Veterans Crisis Line is a free and confidential resource where you can connect to a real person who is trained in suicide prevention. **DIAL 988 then PRESS 1.**

Veterans Crisis Line

Webinar

VA S.A.V.E. Suicide Prevention Training - YouTube (1 hour April 9, 2024)

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Jul 1, 2024

LibGuide II

Media and Webinars

[Ending Veteran Homelessness](#) - Podcast (Can also subscribe from your preferred platform of choice)

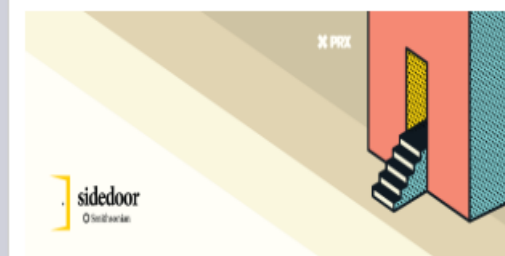
[Help @ Your Fingertips: VA Mobile Mental Health Apps](#) - FDLP Webinar (59 mins July 20, 2022)

[Overview of VA Resources to End Veteran Homelessness](#) - YouTube (46 mins April 30, 2024)

[U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs](#) - YouTube

[VA Healthy Teaching Kitchen: Stovetop Peach Blueberry Crisp](#) - YouTube (1 min May 16, 2024)

Check This Out!



Sidedoor: A Podcast from the Smithsonian:

More than 157 million treasures fill the Smithsonian's vaults, but where public view ends, *Sidedoor* begins. With the help of biologists, artists, historians, archaeologists, zookeepers, and astrophysicists, host Lizzie Peabody sneaks listeners through Smithsonian's side door to search for stories that can't be found anywhere else.

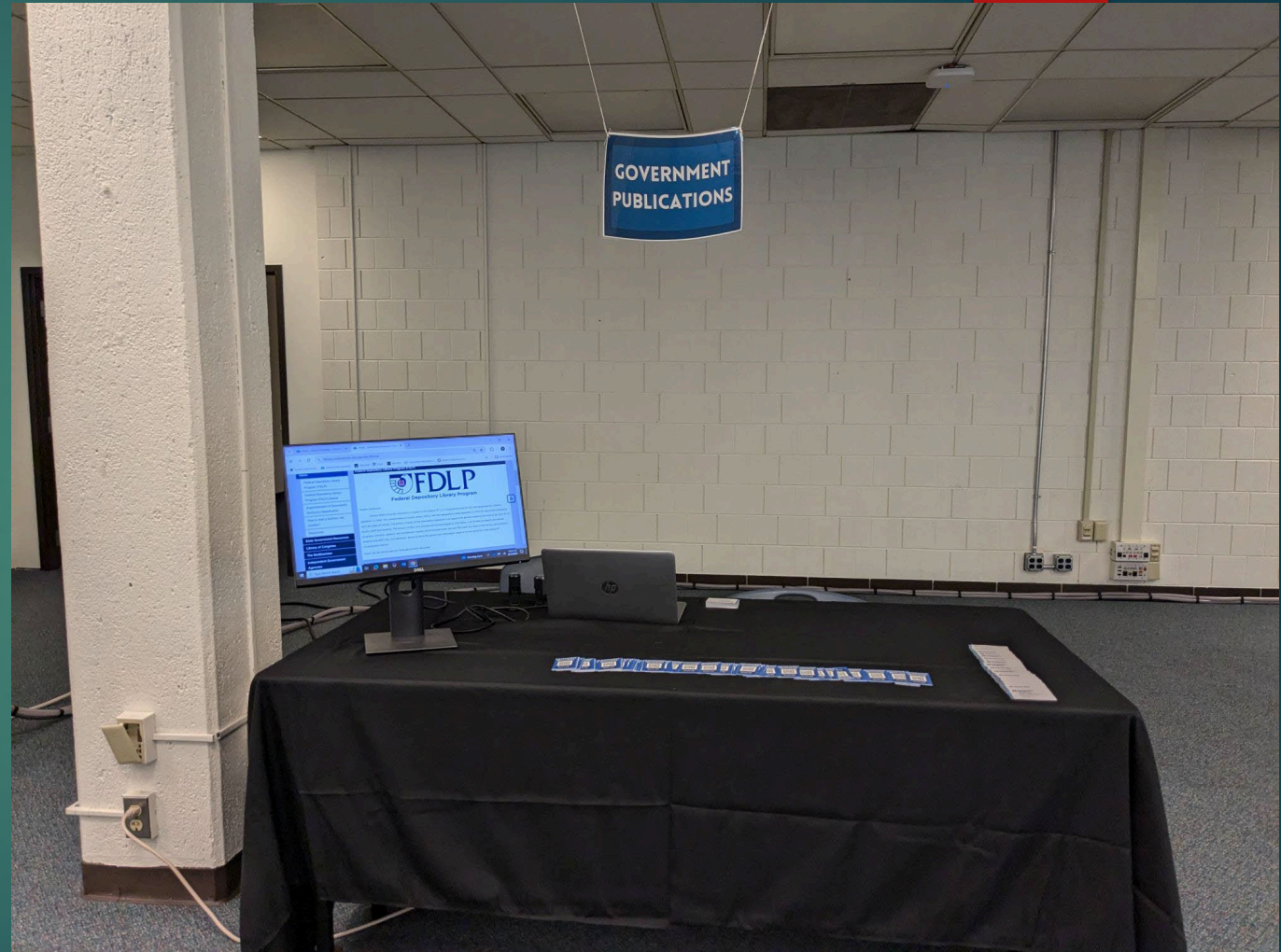
Listen and learn about the first banks for women in **[Bankers in the Boudoir](#)**.

Did you know the Smithsonian has 140,000 bat specimens?

In light of Spooky Season officially starting, read about **[The Art and Science of Bats](#)**. This page will take you to the numerous articles published by the Smithsonian about the myths, lore, history and importance of our planet's sky-dogs!

Where am I Now?

- ▶ Gov. Doc Outreach: Increasing visibility and use of both physical and online collections
 - ▶ Helped out with New Student Orientation, talking about what Government Documents has to offer students.
 - ▶ “Bridge Week”: We invited freshman to come to the library and talk to the various departments of the library.



CML And the American Democracy Project!

★ REGISTRATION ★

★ In order to vote in Indiana you must be registered ★



Each state has its own deadline. Indiana's voter registration deadline is Monday October 7th, 2024.



As a college student your registration is tied to where you live.



Not Registered? You can register online, by mail, or in person.

REGISTRATION

If you still need to register to vote, or want to check or change your registration status follow the links we've provided for more information on how.

If you're still unsure, don't worry! We've partnered with the American Democracy Project on campus. They will be in the Cunningham Memorial Library lobby
September 27th 11-1
October 1st 11-1



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Questions or Suggestions?



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