

Virtual Snacks with Council: Ask a Mentor- Chat Log

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:00 PM
Welcome!

from David Isaak to everyone: 12:02 PM
Please remember to post your completed bingo cards using the hashtag
FDLConference and tag @USGPO. We still have 2 more bingo prizes up for grabs!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:02 PM
Oh no, polls...

from David Isaak to everyone: 12:02 PM
Conference Bingo <https://fdlp.gov/file-download/download/public/25656>

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:03 PM
All of them! I've found video chatting to be the most convenient and wide-
reaching though.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:05 PM
I couldn't take the poll and also was worried I'd break it!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:06 PM
Yes, just follow someone around at a conference that you like! Not in a creepy
way. But you can learn a lot by making those connections!

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:07 PM
Several folks have reached out to me via email, and we've been able to have some
good informal exchanges that way. I think more long-term relationships would
benefit from live conversations, though.

from Susan Ashby to everyone: 12:07 PM
Funding for travel may be an issue at libraries. :(

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:08 PM

I used to stalk Gwen and Bill at Conferences. Very lucky to have had Barbie Selby as my regional when I started here.

from Aaron Wilson to everyone: 12:09 PM

There is something that in-person conference create a greater sense of community, espically for those work in our unique area of focus.

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:10 PM

it is grabbing breaks and meals together at face-to-face that builds those additional connections.

from Aaron Wilson to everyone: 12:10 PM

+1 Rich

from Lawrence Mello to everyone: 12:10 PM

+Aaron. +Rich

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:10 PM

That Whole Foods was a great spot for lunch.

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:11 PM

Pentagon City mall - walk through the parking garage to get to the Pentagon Row restaurants - Irish, Indian, etc.

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:11 PM

Has anyone contacted a presenter after their presentation?

from James Jacobs to everyone: 12:12 PM

I miss commonwealth Joe's coffee!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:12 PM

@Susanne, I have but now can't remember who!

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:12 PM

Viginia does a post Conference get together and a get together in the summer to connect

from Susan Ashby to everyone: 12:13 PM

I haven't yet, but I have a list of presenters from this conference to contact

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:13 PM

Emails are a very low-risk/low-investment way to start a connection for those who struggle with connecting or in-person socializing.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:13 PM

Also LinkedIn connections!

from Douglas Lord to everyone: 12:13 PM

Experienced people - what is a good starting place/class for learning Gov Dox 101 type information? A what-is-it-and-how-does-it-work type resource.

from Michelle Colquitt to everyone: 12:14 PM

I need some help with cataloging. I have moved a collection, so anyone who wants tot talk about this, please feel free to email (mcolqui@clemson.edu).

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:14 PM

<https://pressbooks.oer.hawaii.edu/govinfo2ed/>

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:14 PM

Gwen's textbook.

from Michelle Colquitt to everyone: 12:14 PM

I will also cheerlead for anyone, too!

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:14 PM

the simple act of face-to-face coffee or meals breaks down a barrier that makes individuals feel more comfortable later reaching out virtually with questions

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:14 PM

Intro for New Coordinators & Staff from GPO > <https://fdlp.gov/introduction-for-new-coordinators-and-staff>

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:15 PM

+1 Michelle on cheerleading

from Kathryn Bayer to everyone: 12:15 PM

More textbooks: <https://libguides.fdlp.gov/beyond-fdlpgov/textbooks>. Also checking out other library web pages can be quite helpful.

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:15 PM

I've got lots of experience with moving collections and weeding

from Aaron Wilson to everyone: 12:15 PM

<https://www.ala.org/godort/HelpWebinars> - For Douglas

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:16 PM

I can't find the title of the book I recommended in one of yesterday's sessions...

from Douglas Lord to everyone: 12:16 PM

Thank you to all!

from Susan Ashby to everyone: 12:16 PM

@Rich You're already on my list :)

from Laura Gricius-West to everyone: 12:17 PM

I need help with weeding and def need help with eXchange

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:17 PM

Oh! Reading through the GovDoc-L archives!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:17 PM

If you're not on that, you should be! I will pull a link.

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:17 PM

Chris Brown's Mastering United States Government Information: Sources and Services

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:17 PM

<https://govdoc-l.org/>

to susanne Caro (privately): 12:17 PM

Would you like me to go ahead and launch the poll for this slide?

from Jen Kirk to everyone: 12:18 PM

Happy to chat with folks about a variety of issues including cataloging (particularly Congressional Hearings), weeding, and being a regional coordinator. I'm always looking to learn more from folks too! Mentorship is a two-way street.

jen.kirk@usu.edu

from Laura Gricius-West to everyone: 12:18 PM

overwhelming is an understatement

from susanne Caro (privately): 12:18 PM

No, I think people are posting in the chat. :)

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:18 PM

I'll second Jen! profamiot@gmail.com

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:18 PM

I don't guarantee response times, but I'll do my best to respond!

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:19 PM

(Self promotion) Government Information Essentials

from Aaron Wilson to everyone: 12:19 PM

Ditto to Jen (awilso26@umd.edu)

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:20 PM

And for anyone not in previous sessions, don't forget professional organizations. ALA's GODORT and for law librarians, AALL's GD-SIS.

from Aaron Wilson to everyone: 12:20 PM

yes UMD

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:21 PM

Special Interest Section!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:21 PM

And if I'm not mistaken, GODORT has events you can attend w/o being a member.

from Laura Gricius-West to everyone: 12:22 PM

I wonder if there are mentors who can help with What NOT To Do

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:22 PM

Displays, publishing Susanne.caro@dca.nm.gov

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:22 PM

Happy to chat with anyone about anything. If I can't help with a particular question/issue, I can probably connect you with someone who can!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:22 PM

@Laura YES!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:23 PM

My list of what not to do is longer than the to do list and both are valuable to learn from!

from Kristina Claunch to everyone: 12:23 PM

Can we get a list compiled of all those who are willing to be mentors? I am someone needing a mentor I can email with questions from time to time.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:23 PM

I believe that AskGPO sometimes can recommend someone from your area or interests to connect you with.

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:23 PM

Rich Gause - UCF - 26 yrs experience in govdocs with lots to offer - tech side and public services side

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:25 PM

I've often searched through past FDLP conference programs to look at presentations on topics to identify individuals with specific knowledge

from Priya Subramanian to everyone: 12:25 PM

+1Kristina

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:25 PM
+1 Rich

from Lawrence Mello to everyone: 12:26 PM
+Rich

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:26 PM
Federal Depository Directory <https://ask.gpo.gov/s/FDLD>

from Sarah Erekson to everyone: 12:27 PM
Sarah Erekson - historical collections, getting involved in the profession and changing jobs/institutions within the FDLP

from Lawrence Mello to everyone: 12:27 PM
I from usually once or twice a month look at other FDLP library pages to see how others are showcasing their collection or presenting their web presense. I find I get some good ideas.

from Kathryn Bayer to everyone: 12:28 PM
For background, there has been a Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP) Buddies program. Every year, about 25 super helpful folks at CRDP libraries offered to provide assistance to others in the program. This is going away (sigh), but I wanted to share it was extremely successful and I am so grateful to all the expertise and helpfulness of those who volunteered over the past several years.

from Lawrence Mello to everyone: 12:28 PM
I know it helped me revamp my webpages this past year. Also, I have started a Gov Docs Blog to promote the collection.

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:28 PM
I'd also suggest posting to govdoc-l if you have a specific need or are trying to identify who has specific knowledge. Folks there are generally very responsive and willing to help.

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:29 PM
Lawrence- link to your blog?

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:29 PM
It's like a forum, in your inbox!

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:30 PM
for those new, offering to help with community projects in various committees is a great way to start building connections with others. you don't have to be an expert to contribute, and a project provides a focus that forces you to gain expertise

from DeAnn Isenhower to everyone: 12:30 PM
Can you provide a link to join GovDoc-L?

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:30 PM
<https://govdoc-l.org/>

from Lawrence Mello to everyone: 12:31 PM
Our IT are in the process of creating our main Library Blog page, to make it best be storage. As soon as it is done I'll will surely sent it out.

from DeAnn Isenhower to everyone: 12:32 PM
Thank you, Charlie!

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:32 PM
Consider joining a FDL Council committee or working group. You don't have to be a mamber of Council to join!

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:33 PM
+ posters

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:34 PM
I don't think they do. It evovled in form and wasn't as good.

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:35 PM
but the historical volumes of CQ were and still are really useful.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:35 PM
There's an old CQ set on Watergate and it is AMAZING.

from Brian Garrison to everyone: 12:36 PM

You helped me Susan! Find the ropes when I moved to North Dakota!

from Sarah Erekson to everyone: 12:36 PM

Cass Hartnett! John Shuler. Lyle Benedict

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:36 PM

I've forced a lot of mentors! Cass Hartnett, Peggy Roebuck Jarrett, Kate Irwin-Smiler, Jennifer Morgan. Just top of my head.

from David Isaak to everyone: 12:36 PM

Debbie Rabina and Arlene Weible are (and continue to be) great mentors.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:37 PM

Amy Laub!

from David Isaak to everyone: 12:37 PM

And Larry Romans!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:37 PM

All law librarians except Cass!

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:37 PM

within Florida we developed a great cohort of colleagues that collectively mentored the new folks

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:38 PM

Laurie Canepa (retired) Amiee Quinn, Halie Pratchet and many others!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:38 PM

Ashley Dahlen via AskGPO, even if she doesn't know it!

from Yael Davis to everyone: 12:38 PM

I am a new coordinator and I am very lucky to have Rebecca Hyde as a source.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:38 PM

I owe a lot of my career to the support of my mentors and putting into action what I've learned from them.

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:39 PM
Rebecca's the best!

from Rebecca Hyde to everyone: 12:39 PM
Aww! Thanks Yael & Kelly!

from Gabrielle Diaz to everyone: 12:39 PM
Right now I have been reaching out to Monica Dorame and Susanne Caro! New Mexico Peeps!! They have been really helpful in my first year delving into GovDocs

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:40 PM
haha I didn't realize you're here, Rebecca!

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:41 PM
For new folks- I think we have all felt overwhelmed at various times- that is very normal and there are so many people who are here to help!

from David Isaak to everyone: 12:42 PM
You can have your mentors recognized by nominating them for the ALA GODORT/Rainbow RT Larry Romans Mentorship Award.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:42 PM
Oh! And volunteering for projects like End-of-Term crawls! Which I am very behind on.

from Stan Dolan to everyone: 12:43 PM
I've been in Gov Docs one week with not much prior knowledge. I'd be happy to have a mentor!

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:44 PM
Welcome to govdocs, Stan!

from Brian Russell to everyone: 12:44 PM

I never received any training in govdocs, and was given the position without any warning, but have been able learn to swim before drowning.

from Brian Russell to everyone: 12:44 PM

I am certainly in need of a mentor

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:44 PM

You can always comment in the chat, "Where my [type] librarians at!"

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:44 PM

Stan- we are here for you! If I can't help I probably know who can
Susanne.caro@dca.nm.gov

from Laura Gricius-West to everyone: 12:45 PM

+1 Brian

from Josefina Molina to everyone: 12:45 PM

I need a mentor as well

from Jessica Walker to everyone: 12:45 PM

New gov doc public librarian here if there's anyone else who needs support. I also had this dumped on top of my regular work load and navigating everything has been rough

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:46 PM

I also recommend reaching out to your regional and GPO for the new folks.
Building those relationships will help you!

from Aaron Wilson to everyone: 12:46 PM

Lets us know how we can help. awilso26@umd.edu

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:47 PM

I once made a MAJOR mistake in our selection profile. Profound. Ashley Dahlen was able to save me because I reached out so quickly.

from Jessica Walker to everyone: 12:47 PM

*dumped maybe came off too negative. Just floundering a bit. This session (and the conference overall) has been really great thank you so much for this

from Lawrence Mello to everyone: 12:48 PM

Yes, Sarah has been very helpful as my regional in Florida. Always easy to talk to. Thank you.

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:48 PM

govdocs colleagues are very non-judgmental about folks not knowing what they don't know. we're all constantly learning. don't be afraid to ask a "stupid question"

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:48 PM

I did a study years ago and something like 75% of gov info librarians did not intend to be gov doc people. Only like 3% went into the field on purpose. I think it is one of the reasons for the FDLP Academy

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:49 PM

You can't know what you don't know.

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:49 PM

adding my email if anyone wants to chat > k5smith@ucsd.edu

from susanne Caro to everyone: 12:49 PM

+1000 Charlie

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:49 PM

Only two types of stupid questions: The ones you don't ask/find an answer to, and the ones you ask and receive a usable answer, but refuse to learn from it.

from Rich Gause to everyone: 12:50 PM

"I feel stupid asking this because I know I should already know it but..."

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:50 PM

+1 Rich

from Mary Ellen Lomax-Bellare to everyone: 12:50 PM

thank you

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:50 PM

It's been my experience that the things I don't know have tended to be because the knowledge wasn't widely published so I couldn't gain it w/o conversations, etc.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:50 PM

Thanks, y'all! Great session!

from Aaron Wilson to everyone: 12:50 PM

Thanks Sarah and Susanne!

from Susan Ashby to everyone: 12:50 PM

Thank you all. Great session!