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Depository Library Services During the Government Shutdown

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Frustrations During Shutdown

- Some agency web sites up, some completely down, some partially down
- [OMB Memorandum](#): see specifically pp. 13-14
- Not sure how long shutdown would last, so how much effort to expend over finding alternatives?



How Did Librarians Cope?

- Identified alternative sources for data (i.e., Census)
- Shared resources (LibGuides, info via GovDoc-L)
- Used tangible sources



Lessons Learned: Library Suggestions for GPO

- Expand GPO's automated harvesting from Federal agency Web sites
- Redirect PURLs to GPO harvested copies instead of agency Web sites
- Identify what agencies went dark, and communicate broadly
- Promote use of Government Information Online: Ask a Librarian (GIO) with other Federal agencies



Lessons Learned: Library Suggestions for GPO

- Develop a contingency plan for continued public access to GPO resources during shutdowns, and communicate broadly
- Work with official partners to test public access to LOCKSS-USDOCS and similar resources



Questions?

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