



**Presentation:**

Teaching Non-depository Librarians about Government Information: Tips & Techniques from the Gi21 Project

**Program Website:**

<http://www.webjunction.org/gi21>

**Current Program Overview:**

Government Information in the 21st Century: Training Librarians to be Government Information Specialists is a continuing education program to train reference and public services librarians and library workers in the use of government information. The program initially focuses on five states: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

The program addresses identified issues related to the general lack of awareness of and needed skills to make effective use of government information resources as well as the perceived lack of confidence in the use of government resources. In addition, it supports the development of a government information resource model that expands the role of Federal Depository Library Program librarians in training and support of non-depository library staff in their geographic area.

The program is designed with two tiers and runs from September 1, 2006 to September 30, 2008. The first tier includes developing lesson modules, within WebJunction, based on broad government information categories, and hosting a Train the Trainer Conference for depository librarians at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The second tier centers on the participating states' training programs implementation with each depository librarian that attends the Conference providing at least two workshops/training sessions, within their respective states, to non-depository library staff.

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