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# **Value of Participating in the FDLP: How Depository Coordinators Can Effectively Convey This Message**

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# The Question:

- With all the government information now available via the internet, is it still beneficial for this library to remain part of the Federal Depository Library System?

# Some Comparative figures

June 1990-March 1991

Documents Received

- Paper - 5,637
- Microfiche - 2,148
- Maps - 1,326
- CDs and Floppy discs  
- 72

June 2001-March 2002

Documents Received

- Paper - 1,699
- Microfiche - 1,942
- Maps - 1,058
- Computer Disks - 159

# Percent Change

- Paper Down **70%**
- Microfiche Down **9%**
- Maps Down **2%**
- Disc UP **120%**

# Some Costs to Consider: reality checks

- Square Footage costs
  - Currently running for new construction approximately \$140.00 per Sq. Ft.
  - Growth Rate for the physical collection has slowed reducing need for new space
- Shelving & storage Costs

# Some Costs to Consider: reality checks

- Staffing Costs
  - 1/3 FTE Professional Staff, 1FTE Support Staff, 1 FTE Student Staff
  - Will fewer physical items mean this staffing level can be reduced?

# Some Costs to Consider: reality checks

- Office Supply Costs
- Printing Costs
- Cataloging Costs
- Computer Equipment Costs



# What are we still getting in tangible formats

- Essential Titles for Public Use in Paper Format
- Materials not available online
- Materials that are incomplete online
- Materials that are unreliable online
- Materials that serve special needs populations



# What are we still getting in tangible formats

- Materials whose electronic dissemination costs are larger than tangible distribution costs.
- Materials with legal requirements to distribute in tangible format.

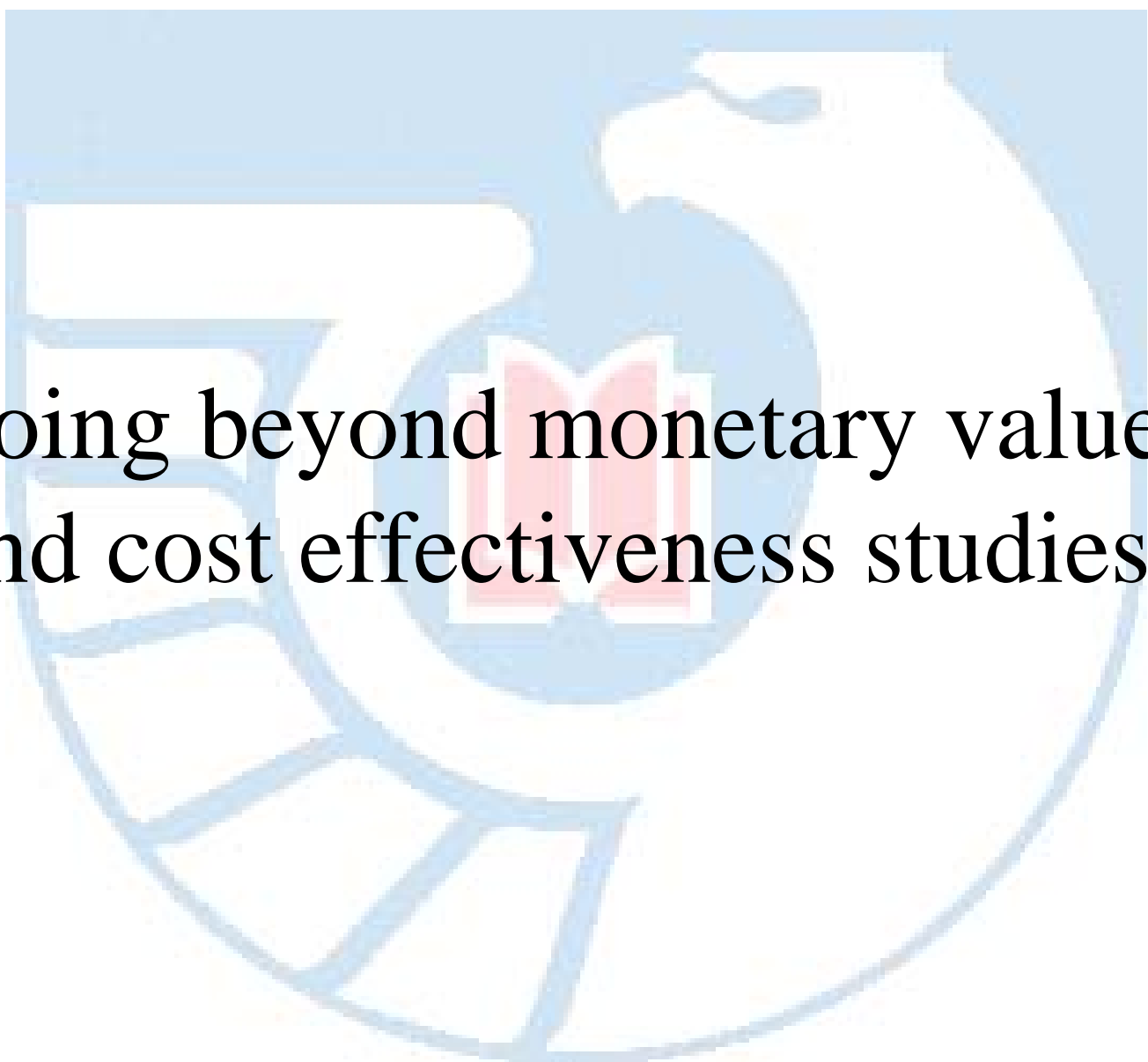
# Available Electronic Subscriptions

- StatUSA
- Environmental Health Perspectives



# \$ Value of Depository Collections

- Historical Collections
  - See Bibliography
- Current and future distributions in physical format and electronic subscriptions



Going beyond monetary value  
and cost effectiveness studies

# Conveying the message

- Basics
  - You must be convinced yourself - Know what you are selling and why
  - Be able to look at the big picture and establish a reputation for looking at the big picture
  - Choose your battles
    - Give when it is reasonable to give
    - Defend what is absolutely necessary

# Show the usefulness of the collection: both old and new

- When you provide help to either your primary users or community user go the extra distance.
- When possible give presentations at local civic organizations
  - Nothing works quite as well as having the University President's Rotary buddy wax lyrical the service given by the documents department

# Show the usefulness of the collection: both old and new -2

- Use your display spaces to good effect.
  - When possible display documents in the director's, provost's or president's area of interest
  - Include Documents in as many library displays as possible
    - identify them as documents
    - Use multiple formats if possible including web resources

# Depository requirement = benefits for library

- Minimum technical standards can insure that libraries have equipment not only adequate for depository operations but also for the changing demands of bibliographic and full text, graphic databases.
- Minimum e-competencies for depository staff can help insure all library staff have minimum skills to function in the current and future information environment.



# Brave New World

- Still designing a new government information paradigm
- Aftermath of 9/11 has provided shocks yet to be fully addressed to the access to federal information both now and in the future
  - Interior web site
  - Current review of Government information releases in both physical and electronic formats

# FDLP as advocate

- ARL Lawyers
- GPO
  - Questions the agencies on real necessity of withdrawing materials
  - Provides instructions, guidelines and procedures for handling withdrawing and sequestering material

# Future roles of GPO & the FDLP

- GPO Partnerships
- Electronic Initiatives
- Future developments yet unknown



# Community of Depository Librarians

- The FDLP has created a core of librarians nation wide with similar pressures, issues and concerns.
- These librarians have created a helpful & cooperative fellowship that provides intellectual, moral, and technical support to both depository and non-depository library communities.

# Leaving the FDLP

- Can no longer fulfill your obligations under the depository program
  - Lack of resources
  - Lack of expertise
- One among many depository libraries in the area
- Relatively new depository without significant historical collections
- **No longer an asset to the program**

