

“It Takes a Village ...”

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Physical Exhibit

- David & Roxanna
- Special Collections Staff
- Preservation Staff
- Barbara Hofmann (Serials Library Asst.)
- Student Workers



Physical Exhibit

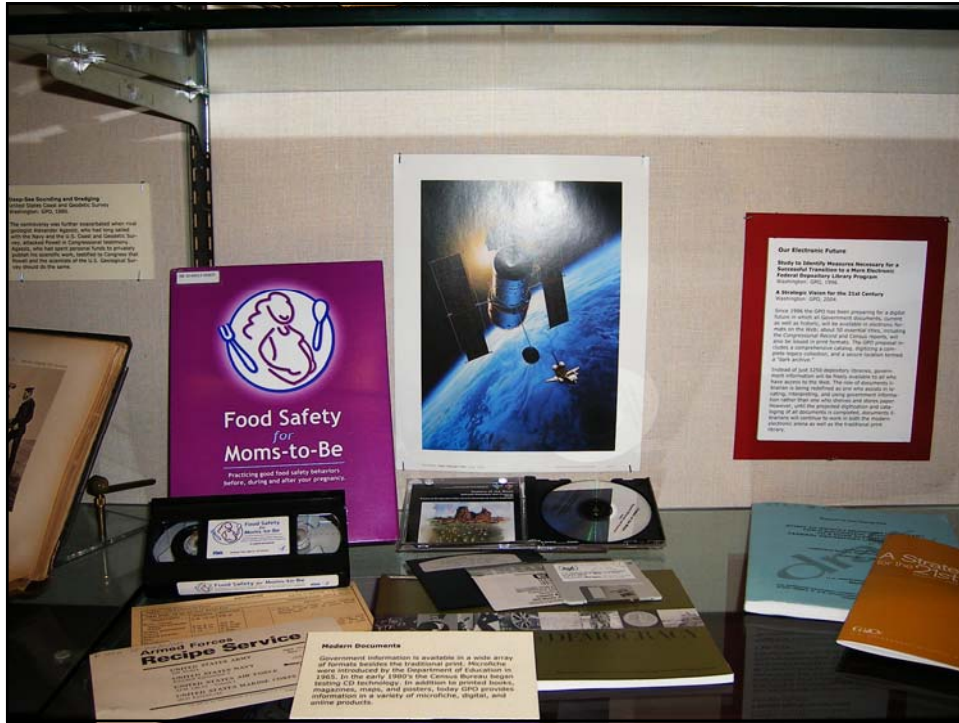
- Barbara Hofmann
 - Library Assistant,
Government Documents
(Serials Unit)



Physical Exhibit

- Special Collections Staff
 - Erin Davis
 - Sarah Patton





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 - User Services Coordinator



Web Exhibit



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We hope that you will also visit our physical exhibit in the Grand Staircase Foyer and the Ginkgo Room at the Library, which will be on display from January 17 to March 31 2006. One exhibit is meant to complement and enhance the other. Click on any of the exhibit cases here to begin your tour.

WU Government Documents Page

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Library of Congress Memory Project

U.S. National Archives and Record Administration

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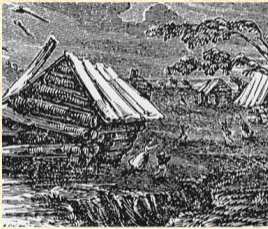
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1810-1819





Click on the flag to see a list of Government Agencies and when they were created.



U.S. declares war on England June, 1812

James Madison elected to a second term 1812

James Monroe elected President 1816

2nd National Bank chartered 1816

U.S. Congressional Serial Set begins 1817

Spain cedes Florida to the U.S. 1819

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Government Documents are a valuable, underused source of primary research. However, various Washington University faculty members and graduate students have recognized their potential and are currently using government documents as part of their research. Explanations of some of the projects underway at Washington University are available below.

- [Crystal Alberts](#) (English)
- [Elizabeth Childs](#) (Art History)
- [Michael Friedlander](#) (Physics)
- [Ruth Lewis](#) (Biology Library)
- [William Lowry](#) (Political Science)
- [Walt Schalick](#) (History)
- [David Straight](#) (Library)
- [Joseph Tonon](#) (Political Science)
- [Kate Weber](#) (History)
- [Murray Weidenbaum](#) (Economics)


Also, many Washington University researchers have been called upon to participate in [congressional hearings](#) on topics ranging from Social Security, to the U.S. space program, to public health and air pollution.

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Childs' Wash Univ. Home Page

Holdings of Childs' Work at Olin Library

US Geological Survey

John Wesley Powell, Art, and Geology at the Grand Canyon


Elizabeth Childs, Professor of Art History

In the years following the Civil War, science and art came together in the exploration of the America of the American West. Ambitious federal surveys, funded between 1867 and 1878, mapped the nation in the common service of scientific knowledge, military control, and industrial expansion. Some of the largest surveys were led by John Wesley Powell (1834-1902).

Powell's surveys were heavily influenced by the drawings, pictures, and paintings done by the artists and draftsmen who accompanied him. Their work help to inspire the public sense of awe and fascination that helped to encourage further government funding for such endeavors. Exploration inspired a dramatic confluence of science and art.

In the 1870s, drawing, photography, and painting all played evidential, promotional, and even interpretive roles in the culture of exploration. Visual representation extended the processes of observation and recording that led to the development of modern physiography and geomorphology. Scientists and artists were politically and financially interdependent.

["Time's Profile , John Wesley Powell , Art and Geology at the Grand Canyon " by Elizabeth C. Childs from American Art \(A Spring 1996\) pages 6-35](#)



Other Events: Presentation

- Crystal Alberts: "*Analyzing the Blur: Don DeLillo's 'Definitive Meditation' on the JFK Assassination*"
- Henry Berger: "*The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb Against Japan: New Findings and Arguments From the Documents*"

Other Events: LIS Radio

- First Tuesday radio program on Government Documents/Federal Depository Libraries
- <http://www.lisradio.missouri.edu/>

Publicity

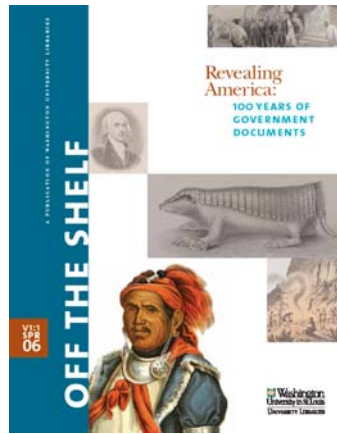
- Joy Lowery,
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- Ida McCall
 - *Writer/Editor*



Holiday Card



Promotional: Library Magazine



Promotional Items: Exhibit Brochure

For more information

Contact your local librarian for the appropriate contact information.

Information about the exhibit is available in a number of languages including English, Spanish, and Chinese.

English
 Contact: librarian@wustl.edu

Spanish
 Contact: librarian@wustl.edu

Chinese
 Contact: librarian@wustl.edu

Calendar of Events
 A calendar of events is available on the exhibit website.

Archiving the Past
 The exhibit is a part of the "Archiving the Past" series.

For more information
 Contact your local librarian for the appropriate contact information.

Exhibition Catalog
 A catalog of the exhibit is available on the exhibit website.

Exhibition Committee
 A committee of librarians and archivists is responsible for the exhibit.

With thanks to
 The exhibit is a result of the support of many individuals and organizations.

Washington University in St. Louis
 University Libraries

Celebrating 100 Years of Federal Information

An exhibition marking the Centennial of the Government Documents Depository at Washington University Libraries

St. Louis, Missouri
 1906-2006

"A popular government, without popular information or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or perhaps both."
 —James Madison

The U.S. government defines a government document as "informational matter that is published as an individual document or government report, as required by law." In 1906, the U.S. Congress passed the Printing Restriction Act, which required that government documents be printed and distributed free to members of Congress and to the public. This act was a landmark in the history of government documents, as it made them freely available to the public through a system of federal depository libraries across the country. Government documents were already an important part of Washington University Library's collection when the library moved into its current building in 1906. In 1996, Washington University Library was designated as the U.S. Depository of the records of the Depository Office and began receiving more than 100,000 government documents from the Government Printing Office (GPO) each year. This deposit and distribution work gave the system of federal depository libraries a new lease on life, which is why the exhibit is so important.

Over the past 100 years, Washington University Library has fulfilled its role as a federal depository library to provide citizens, faculty, and the St. Louis community with a window into the activities of our government through free access to its published documents. The exhibit is an excellent introduction to the history of the exhibit and a series of events is being organized.



View of the interior of the Depository Building in St. Louis, Missouri, designed by Hugh Wilson.



View of the study of storage facilities for the Depository system, based on Charles.

The Exhibition: January 17-March 31, 2006

During the exhibition period, the Library's rare additions room (located in the Grand Staircase lobby) and also in the larger reading room, various materials that likely tell the history of U.S. government publishing and offer a sampling of the more than one million documents that comprise the Washington University government document depository collection in this historical year. The exhibit is a series of materials intended to highlight the history of the collection. The exhibit is available to all interested parties.



Portrait of James Madison, 18th-century American statesman, philosopher, and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.



Portrait of William Howard Taft, 26th President of the United States.

1906

Printing Restriction Act
 The U.S. Congress passed the Printing Restriction Act, which required that government documents be printed and distributed free to members of Congress and to the public.

History of Document Printing
 The history of document printing in the United States is a long and varied one, with many different methods and materials used over the years.

Division of Documents

Division of Documents
 The Division of Documents is responsible for the collection, distribution, and preservation of government documents.

Current Events
 The Division of Documents is currently working on a number of projects to improve its services to the public.

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Roundtable Discussion



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Remarks Marking the Centennial of Govt. Document Depository, February 15, 2006

Wayne Fields, Lynne Cooper Harvey
Distinguished Professor in English

While I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this celebration, my presence at the podium, given my conspicuous lack of professional expertise in any field relevant to the occasion, you may mistake as a mere matter of curatorial whimsy, or worse, a case of miss shelving by a staff that is rarely ever guilty of such error. What have I, whose library experience has always been dependent on the kindness of professionals and whose scholarship has always been more happenstance than thorough, always based on the book I tripped over rather than the one I was seeking but could never locate--what have I to contribute to a serious celebration of a most serious event at a highly serious institution? Perhaps I was invited to speak in recognition that over my nearly 40 years at Washington University I have pestered the Olin staff, especially Bill Olbrich when he oversaw the government documents collection, for materials I could not find, in some cases was not sure existed, and nearly always requested under the wrong title and at the last possible moment--the instant when I realized I could not get



Celebration!



GPO



- James Cameron & John Dowgiallo
 - Bookmarks
 - FDLP Flyers
- **Shadow Box!**

Lessons Learned

- Lots of Upsides!
 - Goodwill & “Teamness” with Library co-workers
 - Opportunities for people to be creative
 - Networking opportunities with faculty and students
 - Promotion of the Collection
- Downsides: Not Many
 - Several people worked very, very hard to make this a success
 - Coordination & Communication was Key

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Web Exhibit URL:
<http://tinyurl.com/3jmwcd>

