

Take a Break from the Printed Word: Explore Non-Print Audio and Video Resources of the U.S. Government - Transcript

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Take a break from the printed word, exploring nonprint audio and video resources from the United States government. Jane has presented many webinars for us and I think she will do more in the future. Jane is the coordinator for federal government information at the University of Puerto Rico. She has 40 years of experience in the library field. She started as a public library and moved into school libraries and taught for six years in Inter-American University graduate school of Library information sciences. She worked as a director in the post secondary vocational school and arrived at her current job in 2007. She fell in love with the world of government documents and has taken on the special task of correlating documents that exist in other languages and especially Spanish . With that I will hand the virtual microphone over to Jan who will take it from here.

Good afternoon, everyone. Somebody put in the chat box that you can hear me so I know everyone can actually hear me. That would be nice. Welcome on the hot summer afternoon to those of you that are here. I thought this would be a fun webinar topic to explore for summer. What I discovered was there is so much that the government does publish that is not printed that it became overwhelming and I could probably do another webinar part two but without let's get started. Include the side with pictures of my library which is soon to be remodeled. Therefore I have to change my pictures my contact information as always, if you like a copy of my actual PowerPoint so all of the links are live and you can edit it, please send me an email. I will be happy to send you a property copy. Here we go. I am starting with highlighting a few articles on the effective use and preservation of audiovisual materials. Any of us who have been teachers or in the library field for a while know that using audiovisual materials effectively can enhance learning . In our current virtual world I think it's even more important that we use all of these resources. These articles are just ones I found that highlight some of the principles for using technology in early education, some principles and guidelines for effective educational videos and some information of the Library of Congress on the preservation of these materials become reserving discs and tapes and films and information that originated online is important for all of us let's start with YouTube. The United States government a large presence on YouTube, YouTube has even published guidelines on how agencies should set up and use YouTube. USA.gov has a YouTube channel which is USA gov one. Which pulls together videos, conferences, power points from many different agencies on many different topics. Most agencies also have a YouTube channel and a presence on YouTube, I will talk in a little bit and how you find that out and get to those agencies. USA.gov also has an archive of older materials that you can see here and USA.gov has a Spanish-language YouTube channel for videos, power points and information that has been published on YouTube by the United States government for Spanish speakers I just pulled out to give you an idea of something that exists, since we are coming up on Constitution Day and our requirement if we receive federal funds of publicizing and emphasizing the importance of the Constitution on Constitution day. This is just one. There are a number of videos on YouTube in the national archives also have some more. Up with this one out just to give you an idea, here is the video and also when you pull up a video on USA.gov or any other agency you have the same options you do with any other YouTube video. Embedding it in a presentation or sharing it on what's out or posting it on Facebook or sharing it on Twitter or emailing and putting it on talk and several other ways that you can share these videos with students, faculty and users. This is just a slide that points out USA.gov Spanish YouTube channel. I will apologize in advance for being sniffy with a cough. We have Sahara desert dust blowing into Puerto Rico and I am hugely allergic. I am fighting with my allergies. I

apologize. USA.gov in Spanish YouTube channel you can subscribe just like you would with any other YouTube channel. Provides information for any Spanish speaker you might have in your library. I went to the catalog of government publications and I really did not expect that I would find too much in terms of audiovisual material but I went looking for videos and came up with 493. You can also do subject and add videos to it. There was a surprising number of historical videos from World War II. Later in the presentation I will go live so you can take a look at how you find those. I was pleasantly surprised that there are visual materials catalogued in the U.S. government publications. The Library of Congress in addition to its huge print collection also has collections of all kinds of audiovisual materials. It just happened when I was creating the slide that one of the things they are advertising this summer our summer movies on the lawn. If you are in the Washington, D.C. area, the Library of Congress has a series of summer movies on the lawn this year. When you go to the Library of Congress and you open the page you get the search box and you can do everything. You can also limit your search to a number of nonprint search terms. You can look for audio recordings, films and videos, you can look for photos, prints and drawings, you can look for software and EE resources that are web archives and there are also catalogued by the Library of Congress some 3-D objects. They are all searchable. The Library of Congress is presenting its season of concerts and these are just a few of them listed here. You can go to the Library of Congress and see the full season of their concerts which are also being presented virtually. The library of Congress has tremendous numbers of digital collections at the moment. Print materials that are been put into digital format, that makes them available and even though they are not necessarily videos or audio recordings got those materials are available in digital format and it makes them far more accessible for many people than one would imagine. This is just a list to give you an idea of subject topics that exist in the Library of Congress. It will include the performing arts think would many videos, local history and folklore. They include science and technology, they include sports and recreation and within all of these areas they include some videos as well as digitized print material. The Library of Congress has original format on a number of materials that are manuscripts and mixed materials that will sometimes be print mixed with audio or video web archives, audio recordings, notated music film, videos, maps so the Library of Congress is a good source within its digital collections to find audiovisual materials. I include this, it's audio recordings format and you can search with in the search history within the audio recordings for materials that the library of Congress might have on virtually any topic and you will get a screen that looks like this with little volume button that you can click and play the material. Okay. USA.gov. It is an excellent source of materials. When you enter the USA.gov site, if you choose a topic and do a search for a topic and in this case I chose health, when you get to the topic instead of saying all government, you can say images or video, if you click on videos, what you will get is a list of what USA.gov has that are videos produced by the United States government on health topics. The first through that pop up here were one on YouTube, three days ago, vaccines.gov one on climate and health science webinar so go to USA.gov and do a search for your topic and choose video and you'll find a list of any videos that exist on that topic. I just went for fun again because I know Constitution day is coming up for everybody. I went to USA.gov and did a search for Constitution day. A number of different videos not all of them strictly to do with the Constitution but I thought these two I've highlighted here, one of Constitution day and one on what the Constitution means in my life is very interesting and also entertaining if you have students that you need to convey information about the Constitution two. Rational printed radio which is not.gov but has connections and it is an excellent source of both audio and video recordings at this point. Including at the moment there is information on the Tokyo Olympics National Public Radio and I have to brag a little bit, Puerto Rico took gold in the women's hundred middle hurdles last night and everyone in Puerto Rico is absolutely delighted Puerto Rico does not get very many gold medals. They have music, they have news, from a different viewpoint from many other places. The Smithsonian. Is also an excellent source of information that is both print and visual including one of my favorites on the next slide. Smithsonian open access

there are more than 3 million 2-D and 3-D visual objects from the Smithsonian collection that are free to use. And download another excellent source of quality information is science Cinema science Cinema is a little less known than science.gov. They are both from the office of science and technology information, part of the department of energy, science Cinema has videos that are all related to science has everything from the walk on the moon to how to do science experience and most of them are short so they are easy for students to use and easy for users to understand and easy to embed within a class or if you have faculty members looking for visual material for their classes. Virtually every government agency has a presence with videos, photos, accounts on YouTube, I just chose the United States geological survey because it happens to be a personal favorite. It happens to be one of the agencies along with NOAA because if you live in an area with earthquakes or water, they have maps of flooding and flood zones, volcanoes, landslides, they provide real-time data which is lots of fun to show students that they can get to that information. USGS also provides videos, photos, digitized maps again, that is one example that I chose, virtually every government agency has visual materials that are available. It would not be complete if I did not mention the presence of the United States government on Facebook, this is USA.gov Facebook page, virtually every agency has a Facebook presence. I think for our students that are very oriented to social media, pointing out that you can get reliable information from the government from virtually any agency and from USA.gov on Facebook, just by going to the Facebook page is a useful thing to do. Twitter. Virtually every government agency and many individual employees of the government like cabinet secretaries have a presence on Twitter. The GPO is another favorite of mine. I love historical tidbits that GPO puts out. USA.gov has a presence on Twitter, I looked within government sources for a list of twitter accounts but did not find it. I did find this address to Fed tech magazine and it's not a new article but it's pretty comprehensive as a list of federal government twitter accounts. That is at least a useful starting point for a list of government agencies on Twitter. This takes you to USA.gov comprehensive A to Z index of U.S. government departments and agencies and if you want to know what a particular agency provides take a look at if it has a Facebook the count or twitter the count, instagram the count, whether it produces videos, this is one good place to start. You can click on the agency and go to the agency and check out what it provides. With that I will go live to screen sharing and visit a few of the sites just to give you an idea of what is there and how to search them. We will start with USA.gov YouTube and here I am, some of these are a little bit old, some of them are not, I will do a search for Covid to see what is there. I know we are all tired of Covid but it is still a topic so here we are. Four hours ago, these are other videos. Oops I did a search in YouTube I think. Sorry about that. Here we go. Back to USA.gov, here is the search. Covid, first-time voter, Mexico, nothing really there but I know the CDC has put out information so you can go to the CDC. Let's see what else might be here. I will try history. USA.gov has a lot of information. The Declaration of Independence, historical figures Black history month, in this case becoming president and how to do it, USA has information and videos that are useful in various subjects. Now I'm heading to the official site of USA.gov. I will search Covid again. Here we go. Here I have searched all government for Covid. I can go to images and these are images from government sites I have something to do with Covid. If you use these in the presentation they are free and you are not violating copyrights. I can also go to videos. Uranium. The VHA response to Covid, COVID-19 vaccinations copy the next great influencer. That is cute. We can do this so there are numerous videos here in YouTube, here's one in Spanish. These are all videos that have something to do with it. I am going to the GPO catalog next. In the GPO catalog, I will put videos and here I have got college drinking, something on Iran, something I thought that I found was wonderful was from the 1940s videos from the second world war. This is the surrender of the Philippines. Jesse you see how it works I will click on the Pearl in this video has a Perl address assigned just like any other document would. Here you are seeing video on the surrender of the Philippines in 1942. I'm not going to make you watch the entire 40 minute video. But for faculty and students, here is a nice history video. Just to give you an idea, that's what's in the, I'm going to get rid of a few tabs so I can find the rest. I am

going to science Cinema, science Cinema has videos and multimedia content that you can search in a number of ways. You can search by title or author, there is an advanced search option or you can put in a topic. I don't know if I will find anything on Covid but here we go, I will try again. Nothing on Covid I will try health in general. 100 search results. Here you have the title, the video itself many of them are short. This one is three minutes. Probiotics , integrating climate and risk informed science to support critical decisions, health , drinking, math MASH mass poisoning from arsenic. This was a long one. Workshop on physics for health in Europe , a keynote address advanced photon source upgrade project which is above my ability to understand validating wind turbine blades. There are a few in other languages like this one in French. What science tells us about the hidden universe. Take a trip around a 3-D printing lab. I will click on this biome project. That way you can get an idea of what pops up you can make it full-screen. Again, just to give you an idea of what is available on science Cinema. I think science Cinema is a valuable resource for students, faculty, public users because many of the videos are at a level that's easy to understand, there are also short for when our students are very visual and used to short clips, it would be easy to embed these into a virtual classroom so students could watch the video and get more information. I think science Cinema is a resource that we really should be promoting as much as we can for our students and faculty, those that are at university libraries. The United States geological survey is on my fun places. You can go to science, they have a number of products, data and tools. People who are into mapping and need visual information, this is a really good place to go. They have numerous publications and they have a software multimedia gallery. I will click on videos. A list of various videos from the U.S. geological survey. You can select the topic I will go with biology and ecosystems. Just for fun I will do Puerto Rico and you can select a year and get them by the most recent first. I will hit reset apply filter, I lost my filter. Let's just go with biology and ecosystems. Here we are to talk on lizards, tree snakes and the Missouri River die tracing assessment, something about salamanders. Stream restoration in Iowa the coastal marine hazards resources program. Red legged frog tadpoles, that sounds like fun. Let's look at that. Here is our video on red legged frog tadpoles. You can download the video so you can share it, there is a detailed written description, okay. I'm going back to USGS and for those of you that do not know about the real-time data, I will go down here and find out information about stream flows, flooding, the land satellites, volcanoes around the world, landslides and earthquakes. If I click on earthquakes USGS takes me to subscribe to earthquake news. Probably not a good idea because it will send you news anytime you have an earthquake in your area. In Puerto Rico right now that is still a little bit scary. Here, the latest earthquakes in the past 24 hours around the world. You can report if you feel an earthquake, you get a shake alert early warning if you want one, I will go to the map. Here is the United States. I will move over because I know there will be something. You will get a list of the latest earthquakes around the world that are 4.2 or 4.5 and you can click on it and see the earthquake. You can also use the map and I will go to Puerto Rico because another will be one, here it is, 2.9, it tells you how many kilometers. At this point we don't feel anything but you can check on the earthquake and see where it was and what time it was. Get real time information about earthquakes. Give you a look at real-time data and U.S. GS. Again, I chose U.S. GS as an example because in our webinar I cannot cover them all. NASA, NOAA also have excellent information and videos in their areas of expertise. So do many other government agencies. National Public Radio is next in my tabs. National Public Radio has program streams on the air that you can look for, hourly news, listen live, you can create a playlist. Recent news New York City becomes the largest U.S. city to require proof of vaccination for indoor activities. You can check on how the Covid vaccination campaign is in your state, just two states accounted for in one in three code cases nationwide. Some live updates from the Olympics. Numerous articles look and see if you have a local NPR station, lots of information on the Tokyo Olympics. Lots of information that you can actual news information from NPR. You can do music and they have now playing all songs considered, music news, music features, live sessions. Here is a set of songs from a live session. There is a great deal of news, music and information on National Public

Radio. You can create playlists that you can listen to. A list of songs here. There are any number of ways to use National Public Radio. Okay now I'm going to the Library of Congress which has amazing information, there is always a video or to put up on the site when you enter. If you want to do a search for audiovisual information, I will go to films and videos. I will just put in the word history, here I have the search in films and videos for history videos. Have the civil rights history project, volunteering to make history, Africa, resourcing history, Mexico and world history, a Latina storyteller oral history, business history, colonial Florida, veterans history project. Webinar from the federal legislative history from what was presented. Teaching in the veterans history project Pearl Harbor oral histories. Lot of history videos in the Library of Congress. There will also be videos on health as well. When I search for health in films and videos I get disaster management and public health. Personal health for girls from 1952. That might be fun to watch. A lot of things have changed. A video from 1941, a mental health video from 1952. Lots of historic information on virtually any topic. Here is one on new perspectives on health and literacy from 2016. The Library of Congress in a just and in addition to its vast resources has many that are not print. Okay. The Smithsonian, happy birthday is celebrating its 175th anniversary. The Smithsonian has so many things. You can explore collections, blogs, podcasts, mobile apps, exhibitions, IMAX films, today's events and online events. Can learn stuff and has a section for educators and kids. You can visit the museum's virtually some of them and the zoos. You can get involved or become a member. Donate. Select a topic and find millions of records. You can find information on the Olympics, Wales, trailblazing, stories about mail, any number of things that are here. Fabulous footwear. A journey across America. Award-winning programming on their channel. Excuse me. Travel. I will click on channel just to see. Can see with the Smithsonian channel has. Air disasters, secrets, dogs with extraordinary jobs, the latest shows, essays, the most popular aerial America, let's take a look at that. There are 72 episodes. Watch free watch now, see if this will get me there. there is my Smithsonian channel video. Okay. I will and that. I will finish up with the USA.gov list of agencies and government departments. You can choose by letter, let's go to C. You can search for an agency by name you can scroll, Capitol police, Capitol visitor Center the Census Bureau the center for food safety. Center for disease control the chemical safety Board. A list of all of the agency index of departments and agencies. Let's say I want to look at one and see what is in the agency and what information they have. This is a good way to get to look at what kind of presence they have on social media, visual information they have. I'm going to the center for food safety and applied nutrition. Here we have the website I contact them, where they are located in a email. Phone numbers and the phone number if you are deaf and need help. Forms they have what government branch and agency they belong to and who their parent agency is. If I click on the website to go to the website for the agency. It is one of six product oriented agencies. Learn about what we do, apply for jobs, the performance data and explore. Here I can see that they are on Facebook, twitter, LinkedIn and you can share their information and all of those places. That is a minor agency. I will go back to my list. Going to choose the center for disease control which is obviously a large agency. I'll get its acronym, website, contact information, where they are located, their phone numbers and what government branch they belong to their popular services they have, their parent agency and agencies that are related to them. If I go to the CDC website I'll get diseases and conditions, healthy living, traveler self, safety guidance for fully vaccinated people. A list of outbreaks of things other than the coronavirus. The CDC in action. They have podcast, a library and I'm going appear and I will quickly search and put in videos. Results returned for videos. COVID-19 videos videos on handwashing. Videos on webinars a video on Rocky Mountain spotted fever, videos on campaign resources, adolescent and school health, healthy swimming. The CDC has numerous, numerous videos. I'm going to click on climate and health to get an idea of some examples. How the climate can affect your community's health. Takes you to a YouTube video. Is a full version from the CDC here is one on extreme heat, a video on air pollution, a video on diseases that are affected by climate and again, they are usually simple to play. I will click on this one on air pollution. Video comes up, you can make it full-screen, copy the link and send

the video or embedded in a class. With that I will wrap up. I will stop sharing. I'm going to my final slide. Thank you very much for listening to the webinar and I am happy to answer any questions that might have come into the chat.

Thank you. Great webinar as always. I really appreciate it. I think there are a few questions. Hold on a second. Do any of the agencies have tiktok?

Good question because I honestly don't know. I'm not connected, I have a tiktok can out the count but I don't do much there so I really can't say. That are government agency presences on Facebook, twitter , instagram, LinkedIn, I genuinely cannot answer about whether or not there are government agencies on tiktok. Does anybody else know?

Matt put a link for a registry in the chat. U.S. digital registry. You can give that a look. Mary asks are the individual agency videos found on their sites also indexed in the GOP or LOC catalogs?

Know. The short answer is no. There might be some that are but as we all know, what is in the catalog of government publications is basically what GPO has been involved in. And what the agencies have shared with GPO. That means there is a lot of information from the Library of Congress and various agencies that are not necessarily catalogued using that list from USA.gov a-Z index of government agencies isn't easy way to learn some of the agencies and look at them if you're interested in see what information they have because one of the very frustrating things in working with government information and I have a feeling a lot of people will say that's right is that it's not all catalogued, collected and available in one place. Each agency can publish on its own. [Indiscernible] is a pretty good attempt to pull together that information but even then, not all government agencies are on that. The answer is unfortunately no. There is no easy way to get to everything that exists is. Whether it's print, audio or video.

Thank you. Only a few minutes, I have to end at 3:00. Carl says on science cinema I noticed a timestamp to the index the transcripts?

Not that I know of. The transcript is there with some of the videos but whether you can just find the transcript index I don't think so. I can't say that for sure though.

Are the videos on YouTube ad free?

Yes, if you're at the government agency site, as far as I know the videos I've watched and looked at our ad free.

Interesting. Can you put the satisfaction survey in the chat box?

What I actually found out doing this webinar is I have barely touched on the audio visual digital photographs, or resources that exist. Each of the places I've mentioned plus other agencies is actually worthy of its own webinar or even getting the agencies to come in and talk about what they have in the collections that are audio and visual as well as print.

Jane can you put your email address in the chat? Some is asking for that.

Absolutely.

Let me put in a plug for the national Gallery of Art. They run a great film for weeks. It starts on Wednesday and ends next Tuesday. I found out about it about a month ago. Hopefully it will continue pass to the pandemic. It's a great resource.

This is why we need more. I will put in a plug for more people doing webinars on what they have knowledge of. If you know the national Gallery of Art then think about putting together an Academy webinar. That is my plug.

Thank you. It looks like I need to close out. To where webinars for August and the next one is this Thursday entitled federal courts structured jurisdiction and research. Check our news and events calendars for upcoming events and you can find them all on our homepage. Please give that a look. I would like to think Jane one more time. Fantastic webinar as always. Jane will be back to do more webinars for us. She is a great presenter. We really appreciate all of the webinars. Thank you Ashley for the tech support today. Thank you audience. Come back to the Academy for more webinars and have a great rest of the day. Thank you. [Event Concluded]