



# DSIMS or : How I Manage My Selection Profile

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# Agenda

- What is DSIMS?
- Item Selection Profiles, Item Lister, and the List of Classes
- DSIMS Demonstration
- Questions



# What is DSIMS? Why do we use it?

- Depository Selection Information Management System
- DSIMS is used for
  - Depository libraries to add/drop items from their selection profiles
  - GPO to manage the List of Classes
- Introduced in 2012
  - Before DSIMS: DDIS (1983 – 2012)
  - Before DDIS: item selection cards



# What is an FDLP item selection profile?

- An item selection profile is your list of what publications you want to receive
- The List of Classes is everything you could possibly select – by selecting, you indicate you want to receive publications about that topic or from that agency
  - Regionals select (almost) everything
  - Selectives can choose
  - List of Classes ≠ title by title
- Tangible item number selections – you might receive something in the mail
- Online (EL item numbers) – you will not receive anything



# Item Lister

- Straightforward list of all the item numbers you currently select

|           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 0001      | 0001-A-01 | 0002      |
| 0003      | 0004-A    | 0004-A-01 |
| 0006      | 0006-C    | 0006-G    |
| 0006-J-03 | 0006-J-04 | 0006-J-05 |
| 0006-J-08 | 0006-R    | 0006-R-01 |
| 0010-A-01 | 0010-A-02 | 0010-A-03 |
| 0010-B-01 | 0010-B-02 | 0010-B-04 |
| 0010-E    | 0011      | 0011-C    |
| 0011-F    | 0011-F-01 | 0014-A    |
| 0015-A-03 | 0015-A-04 | 0015-A-05 |
| 0015-A-08 | 0015-A-09 | 0015-A-10 |



# OK, what are item numbers all about?

- Origin story
  - Introduced in 1920s after a 1922 bill that gave depositories the ability to select what they wanted to receive
- More numbers for more flexibility
  - Over the years, GPO has added more item numbers
  - Ex: Congressional hearings: 3 different item numbers for the same committee depending on what format you want (P, MF, EL)
- Why isn't the system perfect?
  - Agencies aren't always clear
  - Continuing maintenance
  - "Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away" – Antoine de Saint-Exupery



# Let's look at the List of Classes

- The List of Classes contains

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>SuDoc</b>      | <b>Geography</b>   |
| <b>Agency</b>     | <b>Frequency</b>   |
| <b>Sub-Agency</b> | <b>Format</b>      |
| <b>Title</b>      | <b>Item Number</b> |

- What the formats mean

|                        |                                |   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>P = Print</b>       | <b>CD/DVD</b>                  | <b>P/EL or P/CD or similar =<br/>we don't know, could<br/>come in either format</b> |
| <b>MF = Microfiche</b> | <b>E = tangible electronic</b> |   |
| <b>EL = online</b>     | <b>Blank or UNK = unknown</b>  |   |

- Recommended: Modified List of Classes



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# Questions?