

Becoming a Gov. Doc. Librarian: What I've Learned and How I Learned It – Chat Log

from Marcos Corona to everyone: 4:12 PM

As I am less than 90 days into my FDLP coordinator journey, I am super excited for this one!

from Jennifer Morgan to everyone: 4:17 PM

I'm excited for Brylynn's presentation as well, Marcos. She is a super enthusiastic gov docs librarian.

from Helen Keremedjiev to everyone: 4:46 PM

If have any questions, please add them into the chat and send them to "Everyone."

from Helen Keremedjiev to everyone: 4:46 PM

Also, don't forget the Conference Bingo <https://fdlp.gov/file-download/download/public/25656>

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 4:50 PM

"Communing" with one's physical collection is just so important! They all have their own personalities.

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 4:50 PM

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from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 4:51 PM

RIP to the PPP.

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 4:56 PM

GODORT voting toolkit <https://godort.libguides.com/votingtoolkit>

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 4:57 PM

thank you Susanne!

from Mary Ellen Lomax-Bellare to everyone: 4:57 PM

thank youm, i am sorry that i have to leave the session early.

from Helen Keremedjiev to everyone: 4:57 PM

<https://fdlp.gov/about/fdlp-academy>

from Helen Keremedjiev to everyone: 4:58 PM

<https://fdlp.gov/training>

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 4:59 PM

awesome!!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:02 PM

I asked SO many questions my first six months as a coordinator! AskGPO was(is) amazing at fielding the ones I asked of them, as were all my other gov info colleagues.

from Helen Keremedjiev to everyone: 5:02 PM

<https://ask.gpo.gov/s/>

from Helen Keremedjiev to everyone: 5:05 PM

If you have questions or comments for our speaker, please add them into the chat and send them to "Everyone."

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 5:07 PM

How do you or your library advertise your libguide or highlights within your libguide?

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 5:08 PM

How are you dealing with the digital transition, so many government documents are primarily online moving forward

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:09 PM

I do, @Marcos! <https://pressbooks.oer.hawaii.edu/govinfo2ed/> I'd start w/Gwen Sinclair's OER book.

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 5:10 PM

What would have been helpful when you started that wasn't available at the time?

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:11 PM

For me, in-person meetings! Thanks, COVID...

from Danielle Gensch to everyone: 5:11 PM

Do you have academic departments you liaise with? If not, how do you connect with faculty and students? (I am academic and don't have a department, and I am curious how others deal with that!)

from Kathryn Bayer to everyone: 5:12 PM

I can't help sharing that when I was a new coordinator (yay!), I frequently referenced online resources created by gov docs librarians for other librarians. Because the content was so incredibly helpful to me, this type of info is now in the Beyond FDLP.gov FDLP Resource Guide:

<https://libguides.fdlp.gov/c.php?g=1034274> This includes a page of textbooks. I always had my textbooks handy.

from Brianna King to everyone: 5:12 PM

FDLP eXchange is helpful to add to your collection now that print is limited. I also use ASERL.

from Sarah Dobransky to everyone: 5:12 PM

This is perfect! We have a new gov librarian starting in Nov. and I'll be sharing this plus the chat suggestions.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:13 PM

I also got a lot out of the older book, Government Documents Librarianship; A Guide for the Neo-Depository Era by Lisa Ennis.

from Kaylee Kern to everyone: 5:13 PM

Did the LibGuide at Indiana State already exist when you started working there, or did you have to build it up yourself? I am not aware of my library having one, and it seems like it would be intimidating to create.

from Marcos Corona to everyone: 5:14 PM
@Charlie brilliant! thank you!

from Jessica Fomalont to everyone: 5:14 PM
As a technical services librarian cataloging behind the scenes at the GPO, I so greatly appreciated the presentations from Brylynn, Sarah Dobransky, and Emily Alford. All three of you do a great job learning about government info in a variety of subjects and informing your patrons!

from Sarah Dobransky to everyone: 5:15 PM
@Jessica <3

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 5:15 PM
Great question Jessica!!

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 5:16 PM
Sorry I meant Kaylee (the chat move while I was typing haha)

from Morgan Mangold to everyone: 5:16 PM
@Jessica - what presentation was that? If you don't mind sharing!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 5:17 PM
Kaylee- you can barrow from other guides! Find some that have what you would like and copy them (ask first).

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:18 PM
Fiesty. So polite!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:18 PM
If you haven't smashed your fingers on the collection, you don't know it.

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 5:19 PM
YES UFOs

from Sarah Dobransky to everyone: 5:19 PM
UFO - the Blue Book!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 5:19 PM
If you haven't shifted the collection at least once... you are very lucky!

from Katherine Marshall to everyone: 5:19 PM
Do you ever revise your annual heritage month displays based on circulation stats of items from the display?

from Kaylee Kern to everyone: 5:19 PM
@Susanne, thank you, that is fantastic information to have!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:19 PM

I bet there's some NPS stuff on Bigfoot...

from Sarah Dobransky to everyone: 5:19 PM
<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/air-force/ufos>

from Bobby Griffith to everyone: 5:19 PM
What's something you discovered in your collection and was surprised it was a government document?

from Gina Long to everyone: 5:20 PM
The Roswell Report is also a gov doc

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 5:20 PM
I haven't found anything on Bigfoot with the NPS, but there is an FBI file.

from Marcos Corona to everyone: 5:20 PM
How much do you use FDLP eXchange? Do you try and collect a certain document? Do you have a favorite gov doc? I love the PPP.

from Sarah Dobransky to everyone: 5:21 PM
The CIA museum is also fun. Birds really were cameras!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:21 PM
@Bobby: Nothing surprises me at it being a government document. I'm more surprised when I can't find a government document on a topic. I was taught my first day of gov info class that Smokey and Gruff were govdocs, and from there on...

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 5:21 PM
That is a fun question haha

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:21 PM
Thanks, to Cass Hartnett for being the best prof!

from Sarah Dobransky to everyone: 5:23 PM
Spoken like a true librarian - they're all our babies!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:23 PM
My favorite is the FAA meme from early COVID, about buying a truck.

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 5:23 PM
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from Emily Reeb to everyone: 5:24 PM
Love the bark-ranger program!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:25 PM
<https://x.com/FAANews/status/1420021358097047556>

from Carolyn Frenger to everyone: 5:25 PM

Hi, Brylynn! I'm a Library Technician here at the Department of the Interior Library. So glad you have a great impression of us!

from Sarah Dobransky to everyone: 5:25 PM
@Charlie - check out the TSA instagram page.

from Jennifer Morgan to everyone: 5:25 PM
As a new coordinator, what has been your relationship with your regional?

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:26 PM
@Sarah, I followed it very closely at the time!

from Jennifer Morgan to everyone: 5:26 PM
Brent is so chill.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:27 PM
I'd find a mentor!

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 5:27 PM
This presentation has been so helpful!!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 5:27 PM
Thank you!

from Jennifer Morgan to everyone: 5:27 PM
Great job, Brylynn!

from Amy Ruhe to everyone: 5:27 PM
Thank you this was great!!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:27 PM
Just start bugging someone whose work you like.

from Sarah Dobransky to everyone: 5:27 PM
Thank you Brylynn!

from Carolyn Frenger to everyone: 5:27 PM
Thank you, Brylynn! Great presentation! So helpful and inspiring!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 5:27 PM
Tomorrow there is a Snack on mentors!

from Emily Reeb to everyone: 5:27 PM
Thank you!

from Kathryn Bayer to everyone: 5:27 PM
Brylynn, thanks so much! I love your enthusiasm!

from Joshua Olsen to everyone: 5:27 PM
Thanks!

from Danielle Gensch to everyone: 5:27 PM
Thanks for the presentation and for answering my question

from Kaylee Kern to everyone: 5:28 PM
Thank you so much!

from Lee Ann Fullington to everyone: 5:28 PM
Thanks Brylynn! I'm about to take on gov docs in addition to my health sciences areas when our gov docs librarian retires so this is all very encouraging!

from Monica Dorame to everyone: 5:28 PM
Thank you

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 5:28 PM
Thank you!

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 5:28 PM
Thank you so much for your enlightening presentation!