Unveiling a Hidden Collection

THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FDLP INVENTORY PRESENTED BY JACOB SCHMOTZER AND NATE BURNARD

What we'll discuss

- Who we are as an institution
- •The size and scope of the inventory
- •The inventory process, including weeding and cataloging
- Preservation efforts
- •Why this project is important on both a local and national level



About us

•Jacob Schmotzer – Senior librarian, government documents; FDLP coordinator



•Nate Burnard – Manager, Main Branch



About ACPL

- •14 branches
- •Collection size: 3.4 millions items
- •Serves 365,000+ Allen County Residents
- Home to largest public genealogy collection in USA

History as a Federal Depository

- •1896 began as regional depository
- •1976 became selective depository
- •2003-2007 Main branch renovated, bulk of collection stored offsite
- •2019-2020 Collection shelf-read and interfiled
- •2020 Inventory and weeding began
- •2021 Cataloging efforts begin

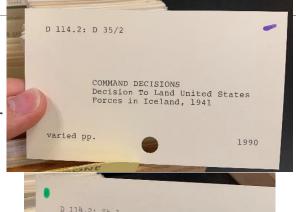
Scope of the Inventory

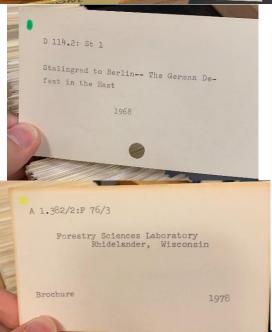


- One card catalog
- •177 drawers
- •800,000-1 million documents
- Very little cataloged online
- System-wide project: librarians, catalogers, MSS specialists, preservation experts

The Inventory Process

- One drawer at a time
- MSS marks cards and tips items
 - Purple published in 1976 or later, eligible for discard
 - Green published before 1976, ineligible for discard
 - Yellow item missing, cards kept
- "Purple" items are tipped on shelf
- Oversize items given pink tag in shelf
- •Items without cards pulled and added to running list (1,831 items to date)
- MSS has inventoried 23 drawers







Meat & Poultry Inspection: A Capsule Summary	A 101.2: M46
School Partnership Program: Peace Corps	AA 4.2: S2
International Negotiations on the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear	
Weapons	AC 1.2: N88/3
Documents on Disarmament, 1962 (vols. I & II)	AC 1.11/2: 962/v.1 & 2
Documents on Disarmament, 1980	AC 1.11/2: 980
Documents on Disarmament, 1981	AC 1.11/2: 981
Documents on Disarmament, 1982	AC 1.11/2: 982
World Military Expenditures, 1966-67	AC 1.15: 68-52
Federal Participation Alaska Purchase Centennial Celebration 1967	C 1.2: Al1/3
Services Available to the Chemical Industry Through the United States	
Department of Commerce	C 1.2: C42
Unemployment: Industry Seeks a Solution	C 1.2: Em3
Organization to Promote Employment in the State of Ohio, 1929 and 1930	C 1.2: Em7
Services Available to the Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Industries Through	
the United States Department of Commerce	C 1.2: M66
Opinions of the Solicitor for the Department of Commerce and Labor Dealing	
With Workmen's Compensation	C 1.2: Op3

A BIG "Thank you" to MSS



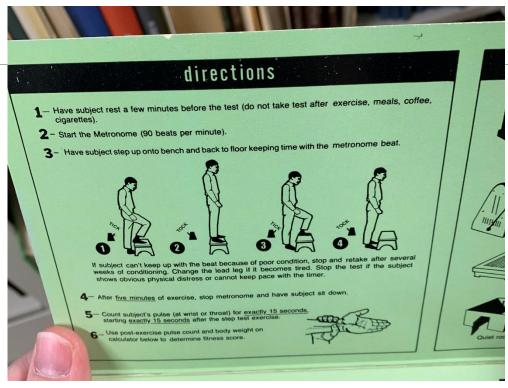
Left to right: Shae, Kristen, Kate, Sarah, Andy, Matt, Estela, and Gabby

Weeding

- Takes place after MSS finishes drawer
- Librarian assesses tipped materials for retention or deaccession
- Deaccessioned materials and cards recycled
- Librarian notes any preservation concerns
- •Goal of weeding is to highlight the historic nature and scope of the collection
- Shelf space needed
- •Quick stats: 19 drawers weeded; 754,000 microfiche cards weeded; 1,404 CDs; 23,818 print materials



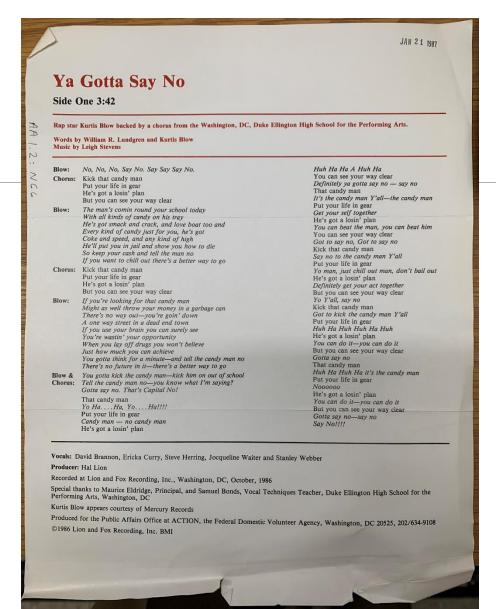
A drawer ready to be weeded



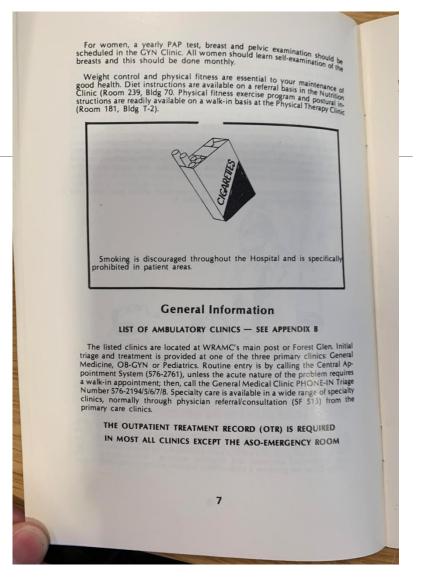
Health pamphlet published by the Commerce Department, 1980s



Pamphlet advertising VHS published by the National AudioVisual Center



Anti-drug rap produced for the Public Affairs Office at ACTION



Informational pamphlet from Walter Reed Hospital, 1970s

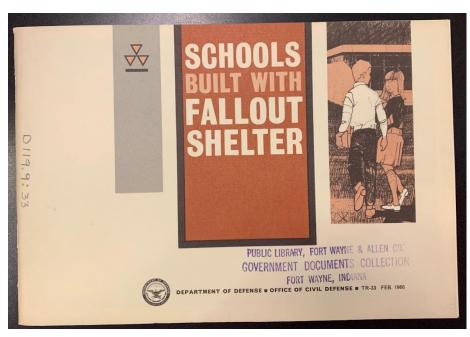


Cataloging Efforts

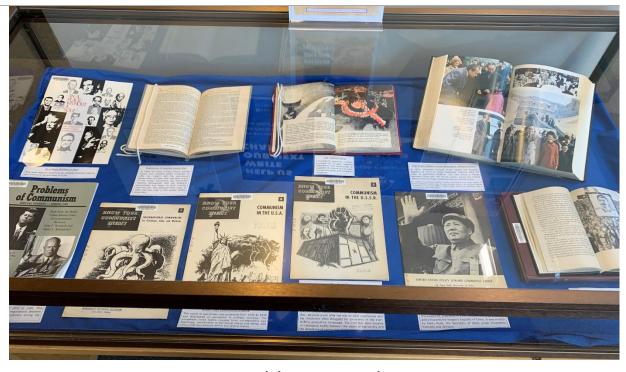
- Roughly 10% cataloged before inventory, now at 15%
- Technical Services Staff (TSS) catalogs items left after weeding
- Mostly copy cataloging, some original
- Fixing call numbers (ARGH!)
- Catalogers include links to electronic versions when possible
 - 813 items so far without e-versions
- Links added to already cataloged materials
- FDLP subject heading

Subject	World War, 1939-1945; Personal narratives FDLP Eccles, Henry E. (Henry Effingham), 1898-1986; Correspondence Eccles, Isabel, 1901-1990; Correspondence Eccles, Henry E. (Henry Effingham), 1898-1986; Diaries United States.; Navy; Officers; Correspondence United States.; Navy; Officers; Diaries United States.; Navy; History; World War, 1939-1945; Sources
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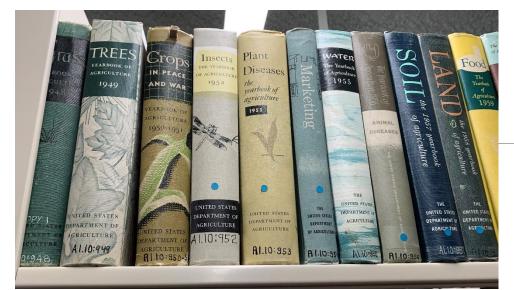
Interesting, historic finds



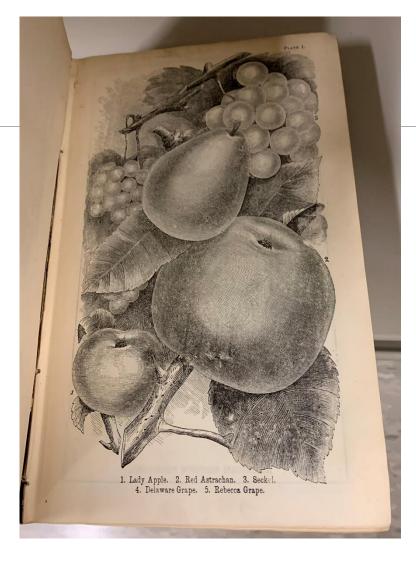
Department of Defense, 1966



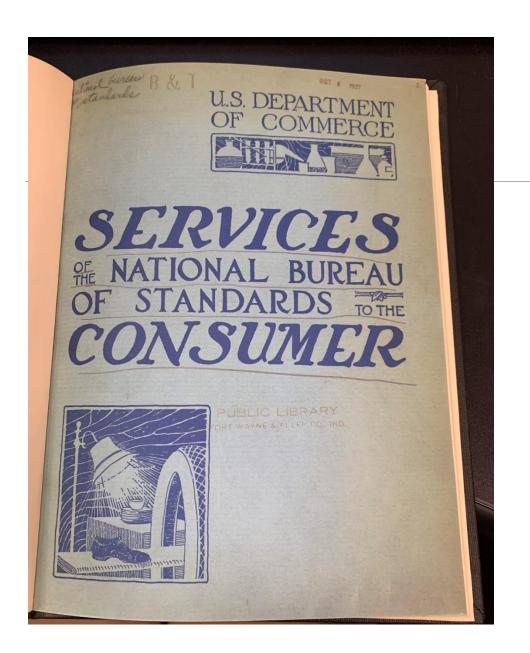
Cold War Display

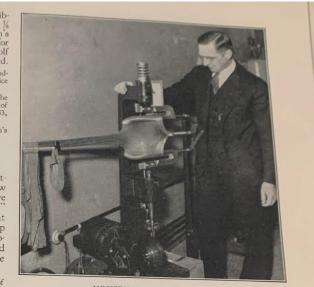






Department of Agriculture Yearbooks





HOSIERY TESTING MACHINE.

This machine shows the behavior of the upper part of a woman's full-fashioned stocking when it is repeatedly distended and allowed to contract. It simulates the forces acting in the vicinity of the knee and garter clasps when a stocking is being worm. It alternately pulls the stocking crosswise and lengthwise, just as if a lady were wearing it. After a few pulls, a poor stocking will show runs and lose its shape. A good stocking will withstand many pulls.



SHOE TESTING MACHINE

This walking machine in a laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards is testing sample shoes. As the spokes of the wheel turn, a shoe presses and rubs against the moving belt linings, stitches, and heels of the shoe just as if a person were wearing it. Within a short time, a shoe has walked many miles on this machine,



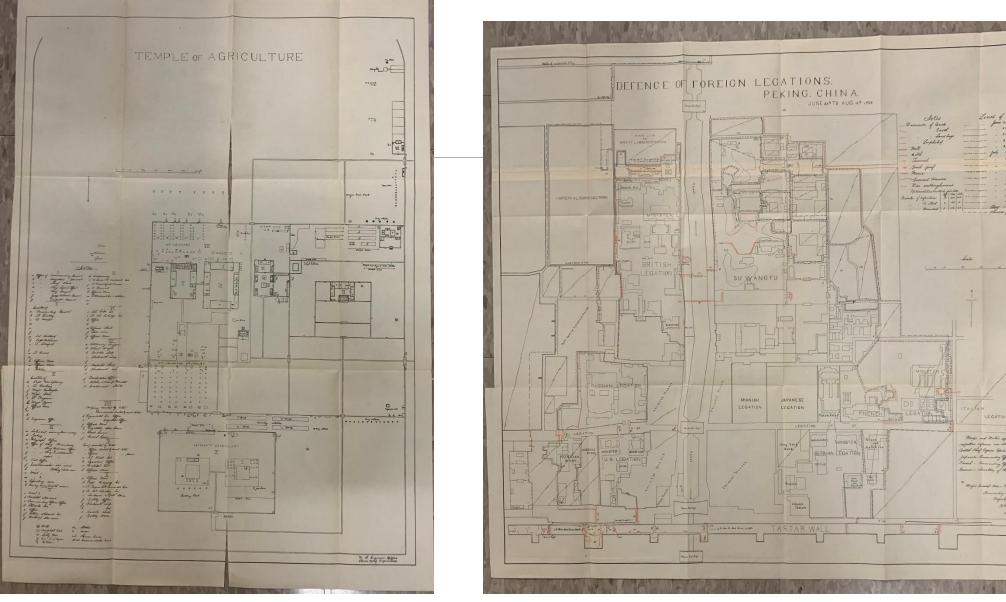
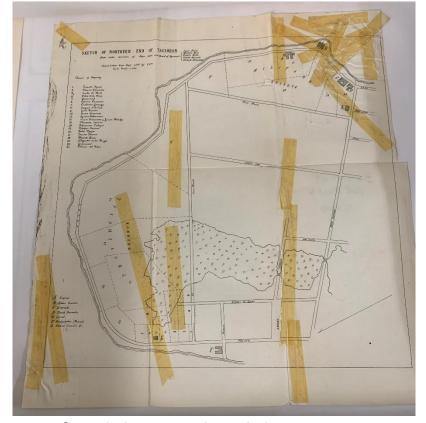


Diagram and map from Boxer Rebellion

Preservation and Conservations Efforts

- Running list kept of materials requiring attention
- Linking reduces need to handle paper materials
- Rebinding books, flattening maps, etc.
- Assisted by Genealogy Materials Handling Unit (GMHU)



Map of Tacloban, in the Philippines, c. 1900s

Digitization Efforts

- •Running list of materials not available online, for future digitization
- Infrastructure in place at ACPL
- Family Search volunteers and GEN
- Internet Archive

Why this project is important

- •Give ACPL an accurate count of our holdings
- Discard materials that "weigh down" our collection
- Preserve our holdings
- Rediscover "lost" or forgotten materials
- Reorganize the collection
- ACPL's catalog can supplement GPO's
- Make collection discoverable online, worldwide
- Grant access to online materials and digitize unavailable materials
- Make a once-invisible collection visible and accessible
- Inspire other libraries

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