Think Like an Archivist: A New Paradigm for Government Information – Chat Log

Kelly Seifert -> All Participants: Don't forget the Conference Bingo https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/fall-conference-bingo-card-2022 with activities like completing the depository highlights field in the FDL Directory. Check out this video on how to update the field: https://vimeo.com/723334959

Logan Tapscott -> All Participants: Government documents are part of the regular library collection'

Janelle Breedveld -> All Participants: Its own independent department

Amy Laub-Carroll -> All Participants: part of special collections

Mary Yamanaka -> All Participants: part of Special Collections

JoAnna McCulley -> All Participants: Government documents are part of the regular library collection

Christopher Brown -> All Participants: Reference department

Bernadette Johnson -> All Participants: its own independent department

Joshua Lambert -> All Participants: Part of the Reference department

Hayley Johnson -> All Participants: Its own independent department

Brylynn Ellis -> All Participants: PArt of Technical Services

Scott Matheson -> All Participants: regular collection

Thomas Rohrig -> All Participants: part of Ref Dept

Taunya Pappenfus -> All Participants: Part of Reference

Libby McDaniel -> All Participants: part of regular collection

Lucy Duhon -> All Participants: part of the regular library collection

Lori Driver -> All Participants: It's own independent department

Gwen Sinclair -> All Participants: Independent dept.

Jennifer Castle -> All Participants: Part of the Reference department.

John Devine -> All Participants: Part of the Reference Department (with the collections separate)

Leslie Cunningham -> All Participants: part of the Technical Services Dept.

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: part of Special Collections

Becki White -> All Participants: government documents are part of the reference department

Sarah Hendy-Jackson -> All Participants: its own

Greg Curtis -> All Participants: part of Special Collections

Paul Nease -> All Participants: it's own indepenent department

Francis Norton -> All Participants: part of ref

Valerie Glenn -> All Participants: independent department

Nicole Merriman -> All Participants: part of reference

Elizabeth Sanders -> All Participants: Reference department

Amy Singer -> All Participants: part of Special collections

Jennifer Creevy -> All Participants: part of reference

Carolyn Ottoson -> All Participants: independent dept

Isobel Moody -> All Participants: Part of regular collection

Thomas Fischlschweiger -> All Participants: Part of Reference

Will Stringfellow -> All Participants: independent department

Kaitlyn Moody -> All Participants: its own department

David Isaak -> All Participants: In my old library, Gov Docs was part of the technical services dept.

Elizabeth Williams -> All Participants: regular collection

Amanda Ros -> All Participants: part of cataloging

Teri Taylor -> All Participants: part of special collections

Ella Shurr -> All Participants: part of Tech Services

John Elson -> All Participants: Part of the regular library collection.
Susanne Caro -> All Participants: It's own department
Andie Craley -> All Participants: Gov Docs part of regular library collection
Leigh Clark -> All Participants: part of Reference
Jessica Joseph -> All Participants: Part of Reference Dept
Phil Willke -> All Participants: Gov Docs it's own collection with the reference department
Sinai Wood -> All Participants: reference
Kerry Scott -> All Participants: other: part of learning, research dept
Brenda Hemmelman -> All Participants: Part of reference
Lisa Meyer -> All Participants: Part os of the General Collections Dept
Carl Olson -> All Participants: Ref Department
Beth Downing -> All Participants: independent department
Elisabeth Garner -> All Participants: Part of Special Collections
Karen Kohoutek -> All Participants: Independent department
Mark Rogen -> All Participants: part of regular library collection
Shabaun Flanagan -> All Participants: independent department
Kathy Wu -> All Participants: part of the reference dept
Michelle Kubiak -> All Participants: part of the regular library collection
Jesse Griffin -> All Participants: Unit is part of Tech Services, but items are in regular collection.
Sarah Enright -> All Participants: Reference department
Jenny Groome -> All Participants: Other - State Library - so Reference is gov't info
Matthew Arends -> All Participants: reference department
Toni Butler Click -> All Participants: Government Documents is part of Collection Management (Tech Services)
Elissa Lawrence -> All Participants: Reference
Ruth Dey -> All Participants: Part of technical services
Pat Barnett -> All Participants: Part of Reference Dept.
Matthew Henninger -> All Participants: Part of its own independent department
Vicki Tate -> All Participants: "its own independent department"
Blythe Webster -> All Participants: independent and interfiled in with the general collection. I am the TS cataloger and I take care of gov docs and serials
Trillian Hosticka -> All Participants: reference is probably the best fit
Michelle Donlin -> All Participants: Its own independent department
Robbie Sittel -> All Participants: public services/other
Jennifer McLean -> All Participants: part of library collection
Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: We are too small to have departments. Kinda reference, kinda special collections, kinda its own thing.
William Sudduth -> All Participants: independent department
Jennifer Hart -> All Participants: part of regualr library collection
Mary Ries -> All Participants: Part of Research and Education Division.
Martha Zimmerman -> All Participants: Its own independent department
J. Wendel Cox -> All Participants: Regular library collection.
Julieta Calderon -> All Participants: part of the regular library collection
Barbara Whalen -> All Participants: Reference
Mary Clark -> All Participants: tech services
Shari Laster -> All Participants: The government documents librarian is part of the liaisons team, while the collections and technical services are in the collections department
Jane Canfield -> All Participants: independent department woking closely with reference

Meagan Waldrip -> All Participants: reference
Jackie Magagnosc -> All Participants: Regular library collection (Tech services)
Debora Jarrell -> All Participants: Special Collections
Andrea Jaquez -> All Participants: it's own location
Jocelyn Baltz -> All Participants: special collections
Bruce Pencek -> All Participants: regular collection
Caroline Gilson -> All Participants: Half and half: independent and catalogued!
Jennifer Morgan -> All Participants: Its own department.
Monica Dorame -> All Participants: Its own independent department
Georgia Higley -> All Participants: Other: joint with serials collection
Kathy Wu -> All Participants: part of regular library collection
Susan Ditch -> All Participants: Part of reference dept.
ben amata -> All Participants: part of reference
Mary Sauers -> All Participants: Part of Information Services/Reference department
James Nickras -> All Participants: independent department
Kathleen HALE -> All Participants: indepenndent department but some are in Special
Lori Thornton -> All Participants: regular library collection
Janeen Bradley Pennell -> All Participants: It is an independent department
Timothy Woodard -> All Participants: Special Collections
John Olson -> All Participants: OTHER: collection within the regualr collection
Kristen Watson -> All Participants: Other: Independent Contractor for FDLP Web Archive
Margaret Sylvia -> All Participants: Independent department but connected to acquisitions
Misty Hopper -> All Participants: Other: It's own collection but managed by two departments
Mary Bangert -> All Participants: own dept
Bobby Griffith -> All Participants: Separate collection but not a separate department
Laura Saurs -> All Participants: Technical Services
Therese Luchsinger -> All Participants: part of the Reference Department
Bradley Seybold -> All Participants: Independent Department
Shawn Pierce -> All Participants: Part of the regular library collection.
James Jacobs -> All Participants: OTHER: we're part of the social sciences resource department (social sciences bibliographers) but also have our own processing/tech services staff to deal with the vagueries of gov docs
Andrea Stelljes -> All Participants: combined with business and science department
Rachel Coble -> All Participants: Just me in the reference department!
Yvonne Williams -> All Participants: Integrated within other collectiopns.
Jen Kirk -> All Participants: Thanks, everyone! I promise to count these. :)
Malea Walker -> All Participants: Current FDLP is in with serials, but older gov docs are part of the regular library collections.
Marija Gudauskas -> All Participants: part of a combined subject department/reference services.
Roberta Boyd -> All Participants: Mixed regular collection and Reference section. Small no separate departments.
Thomas Rohrig -> All Participants: Tech processing handled by Lib technical processing people
Jenny Groome -> All Participants: Reference is part of Gov't Info. State docs one collection, Federal another collection. They have own ref desk.
James Jacobs -> All Participants: our collectiions are separated within the library and we also have some collections in our special collections/rare books dept
Jenny Groome -> All Participants: Oh, and state documents are in State Archives
Cass Hartnett -> All Participants: We're part of "Government Publications, Maps, Microforms ~38amp;

Newspapers." Tech Services integrated into main TS; stacks maintenance is Circ.

  Ronnie Joiner -> All Participants: Our documents are in the Information Services division and are housed near our historical special collections.

  James Jacobs -> All Participants: thinking "archivally" and in terms of "curation" might fit better with born-digital govinfo

  Jenny Groome -> All Participants: We have a grant to go through colonial courts - index and highlight cases with people of color

  Jen Kirk -> All Participants: James, absolutely

  James Jacobs -> All Participants: however, when PEGI has sought to discuss govinfo w archivists, we have run into problems. Part of archives has traditionally been not to preserve *everything* but to only preserve those items which their institutions or depositing individuals think should be preserved.

  James Jacobs -> All Participants: I'm really glad you're having this conversation though. I've always felt that govinfo straddles the library and archives worlds

  Jenny Groome -> All Participants: https://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/archives/uncoveringnewhaven/main

  Allan Van Hoye -> All Participants: James this is also a converstation we have been having our archives.

  Allan Van Hoye -> All Participants: And the general ethics of how and what we collect in general

  Jenny Groome -> All Participants: When I worked in Selective libraries - "rare" documents were part of special collections. Otherwise, fed and state docs were separate collections. Before we got Marcive or GPO records, "hot documents" were added to LC collection.

  Jenny Groome -> All Participants: I'm now at a state library that has state document depository program and state archives. They are separate.

  Janelle Breedveld -> All Participants: @Jenny, our state library has the same structure.

  Sarah Erekson -> All Participants: @Colo - what are the other chapters?

  Sarah Erekson -> All Participants: Or what happeended to the other Social Sciences unit?

  James Jacobs -> All Participants: one other point on talking to archivists: NARA allows agencies to set their records schedules for what should be preserved. only @ 1-3% of agency "records" are preserved by NARA.

  Allan Van Hoye -> All Participants: @Sarah I can't remember all of them, but we have Research and Inovation, Admin, and orginzational Development.

  Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: @James If we recognize that preserving everything isn't happening yet, what might curation look like in the FDLP and/orGPO?

  Allan Van Hoye -> All Participants: @Sarah the rest of Social Sciences are in another team within Success and Engagment

  James Jacobs -> All Participants: @jenny yes it's true. agencies normally shedule their records primarily based on "due diligence" meaning they only keep most archival materials for as long as they legally need them.

  James Jacobs -> All Participants: Many agencies do not include their websites in their records schedules

  James Jacobs -> All Participants: @lisa that's a good question. It's clear to me at least that FDLP needs to expand the scope of the collection to overtly include agency materials published on their websites. And there needs to be a policy solution where OMB and DoJ write regulations for agencies which include curation/preservation

  Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: @James, thank you. It is good for those of us who are thinking about the program from different perspectives to hear what others are thinking about some of these enormous issues.

  James Jacobs -> All Participants: the collaboartive collection development approach is really interesting for born digital materials. Similar to the paper era where you had a librarian "selecting" material and acquisitions processing, in born-digital you need some to find/select materials and perhaps others to

work on "collecting" (whether that's web archiving or depositing) and digital preservation.

Laura Baker -> All Participants: Not having to justify why something is valuable ... Yes!

James Jacobs -> All Participants: +1 Kate!

Malea Walker -> All Participants: Pods, squads, chapters, guilds...I'm learning so many new names for library departments!

James Jacobs -> All Participants: btw I'm loving your "chapters" and "guilds" nomenclature. It sounds so pre-industrial :-)

Janelle Breedveld -> All Participants: @Kate amazing :)

James Jacobs -> All Participants: the font on this chat is small so I at first thought you typed "GOD" POD

James Jacobs -> All Participants: which is kinda appropriate IMHO

Janelle Breedveld -> All Participants: I've co-presented with colleagues at our state archives, but we always focus on the separate resources in our different divisions. I love the idea of collaborating to use gov docs as a way to provide context for one of their archival collections so that the outreach is more focused on storytelling.

James Jacobs -> All Participants: @jenny that's an interesting distinction between archives and libraries

Vicki Tate -> All Participants: Point of clarification requested--For those libraries that have government information as part of "Archives" department, is the gov docs collection essentially historical-only in nature and there are no current/recent materials?

Brylynn Ellis -> All Participants: I am only one person in my gov docs area. How did you go about getting all of your gov docs cataloged. Most of my materials are before 1990 and most items before that were not cataloged.

Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: The Ice Atlas is super cool. https://research.mysticseaport.org/item/l0999014/#4

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: We are not fully cataloged (yet). We have just prioritized it. It will still take many many many years

Brylynn Ellis -> All Participants: A lot of OCLC eporting when you could? Creating your own records?

Toni Butler Click -> All Participants: I work with Susan Martin! Thanks for the shout out.

Andie Craley -> All Participants: CRDP is s lifesaver for us with cataloging Gov Docs :)

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: But, we have developed efficient workflows. Happy to talk more offline

Brylynn Ellis -> All Participants: What is CRDP?

Scott Matheson -> All Participants: Catalog Record Distribution Program

Kate Pitcher -> All Participants: CRDP is the Cataloging and Record Distribution Program

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: It is a program from Marcive and FDLP, Kelly can you share a link?

Brylynn Ellis -> All Participants: Thank you!

Valerie Glenn -> All Participants: https://www.fdlp.gov/cataloging-and-classification/cataloging-record-distribution-program

Allan Van Hoye -> All Participants: I would never claim that lol

Kate Pitcher -> All Participants: https://www.fdlp.gov/cataloging-and-classification/cataloging-record-distribution-program

Brylynn Ellis -> All Participants: Thank you!

Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: Thank you for talking about that personal/professional part of this, Kate.

Kate Pitcher -> All Participants: @Brylynn - The Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP) provides GPO produced catalog records to participating Federal depository libraries at no cost to the libraries.

Scott Matheson -> All Participants: @Brylynn - and the records sent are based automatically on your Selection Profile.

Lucy Duhon -> All Participants: We use CRDP - you can tailor it to what materials and timeframes you

want to focus on. You can reject records item by item if they don't fit your needs.

Brylynn Ellis -> All Participants: Thank you Scott! I bet this'll help me catalog much of the collection we have!

Abby Freimuth -> All Participants: @Jenny no worries!

Brylynn Ellis -> All Participants: I am not on GovDoc-L

Vicki Tate -> All Participants: For GOVDOC-L info see: http://govdoc-l.org/

Janelle Breedveld -> All Participants: Do you feel that the historical government documents are seen as more important or more valuable in your new Special Collections structures than the new government documents?

Elisabeth Garner -> All Participants: Our Gov Docs department is now housed under the "Center for Southeast North Carolina Archives and History;" I'm now part of this department along with our Special Collections and Archives.

Janelle Breedveld -> All Participants: Really interesting, thanks for sharing all of this.

Elisabeth Garner -> All Participants: We're moving into a newly constructed expansion of our library in about 2 years. We are having to deselect about 90% of our print collection becauseof this.

Laura Baker -> All Participants: If you moved back to a separate gov. department, do you think you would retain the value and awareness you've gained?

Lucy Duhon -> All Participants: We have cataloged and moved (very selectively) certain historical documents to compact storage. I would like us to select, catalog and retain more of these!

Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: We are able to accept items from "needs and offers" lists because of our special collections archives and its emphasis on local and state gov docs.

Jennifer Lindley -> All Participants: I'd also like to remind folks that if you have resources that aren't in the CGP, you can report them to us via askGPO: https://ask.gpo.gov/s/article/To-whom-should-I-report-a-government-publication-that-is-not-in-the-Catalog-of-U-S-Government-Publications-CGP-and-was-not-distributed-through-the-Federal-Depository-Library-Program-FDLP

James Jacobs -> All Participants: I believe UMich actually went another route and (re)created a separate unit/library including govinfo maps and data. Is Katherine Morse on this chat? I'd love to hear about discussions of recreating a separate govinfo library

Cass Hartnett -> All Participants: To all: do you hear your colleagues talking about vulnerable periods of history re: preservation ... brittle paper from WWII years, dawn of personal computing, mid-1980s-1990s (printouts on sprocket-fed paper!) etc. Are y'all coalescing on themes like these?

Shari Laster -> All Participants: My department now includes reading room services, special collections curation (except archives), digital collections, preservation/reformatting, and gov docs technical services (except depository coordinator)... lots of collaborative possibilities once we fill some more positions!

Jennifer Lindley -> All Participants: (but if you have a lot of materials in this category, you might want to reach out to us first)

Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: We have documents that are 100 years older than our 1984 FDL designation might suggest.

Valerie Glenn -> All Participants: Are you co-located in the same building, or do you also need to cover a physical distance?

Yvonne Williams -> All Participants: We have older documents as well located in our closed stacks area.

James Jacobs -> All Participants: Thanks Jen! I completely understand about the need to focus on documents on shelves and that kind of preservation. However, I'd like to note that even brittle paper is in less danger than born-digital documents which sometimes disappear in the blink of an eye without anyone having curated/collected/presreved them

Elisabeth Garner -> All Participants: We now have a Reference librarian as the "Center's" first point of contact, with a centralized email address to our new department. We try to incorporate gov docs in

instruction, across all genres of academic departments across campus.

Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: Thank you all so much! This was very interesting and full of good ideas.

Kristina Bobe -> All Participants: great presentation!

Bobby Griffith -> All Participants: Thank you all!

Bernadette Johnson -> All Participants: Thank you!

Leslie Cunningham -> All Participants: Interesting session -- very well done.

Valerie Glenn -> All Participants: Thank you! What a great session.

Cass Hartnett -> All Participants: +1 james -- although I love talking about the old tangibles

Susanne Caro -> All Participants: Thank you! This was really interesting!

James Jacobs -> All Participants: thanks everyone for the discussion. definitely interesting and thought provoking

Shari Laster -> All Participants: This has been so helpful! Thank you for sharing your experiences

Janelle Breedveld -> All Participants: Great session, thank you all

Cindy Etkin -> All Participants: Very interesting program!

Laura Baker -> All Participants: Thank you!

Carolyn Ottoson -> All Participants: Thank you!

Sarah Dobransky -> All Participants: Thank you@

Sarah Dobransky -> All Participants: !

Cass Hartnett -> All Participants: Great session -- very frank and forthright

Kate Pitcher -> All Participants: Great session!! thank you!

Christopher Brown -> All Participants: Thanks, Kate, Allan, and Jenn

Jocelyn Baltz -> All Participants: thank you all, this was very interesting!

Marcia Caudell -> All Participants: thank you!

Barbara Darrow -> All Participants: Thank you so much!

Yvonne Williams -> All Participants: Great Information. thanks

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: James, definitely. My institution has systems to handle brittle paper, though. :) Born-digital will take some work and attention.

Roberta Boyd -> All Participants: Thank you so much! I think my director is trying to get out of the govcdoc business.

Aimee Quinn -> All Participants: Apologies for that.

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: I'm going w/this one, in part because I want to see civics scaled up to the collegiate and graduate/professional level, and also I'd rather watch the other on-demand and using a video accelerator.