

# Government Publications Training Topics

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## Tour of Dept. / Storage

### The Depository Programs (FDLP, Iowa, UN and EU)

- FDLP Desktop [http://www.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fdlp/](http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/)
- Depository programs from Iowa, UN and EU  
[http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/docslib/nonus\\_dep.html](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/docslib/nonus_dep.html)

## Classification Schemes

- Explanation of classification schemes
  - brief description of the SuDocs arrangement  
[http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/students/su\\_docs.html](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/students/su_docs.html)
- Swank and UN classification systems  
[http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/docslib/swank\\_undoc.html](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/docslib/swank_undoc.html)
- SuDocs tutorial online  
[http://www.lib.msu.edu/publ\\_ser/docs/student/Manual/quizes/sudocsbasics.html](http://www.lib.msu.edu/publ_ser/docs/student/Manual/quizes/sudocsbasics.html)
- SuDocs exercise <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/docslib/sudocex.htm>

## GP Reference Collection

- List favorites [http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/docslib/ref\\_favorite.html](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/docslib/ref_favorite.html)
  - [RAND Exercise](#)

## Statistical Sources

- [Training - Pt. 1](#), [Pt.2](#)
- Lexis-Nexis Statistical, print indexes, and companion microfiche collection
- Statistical Abstract of the U.S. (nuances)
- Statistical Abstracts of “country name” (National Statistical Compendiums)
- Topic-based compilations
- FedStats <http://www.fedstats.gov/>
- World Bank - Development Indicators and E-Library
- Eurostat <http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/>
- SourceOECD <http://www.sourceoecd.org/content/html/index.htm>

## Historic indexes

- [Poore \(1774-1881\), Ames \(1881-1893\), Checklist \(1789-1909\), Document Catalog \(1893-1940\), Monthly Catalog \(1895-present\)](#)
  - [Monthly Catalog Exercise](#) and [Answer Key](#)
- Guide to U.S. Government Publications (older print and online <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cgp/index.html>)
- [British Publications: Subject Catalogue and others](#)
- [Helen Stewart's Iowa State Publications checklist](#)

## Basic and Core Titles (federal)

- Basic Collection [http://www.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fdhp/coll-dev/basic-01.html](http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdhp/coll-dev/basic-01.html)
- Suggested Core Collection [http://www.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fdhp/coll-dev/index.html](http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdhp/coll-dev/index.html)

## State Resources

- Lexis-Nexis State Capital <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/stcapuni>
- List favorite Iowa resources

## Legislative Information (federal and state)

- Core Documents of U.S. Democracy <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/coredocs.html>
- The Legislative Process (House of Rep.) [http://www.house.gov/house/Tying\\_it\\_all.html](http://www.house.gov/house/Tying_it_all.html)
- GPO Access multiple database search <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/multidb.html>
- Thomas <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
- Lexis-Nexis Congressional <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp>
- Major Studies and Issue Briefs (index in GPrefer. Collection at Z1223 .Z7M22; GP software 675 for 1916 - 1998)
- Guide to Law Online (mega guide) <http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/uscong.html>

## Regulatory Information (federal and state)

- Federal Register (description and tutorial) [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/tutorial/about\\_tutorial.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/tutorial/about_tutorial.html)
- Code of Federal Regulations (description and database) <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>
- GPO Access, Lexis-Nexis Congressional (searching)
- Guide to Law Online (mega guide) <http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/uscong.html>

## Other Executive Resources

- GPO Access <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/executive.html>
- Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents  
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/wcomp/index.html>
- Public Papers of the Presidents <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/pubpapers/index.html>
- U.S. Government Manual <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/index.html>

## Judicial Sources

- Guide to Law Online (mega guide) <http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/uscong.html>

## Census

- Census Homepage <http://www.census.gov/>
- American Factfinder <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?lang=en>
- Census Holdings at University of Iowa <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/govpubs/census/censmatl.html>

## Foreign Affairs Resources ( U.S. resources)

- State Dept. Website <http://www.state.gov/>
- Major State Department Publications <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/rls/dos/221.htm>
- Foreign Relations of the U.S. (description - <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/> )
- FRUS (searchable database - <http://libtext-dev.library.wisc.edu/FRUS/> )
- Treaties in Force
- World News Connection <http://wnc.dialog.com/>

## Foreign Collections

- British Parliamentary Papers (department's most comprehensive collection)
- Parliamentary papers from other countries, including South Africa, Ireland, and Australia.
- Materials from India and Pakistan

## European Union

## United Nations Materials

- AccessUN

## Cartographic and Spatial Data

- Reference collection favorites

- Helpful Hints for the Paperless Librarian  
<http://magert.who.edu:8000/pubs/allen.html>
- Map Institute course description (Alice Hudson)  
<http://magert.who.edu:8000/udson.html>
- Map Librarianship: an Introduction by Mary Larsgaard

## Current Issues

See "Recommended Reading" at [http://www.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fdlp/pubs/reading.html](http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/reading.html) regarding:

- Print on Demand proposal
- Shared Repositories
- Collection of Last Resort
- Managing the Electronic FDLP Collection
- National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications
- Digitization of the Legacy Government Documents Collection
- GPO Reorganization

## Source Material:

Cheney, Debora. *The Complete Guide to Citing Government Information Resources: A manual for social science & business research*. 3rd ed. Bethesda, MD: Congressional Information Service, Inc., 2002. (Ref. Z 7164 .G7 .C48 2002)

Herman, Edward. *Locating United States Government Information: A guide to sources*. 2nd ed. Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 1997. (Ref. ZA 5005 .U6 H47 1997 & Supplement)

Hernon, Peter, et al. *United States Government Information: Policies and Sources*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2002. (Ref. ZA 5055 .U6 U55 2002)

Morehead, Joe. *Introduction to U.S. Public Documents*. 6th ed. Littleton, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1999. (Ref. ZA 5055 .U6 M67 1999)

Robinson, Judith Schiek. *Tapping the Government Grapevine: The user-friendly guide to U.S. government information sources*. 3rd ed. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1998. (Ref. ZA 5055 .U6 R63 1998)

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