

Council is Listening – Chat Log

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 11:47 AM
Testing

from Amanda Ros to everyone: 11:55 AM
this slide reminds me of 1 of my mugs I use at work.

from Amanda Ros to everyone: 11:55 AM
<https://www.pippipost.com/shop/punctuation-large-ceramic-mug>

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 11:59 AM
Love that mug! My students would tease me for reading books about punctuation.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:02 PM
@Charlie - if you like punctuation - you might have seen Elle Cordova
<https://www.youtube.com/@ElleCordova> And she comments on federal government too

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:02 PM
@Jenny, I haven't but I'm writing it down!

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 12:04 PM
https://fdlp.gov/sites/default/files/file_repo/report-spring-registrants-survey-for-councils-listening-20260305.pdf

from Lux Howe to everyone: 12:05 PM
Not sure if it's just me, but the connection is very bad :(

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:05 PM
@Lux - okay for me

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:05 PM
@Lux Howe, I can hear well. Maybe log out and log back in?

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:06 PM
It was buggy for me briefly but got back together.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:06 PM
Sometimes it can be presenter's connection too

from Natalie Villegas to everyone: 12:06 PM
When I did it through the browser I experinced a bad connection so I switched to the app. Helped a ton

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:06 PM
It's been fine for me and I'm on the app, so that might be worth trying.

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:06 PM
App is always better than the web.

from Lux Howe to everyone: 12:07 PM
Good to know, I'll try the app

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:07 PM
The Gov Doc community is really wonderful!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:09 PM
I enjoy being able to connect people to the information they are looking for, whether print, digital, etc.

from Kristina Claunch to everyone: 12:09 PM
Always appreciate how willing everyone is to help when a question is raised.

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:09 PM
Absolutely! Any time I have questions or need help, someone is always there to help.

from Breiana Theodore to everyone: 12:09 PM
Everyone's so enthusiastic about govdocs and it's very contagious.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:09 PM
People - but also democracy in action. then variety of topics

from Bernadette Johnson Bernadette to everyone: 12:09 PM
The abundance of resources that are available.

from Thomas Lynch to everyone: 12:09 PM
I often appreciate the chance to present Gov Info as it is, and not as patrons often wish it were... it challenges personal bias with a friendly helpful manner

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 12:09 PM
+1 Jenny

from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:10 PM
I love the breadth and depth of the collection, but, yes, connecting a student or community user to an item that will further their search is most satisfying.

from Kate Slauson to everyone: 12:10 PM
+1 Jenny

from John Olson to everyone: 12:10 PM
Telling patrons that there is such a wide variety of information from the government that they didn't know about before.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:10 PM
+1 Thomas

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:10 PM
+1 Jenny and Bernadette

from Becki White to everyone: 12:10 PM
Being a part of this community has always made clear to me there are sources somewhere to answer tough questions, and the people in this community to help me find it if I can't.

from Ellen Jones to everyone: 12:10 PM
The ability to help folks find wonderful, useful legal resources, freely available.

from James jacobs to everyone: 12:10 PM
I'm always surprised by the depth and breadth of govinfo collections and how often I'm actually able to answer questions and offer research support from our amazing govinfo collections!

from Amanda Carter to everyone: 12:10 PM
+5 Ellen Jones

from Virginia Pierce to everyone: 12:10 PM
Confidence in sharing reliable resources with our public.

from James jacobs to everyone: 12:11 PM
need to forward all of these comments to all FDLP library directors!

from Kristina Claunch to everyone: 12:11 PM
passion

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:11 PM
I LOVE being to share and connect people to useful resources!

from Sara Caldwell to everyone: 12:11 PM
Enthusiasm is contagious. :-)

from Amanda Carter to everyone: 12:11 PM
Yes, I also caught the bug in library school but I wasn't able to get an applicable position until recently. Regardless, I always promote gov docs regardless of what position I am in!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:12 PM
When I left Connecticut College as support staff, I did a little "no more state or federal docs" dance on my last day. A year later I was in library school with Gov Info Reference in my first semester!

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 12:12 PM
Levels the playing field--resources are freely available to everyone!

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:12 PM
Passion isn't always contagious, but when it is, it is beautiful.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:12 PM
+1 Perveen!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:12 PM
For sure, the shared passion, ideas, expertise, and fun helps us and helps our communities.

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 12:12 PM
I'm an accidental gov docs librarian, but I'm so glad accidents happen

from James jacobs to everyone: 12:12 PM
all too often, directors and library managers only see circ stats

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:12 PM
I think this discussion ties in well with the work the Statistics & Metrics Working Group is doing to collect stories from across the country about connecting people to gov info.

from Kaylee Kern to everyone: 12:12 PM
I am still relatively new to this community, and I enjoy embracing my own curiosity and amazement about gov docs (being aware of everything I have yet to learn) and then figuring out how to communicate that to patrons!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:12 PM
@Dominique, absolutely!

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:12 PM
I'm blessed to have an immediate supervisor who is very pro feddocs.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:12 PM
Patrons tell me I sound like I love my job - I do

from James jacobs to everyone: 12:13 PM
+1 gwen. can DLC do a PR campaign to the directors?

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:13 PM
I don't just work with government documents, but I love being able to do it as part of my job!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:13 PM
There's always a way to connect government information to things happening in our library, college and community.

from Kaylee Kern to everyone: 12:13 PM
I started working with gov docs as an undergraduate student worker, and I am now the coordinator as a full-time staff member (at the same library). It is my favorite part of my job.

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:13 PM
+1 lisa

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:14 PM

I started this job just over a year ago. I didn't really know what I was getting into. Now, I toss government information into every conversation.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:14 PM

I started out as a fed docs processing assistant in San Antonio, then I got adopted by the local documents user group and never was the same!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:14 PM

@Adrienne, I end up telling my family about gov docs. :)

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:14 PM

I had a non-docs patron say that students shouldn't need to know the publisher (GPO) in order to use go info. Or other librarians!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:15 PM

+1 Daniel - exactly!

from Lorelei Sensabaugh to everyone: 12:15 PM

12:15

from Breiana Theodore to everyone: 12:15 PM

9:15am PST

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:15 PM

15 past the hour

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:15 PM

I meant non-docs COLLEAGUE

from Erin McCroskey to everyone: 12:15 PM

There is a Gov Doc about everything on Earth...and beyond

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:16 PM

+1 Erin - yes!

from Amanda Carter to everyone: 12:16 PM

I think the enthusiasm is contagious because it is so publicly accessible information is empowering! Much like what Perveen said about it leveling the playing field because it's equally available to everyone!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:16 PM

+1 Amanda

from Kaitlyn Moody to everyone: 12:16 PM

I would not have pursued gov docs had it not been for my department head, Vicki Tate. I just planned to do my practicum with gov docs, but her passion for the collection was INCREDIBLY contagious. She's been the best mentor I've ever had

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:16 PM

My only regret about being a docs librarian is that I'm not a full time docs librarian.

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:16 PM

My boss asked where I want to be in 3 years. I said, right here

from James jacobs to everyone: 12:16 PM

Vlcki Tate FTW!!

from Troy Black to everyone: 12:16 PM

Being a coordinator is my passion. More than my other duties I have at the libraries. My supervisor wish I had the same passion for other duties.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:17 PM

Adrienne - YES!

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:17 PM

I could see that happening

from Becki White to everyone: 12:17 PM

Gov docs can be a deadly-boring subject, as I experienced at a college library. But this community has added enthusiasm and thus more willing to learn more about what's out there.

from Leslie Carr to everyone: 12:17 PM

I did my practicum in Library School in government documents. I have always had an interest in government and one of my undergrads is in History. After becoming a Public Librarian, the gov docs area became available and I feel it was serendipity--a real blessing that I am getting to do what I love in the library world! I am the gov docs librarian for the Buffalo & Erie County system. Grateful every day.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:17 PM

@Amanda and Perveen, I think what Perveen said really hits the nail on the head, because the leveling of the playing field is such a big part of having an informed citizenry and an improved quality of life.

from Virginia Pierce to everyone: 12:17 PM

Was able to share a circa 1876 document from the Serial Set last week with history undergrads who were blown away. That was exciting.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:17 PM

I'm no longer a coordinator - but still a govt info librarian

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:18 PM

I think patrons and other librarians see our passion.

from Noa Kaumeheiwa to everyone: 12:18 PM

Had fantastic regional coordinators -- so helpful

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:18 PM
Virginia - so cool.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:18 PM
Also - the opportunity for humor

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:19 PM
End of Term Crawl and Data Rescue has helped me share our work with others

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:19 PM
@Troy - can identify. Tho my supervisor has tolerance for the passion disparity

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:19 PM
YES ANGIE

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:20 PM
I was a totally Accidental Gov Docs Librarian. Started at my institution as a Library Tech, no MLS yet, just had ILL and Digital Library Desk duties. Once I started going for my MLS, I got assigned Gov Docs processing and copy cataloging and being trained by the then Depository Coordinator to be her successor.

from James jacobs to everyone: 12:20 PM
+1 Jenny

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:20 PM
Any way we could at least get in a guest lecturer in Reference courses?

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:20 PM
@Jenny Tell them you want to do that!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:21 PM
@Charlie because I'm at a state library, I have to be invited.....

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:22 PM
I remember when academic libraries would have gov docs librarian who did a few other things - now that is flipped

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:22 PM
It is always time and staff. :(The NCSA does provide some assistance in I know where to direct someone if they are looking for something we do not have.

from Becki White to everyone: 12:23 PM
I am grateful for LibGuides put together by other libraries as we are not able to do one here (tiny public library). Especially Kelly's Weekly Roundup. It helps me keep up and to add those links on our own site so we meet guidelines.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:23 PM
I think NCSAs could collect best practices on promoting materials in ALL formats.

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:23 PM
@Becki - glad the roundup is helpful for you!

from Virginia Pierce to everyone: 12:24 PM
I second that Daniel.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:24 PM
I agree with JoAnna, time and staff is pretty much the answer. I'm not actually a government documents librarian, I'm a law librarian who does government documents.

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:24 PM
+1 Becki - love finding other LibGuides created by GPO and by the Gov Doc librarian community

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:24 PM
Becki - Another cheer for Kelly Smith!

from Amanda Ros to everyone: 12:24 PM
+1 Gwen

from James jacobs to everyone: 12:24 PM
YES a hundred times over on in-peprson conferences!!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:24 PM
Oh, that's a great idea!

from Kaitlyn Moody to everyone: 12:24 PM
That'd be wonderful!

from Jose Torres to everyone: 12:24 PM
I agree.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:24 PM
+1 Gwen - yes! In person has added value

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:24 PM
I agree Gwen. In person really helps build the community and feel more comfortable reaching out for help.

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:24 PM
Agreed. Returning to an in-person option would be most appreciated. It's hard to stay focused at work on hybrid/zoom options...office distractions, etc.

from Amanda Carter to everyone: 12:24 PM
I like the online conferences because I can attend more of it. I wouldn't be able to travel for one right now, anyway, so I'm grateful this is available online.

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:24 PM

I would love in person! I have not been able to go to any person conferences regarding gov docs!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:25 PM
Yay, Kelly!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:25 PM
In person does have value, but for example in the West NCSA, where would it be held given the large geographic region?

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:25 PM
Hugs all!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:25 PM
The ones held in Arlington were great!

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:25 PM
+1 Daniel - great idea

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:25 PM
Kelly is awesome!

from James jacobs to everyone: 12:25 PM
w00t Kelly!!

from Chris Brady to everyone: 12:25 PM
Good point from Gwen - I really miss the in-person meetings. And I'm snarfing down lunch while watching this after being at the reference desk all morning. Blocks of dedicated time make a difference.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:25 PM
Being in New England, with many libraries (and many older ones), I look at other NCSAs and worry about access to older items not online

from Channa Cajero to everyone: 12:25 PM
And a presence at other in-person conferences, like state or regional library associations

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:25 PM
@Cassandra - Why, HI of course. :-)

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:25 PM
@Daniel, that would be fun!

from Leslie Carr to everyone: 12:25 PM
The vitrual conferences are great, but it's so nice when you can meet in person--can have great off session discussions, meals together

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:25 PM
Yes, Arlington, VA late 20-teens

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:26 PM
Or maybe NCSA-W in Nevada or WA/OR

from Danielle Gensch to everyone: 12:26 PM
In person conferences are tough for those of us with disabilities, so please make virtual available

from Natalie Villegas to everyone: 12:26 PM
New to Gov Docs, anyone have a link to Kelly's Roundup?

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:26 PM
Miss in person conferences. I remember my first one was still held in DC, before it move over to Arlington

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:26 PM
<https://ucsd.libguides.com/usgov/roundup>

from Natalie Villegas to everyone: 12:26 PM
Thank you!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:26 PM
Sure, hybrid options are still great. They can be helpful those who are unable to travel

from Amy Lovell to everyone: 12:26 PM
What if we have a hybrid virtual and in person?

from Ronnie Joiner to everyone: 12:26 PM
<https://ucsd.libguides.com/usgov/roundup>

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:26 PM
Miss in-person, would love to have them again, but with the virtual option, just in case people can't attend.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:26 PM
Spring DLC used to be more affordable than DC in Fall. The connections made in between sessions is so important

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:26 PM
+1 Amy - yep

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:26 PM
+Hybrid!

from Kelley Plass to everyone: 12:26 PM
Yes please keep virtual if it was in person, I would not be able to attend.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:26 PM
Hybrid would be great, the best of both worlds in my personal opinion.

from Becki White to everyone: 12:27 PM

While I'm not sure my library would allow me to attend one, at in-person events I'm not trying to attend while also covering the Reference Desk. :)

from Bernadette Johnson Bernadette to everyone: 12:27 PM

The last in person conference I attended was in 2017, so I would love to attend another in person conference.

from James jacobs to everyone: 12:27 PM

at one point the goal was to do 1 virtual and 1 in person DLC every year

from Laura Tolliver to everyone: 12:27 PM

Hybrid is good. I prefer virtual because I do not want to travel and am able to attend all the conferences because they are virtual.

from Kristina Claunch to everyone: 12:27 PM

hybrid

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:27 PM

Aside from the great networking activities, in - person attendance allows one to summarize their notes each day without interruption.

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:27 PM

Absolutely! I would love in person, but if my university doesn't allow travel, then I wouldn't be able to attend. Hybrid would be the best option

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:27 PM

In person has serious budget issues for a lot of institutions I think.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:27 PM

I remember when DLc was hybrid - I guess I'm old

from Amy Lovell to everyone: 12:27 PM

I think what's really missing in an online conference is the conversations with the person next to you. I'd love to have break out sessions that are just for chatting a little

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:27 PM

Back when the spring meeting was in person, it took place in various locations - Albuquerque, St. Louis, Seattle, Buffalo, etc. I miss the traveling spring meetings!

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:27 PM

It's doable to host a local conference, but the struggle is with having the ability to attend. Librarians have to choose which events they want/can attend. Limited staffing makes it more challenging to attend in person events.

from Scott Briggs to everyone: 12:27 PM

The virtual allows more folks especially staff who may not get the same level of funding for continuing ed to be able to attend.

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:28 PM

In my extreme introversion, I always dread in person conferences. But I remember meeting Larry Romans, who had been a long-time professional idol, at an FDLP conference and it was a memorable experience. Those opportunities to meet people we "know" only virtually are great.

from Jacqui Celecia to everyone: 12:28 PM

Hybrid is helpful.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:28 PM

@Scott, exactly.

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:28 PM

The NCSA Steering Committees are having meetings to get feedback and input from selectives and regionals. I encourage people to attend any meetings for your NCSA.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:28 PM

I'd prefer alternating In-Person and Virtual to Hybrid. But absolutely record as many in-person sessions as feasible and appropriate.

from Amanda Carter to everyone: 12:28 PM

Yes, I remember the 1 in person and 1 virtual. I've only ever been able to attend the virtual so I love that as an option. Hybrid is a good option, too

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:28 PM

+1 Gwen! The conference was free, so cost was travel, food, hotel - more reasonable than other conferences

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:29 PM

I would suggest NCSA get feedback from patron base as well.

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:29 PM

Indiana is hosting a Government Information Day conference on Friday May 15. That is in-person with some sessions offered hybrid.

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:29 PM

I think the workgroup work that is occurring in NCSA's now will be very helpful. - related to Coll Dev, Cataloging,, Access, and Preservation

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:30 PM

Sorry -I mean NCSA steering and GPO reaching out

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:30 PM

@Daniel, recording in-person is a good idea as well.

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:30 PM

@Brent please provide us with a link!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:31 PM

Often the FDLP coordinator isn't in public service and don't see how National Collection impacts the public.

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:32 PM

My site is currently down. Unfortunate tech issue, but I plan to share the link once it's back up.

from Jill Strykowski to everyone: 12:32 PM

@Jenny, I think more than that, it's taken for granted that someone Else is taking care of it.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:32 PM

I have yet to see any AI that can distinguish between committee, commission, department, task force. The hallucinated citations are so difficult

from Jill Strykowski to everyone: 12:33 PM

So like, because it it is a public service, someone else must be doing it

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:33 PM

+1 Jill - yes

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:33 PM

Honestly I would love to learn new hacks! AI could be a useful tool to analyze the collection

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:33 PM

https://fdlp.gov/sites/default/files/file_repo/report-spring-registrants-survey-for-councils-listening-20260305.pdf

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:34 PM

I would be wary of using AI working with gov info, particularly keeping in mind the ethical risks that were discussed yesterday.

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:34 PM

That would be soooo cool!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:34 PM

And the hallucination risks.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:34 PM

My library is not using AI - other than subscription databases. One person uses it to help create repeated metadata for digital collections

from Jill Strykowski to everyone: 12:34 PM

@Joanna @Jenny, I'm looking into AI metadata experiments. There are soooo many libraries testing these things, but I'm not sure anyone is happy with the output

from Tim Lozier to everyone: 12:35 PM

<https://indianagovinfo.org/government-information-day/>

from Sarah Erektion to everyone: 12:35 PM
@charlie I've done this - with pics of title pages of hearings

from Jill Strykowski to everyone: 12:35 PM
One of the big issues is the formatting of GovDoc PDF's being wildly inconsistent.

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:35 PM
I email DiscoverGov records to myself and use CoPilot to create an inventory list to check against my collection .

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:35 PM
I've had some success with Copilot and Gemini with summarizing Congressional hearings and doing "50 word summary" document blurbs. ALL work should be checked. Especially summaries. But easier than fully reading a 300 page documents.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:35 PM
As a state agency - we are responsible for presenting "official

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:35 PM
@Jill That is interesting! I'm always hoping that the more we work with AI, that it can produce better data. I love working with data!

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:35 PM
I honestly haven't played much with AI tools yet, just can't find the time in between other hats. But I use it all the time - with Googling on my phone, it's the first Overview that comes up. And then I look to see where the information is coming from. So I'm not against it, I just haven't used tools yet - just learning from others

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:35 PM
@Daniel, I feel as though if I have to check it

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:36 PM
"official" information. We have to be very careful

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:36 PM
I'm at a state library. We are allowed to use AI now, but we have yet to incorporate it into our workflow yet.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:36 PM
*it's work then I might as well just do the work originally.

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:36 PM
Gemini can point to gov agencies and departments for statistics and reports.

from Jonathan Underwood to everyone: 12:36 PM
I can't unmute myself

from Sarah Erekson to everyone: 12:36 PM

I can't unmute

from Jonathan Underwood to everyone: 12:36 PM

Thank you, Ashley!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:37 PM

@Brent, that is also an issue.. A lot of state and local gov entities have local rules/regs against AI use or regulating use.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:37 PM

One person in my agency is on the state government working group on AI in state work. We don't have staff to do deep dive into it

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:37 PM

It's not a large language model, but when you select text on a non-ocr PDF, chrome offers a text extraction tool - that works well with print materials. Outside of work I've been doing some transcriptions with NARA's Citizen Archivist program. The text capture makes the work go much easier. No good at all for handwriting. But that helps me feel valued. :-)

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:37 PM

We're in the same boat Jenny

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:37 PM

*A lot should say some, my mistake.

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:38 PM

I also use CoPilot in Excel to check my holdings against a Regionals list to determine what I can fill and withdraw.

from Andrew Pelle to everyone: 12:38 PM

As a 37 year Gov Doc Librarian I can honestly say that I have worked under 11 Library Directors. My only experience in working with hacks or Artificial Intelligence is my former director, Anthony White. Please invite me to elaborate verbally!

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:38 PM

+ Daniel - hearing summaries

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:38 PM

@ Daniel, I am making note of your tip. Thank you.

from Niamh Wallace to everyone: 12:39 PM

@sinai that sounds cool - using copilot for inventorying

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:39 PM

yes Niamh

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:39 PM

How does AI fit in with government (national, state, local) archives and public records?

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:39 PM

+1 Sinai - that's a good idea. We are a MS campus, and I have yet to try CoPilot yet

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:39 PM

I also find it handy to generate search words and concepts if I need a starting point. Not "do the research" but "you're a SME in _____. How would you go about researching _____?"

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:39 PM

@Sinai, that is a good idea! It definitely raises fewer issues in my mind than some other potential uses.

from Danielle Gensch to everyone: 12:39 PM

@Jenny there was a session on that at SAA in 2025 from NARA, the Brits, and LAC

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:40 PM

@Sinai that would be interesting to learn about - using to compare

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:40 PM

I prompted Copilot to take the emailed records and give me a table of titles and SuDocs.

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 12:40 PM

I love reading what people are doing!!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:41 PM

@Sinai, do you think it would be possible to do without using emails? Using exports to excel for example?

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:41 PM

+1 Daniel - those are great tips

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:41 PM

Exporting limits me to 50 records or so. So I email 50 at a time.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:41 PM

@Danielle - do you know how I could find info from that conference?

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:42 PM

Or exporting is way less I should say.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:42 PM

@Sinai, that makes sense, thanks!

from Danielle Gensch to everyone: 12:42 PM

@Jenny I will send that to you in an email

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:42 PM

@Jonathan Underwood, I later corrected my overstatement, my mistake! I was thinking of specific regs within a specific field.

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:43 PM

Sounds like lots of material for FDLP Academy sessions on using AI in our work!

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 12:43 PM

+1 Gwen!

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:43 PM

agree Gwen

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:43 PM

Thanks Danielle - jenny dot groome @ ct dot gov

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:43 PM

It was by accident. I was capturing a company logo in a screen capture and it gave me a "get text" button. And it spat out the text was on the logo. I think Chrome has built in Google Lens.

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:43 PM

+Gwen

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:43 PM

+1 Gwen - good lead

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:43 PM

It can be used as a resourceful tool

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:44 PM

+! Gween - good idea (typo first time)

from Jill Strykowski to everyone: 12:44 PM

I think - for good or bad - because of the volume of GovDoc production, AI will have to be used to get searchability and intellectual control

from Danielle Gensch to everyone: 12:44 PM

Session 103, 103 Avoiding the Abyss: Archives, Audiences, and Artificial Intelligence

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:44 PM

AI has been helpful when analyzing works against Texas SB412 and SB20.

from Jessica Robinson to everyone: 12:44 PM

It's extremely difficult to justify to myself the environmental impact of AI, especially considering the way data centers are being placed in already economically disadvantaged areas.

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:44 PM

+1 Jessica

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 12:45 PM

+1 Jessica

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 12:45 PM

+1 Jessica

from Emm Coats to everyone: 12:45 PM

+1 Jessica

from Ryan Wilder to everyone: 12:45 PM

Here at UK. AI reads text from 2,000-year-old Herculaneum scrolls: <https://uknow.uky.edu/campus-news/uk-half-ai-reads-text-2000-year-old-herculaneum-scrolls>

from Kaylee Kern to everyone: 12:45 PM

+1 Jessica

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:45 PM

With the WCAG deadlines, I'm looking for ways to make all things, including gov info, more accessible. I love including photos and images in libguides and creating alt text from scratch is very timeconsuming. LLM helps a lot.

from Bill Sudduth to everyone: 12:45 PM

Our library started having a monthly AI open discussions about uses within the library, we've had presentations from how to catalog music, oral history trascriptions, AI tools from our database vendors. It actually makes you more comfortable understanding the pros and cons.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:45 PM

+1 Jessica

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:45 PM

And ethics - intellectual property

from Rob Callaghan to everyone: 12:45 PM

+1 Jessica

from Kaitlyn Moody to everyone: 12:45 PM

For anyone with full access to Google Gemini, you can create your own Gemini "Gem" that pulls from a knowledge base that YOU create yourself. You can "train" it yourself - at least that's my understanding

from Jill Strykowski to everyone: 12:45 PM

@Jessica, etc. I totally agree. Unfortunately, AI is in everything at this point. It's not a question of whether you just use ChatGPT and Gemini. Avoiding it is like avoiding plastics.

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:46 PM

I've seen so much garbage AI posts on social media that people believe is actual fact that it makes me very wary of trusting AI use with government info...

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:46 PM
Love that, Kaitlyn!

from Kathleen Stroud to everyone: 12:46 PM
Crazy use of AI - I asked it to summarize a report I wrote. I figured if AI could accurately summarize it, Library Admin could understand it. (Also used it to edited exec summary) to improve the executive s

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:46 PM
@Kaitlyn Also Google's NotebookLM

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:46 PM
+1 Jill

from John Olson to everyone: 12:46 PM
Do an AI on the chat.

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:46 PM
I love these sessions <3

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:46 PM
We should discuss the impacts of AI - ethical - before advocating its use

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:46 PM
More information at Government Information Day will be add here (including conference schedule, registration, etc.) <https://feddocs.lib.in.us/gov-info-day/>

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:46 PM
I'd caution about using any AI to analyze bills - so often the bills simply says "strike", "add sentence", etc. It would be different if you were have the full text of the law versus the full text of what the law would be. But most bills, expecially appropriations, aren't like that.

from Bill Sudduth to everyone: 12:46 PM
As Librarians who are trained to interrogate our users (reference questions) we are probably the most efficient users of AI tools.

from Jill Strykowski to everyone: 12:47 PM
But I also don't think, the environmental impacts HAVE to be what they are. We can push back on companies to be more environmentally responsible. And GovDocs Should be very important in making those arguments 3>

from MONICA DORAME to everyone: 12:47 PM
We have 3 colleagues who wrote an article "The future has not been written: The Univeristy of New Mexico explores the use of CHatGPT in technical services."

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:47 PM
+1 Bill

from Becki White to everyone: 12:47 PM

Still haven't figured out how to frame/display the crossstitch I made from Charlie's pattern. :)

from Leslie Carr to everyone: 12:47 PM

Ben-zines! And GPO -zines for National Voter Registration Day

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:48 PM

+1 Leslie

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:48 PM

Ben!!

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:48 PM

We have a Makerspace so we make buttons, stickers, etc. It helps bring in students when we have displays or celebrating Constitution Day

from Emm Coats to everyone: 12:48 PM

We as a society have lived our lives without AI assistance for so long and I don't think the concerns it raises are worth it just to make our work easier. There are plenty of vetted tools and applications that don't use AI for practically every task and workflow you could imagine.

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:48 PM

+1 Bill - agree

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:48 PM

Zines session yesterday was wonderful and inspiring! Kudos to Charlie, Ariella, and Selena!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:48 PM

Only crafts as a side bit for an exhibit. But in past jobs - we colored in withdrawn census maps to make wrapping paper

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:49 PM

Jenny - Fun idea with withdrawn census maps!

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:49 PM

+1 Emm

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:49 PM

@Gwen thank you!

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:49 PM

+1 Jenny - love that

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:50 PM

My son used withdrawn NASA (previous job again) images for a school project and teacher asked me how I got the images. NASA had just gone online and I showed the teachers

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 12:50 PM
+1 Emm

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:50 PM
NASA has an AMAZING website.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:50 PM
I need to add your coloring pages to GODORT's <https://godort.libguides.com/weird>

from Kaitlyn Moody to everyone: 12:50 PM
After yesterday's session on zines, I will absolutely be making a zine on primary sources for our department - we've gotten so many references q's about this recently, so I had the biggest light-bulb moment. That session was WONDERFUL

from Emm Coats to everyone: 12:51 PM
I have a hoard of withdrawn materials for collage purposes

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:51 PM
@Monica, that article sounds interesting!

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:51 PM
We did Revolutionary Stitches for Constitution Day, in collaboration with our historic house on campus and their Revolutionary Exhibit. Was a great hit. We are doing Part 2 during National Library Week

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:51 PM
I had Metric cube, NASA paper "models" hanging in my office and caught students' attention

from Scott Briggs to everyone: 12:52 PM
NASA has AMAZING materials!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:52 PM
I still LOVE my microfche earring Susanne Caro made!

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:52 PM
For Halloween I printed out Pumpkin patterns from NASA and the National Parks- students colored them in-I'm calling that a win! ;-)

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:52 PM
I remember mimeographs! Didn't use any since 6th grade.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:52 PM
Did anyone use when Coloring Your Collections was a thing?

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:53 PM
I remember the SMELL of mimeograph pages!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:53 PM

I can smell that purple ink right now

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:53 PM
What are revolutionary stitches?

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:53 PM
Can't unmute. We did keep count of people coming. Had almost 30

from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:53 PM
Yes! mimeographs and that purple ink, the big drum...

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:53 PM
Susanne is a creative!

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 12:53 PM
We had a constitution day forum last year, with 200 registrants and 80 attendees

from Amanda Ros to everyone: 12:53 PM
old microfilm makes great holiday tree garland

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:54 PM
+1 Amanda

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:54 PM
I want that much microfilm.

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:54 PM
I haven't used crafts to promote government information, but my library hosted a lunchtime trivia event during Constitution Week. The bulk of the trivia questions were from the Civics Flash Cards. It was really popular and we are doing again this Sept.

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 12:54 PM
+1 Brent!!!

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 12:54 PM
Andie has been promoted so she can now unmute if she wishes

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:54 PM
@Brent, that's a great idea!

from Scott Briggs to everyone: 12:54 PM
@Brent that's brilliant!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:54 PM
@Brent Can you link the cards? I need those.

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 12:54 PM

I'm also doing a local government forum this month, in honor of sunshine week, with 2 local board members discussing their roles

from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:54 PM
Brent - that is a great idea!

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:54 PM
+1 Brent

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:55 PM
Just for myself - I used a Ben tattoo to make a resin Christmas ornament - only outreach was to my family

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:55 PM
I bet that was eye opening, Brent. lol

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:55 PM
We are also hosting one related to America 250 as well.

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:55 PM
I was surprised, pleasantly, at how well everyone did.

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 12:55 PM
Great ideas, Brent!

from Stephanie Wilson to everyone: 12:55 PM
We've done gov-themed Valentine's hearts, Ben's guide and crosswords/word searches for Law Day, Constitution Day, etc. Mostly crafts as part of displays or special events.

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:55 PM
+Brent

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:55 PM
Andie - was any of this recorded? Sounds wonderful

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 12:56 PM
It was a very cool event, Andie! We shared on GPO social

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 12:56 PM
+1 Jenny to Andie

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:56 PM
+1 Stephanie

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:56 PM
Love this idea, Andie!!! We are doing a craft and culture theme next year centering handmade and this fits in so well.

from MONICA DORAME to everyone: 12:56 PM

Susanne Caro has made several crafts for us in NM from making books, knitting, making microfiche earrings and she's making us constitution earrings. She always has great ideas!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:57 PM

Supply budget is so tight - I couldn't be able to use extra paper!!

from Kaitlyn Moody to everyone: 12:57 PM

YES Andie. Our events would be so sparse without our partnerships

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:57 PM

Jenny - wasn't recorded, but did take pics

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:58 PM

Please share your crafts with me - I'd like to add to GODORT's <https://godort.libguides.com/weird> Weird & Wonderful guide

from Troy Black to everyone: 12:58 PM

Constitution Day every year our libraries have a big, fun event and create goodie bags with pocket constitutions and gov doc handouts, candy and university and library swag in them. Our students enjoy it so much.

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 12:58 PM

<https://www.fdlp.gov/promotion>

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 12:58 PM

is there a list of what all people do, and ideas?

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 12:58 PM

<https://godort.libguides.com/c.php?g=997922&p=7281444>

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:59 PM

I still have the microfiche candle decorations with tea lights that I think Susanne did for GODORT's 50th at ALA :)

from Andie Craley to everyone: 12:59 PM

Battery tea lights

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:59 PM

Battery tea lights - mine is still in my office

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 1:00 PM

Hair spray does too! Double bang.

from Andie Craley to everyone: 1:00 PM

Mine too Jenny!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 1:00 PM

I asked my Honors 110 students last year to use government resources in their final project for what their future career would be

from Scott Matheson to everyone: 1:00 PM
Suzanne also did flowers from weeded maps... pretty.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:00 PM
+1 Elisabeth

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:00 PM
Yesterday was amazing!

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 1:01 PM
My topic idea is ideas to encourage or showcase the collections, when everyone wants to lessen it or remove it

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:01 PM
The National Transportation Library presentation was one of the most amazing presentations I've seen at a DLC.

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 1:01 PM
+1 Daniel. It was fantastic.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:01 PM
The Keynote was the best news and research I've heard on preserving tangible documents in 20 years!!!!

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 1:01 PM
+1 Daniel

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 1:01 PM
+1 Daniel. I loved that.

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 1:01 PM
+1 to the keynote as well

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:01 PM
+1 Lorena - I love that! GODORT Friday chats has had share a favorite document. We used to do that annually in CT GODORT too

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 1:01 PM
Registrant Survey Summary Report: https://fdlp.gov/sites/default/files/file_repo/report-spring-registrants-survey-for-councils-listening-20260305.pdf

from Carolyn Frenger to everyone: 1:01 PM
+1 Daniel

from Troy Black to everyone: 1:01 PM

Yes National Transportation Library was great

from Sarah Guthrie to everyone: 1:01 PM
I loved it as well!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:02 PM
I really enjoyed the National Transportation Library presentation as well!

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:02 PM
Oh and giving LCSM a separate slot before the main DLC continues to be a good practice (to me).

from John Olson to everyone: 1:02 PM
NTL session - EXCELLENT!!

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 1:03 PM
I think the National Agriculture Library would be good to have for a future session if they would be willing to present.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:03 PM
Yesterday's sessions - all of them have application to daily work

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:03 PM
+1 Andrea - yes!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:03 PM
+1 Daniel

from Andie Craley to everyone: 1:03 PM
Erin - I kind of Googled revolutionary images. Really, most of them were coloring pages that would be easy to embroidery. Used carbon paper (yep, can still buy that at craft stores) to trace onto fabric

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 1:03 PM
+1 Andrea

from Ronnie Joiner to everyone: 1:03 PM
I would be interested in a session on crime data.

from Tiffany Panzarella to everyone: 1:03 PM
+Ronnie

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 1:04 PM
schools are beginning to teach cursive again

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:04 PM
Schools do teach cursive - they just don't continue use after it has been taught

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 1:04 PM
@Ronnie can you be more specific?

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:04 PM

One thing about presentations - the presentors were dynamic and not flatly reading a script

from Carolyn Frenger to everyone: 1:04 PM

I miss the lined paper we used to practice our cursive writing! So iconic.

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 1:05 PM

Yes, Dominique, my 8 year old grandson writes in cursive.

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 1:05 PM

@Jenny HA! Jokes on you. I did.

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 1:05 PM

NAL: we are working on that! :)

from Troy Black to everyone: 1:05 PM

I wanted to mention the recent news about the CIA discontinuing the CIA World Factbook and how that will effect reference and research services.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:05 PM

+1 Troy

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:05 PM

Yay Kelly!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 1:06 PM

Thanks for the CIA World Factbook info!

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 1:06 PM

Good to know about NAL, Kelly!

from Troy Black to everyone: 1:06 PM

Data Rescue link would be great

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:06 PM

+1 Troy = yes! and impacts middle schools too - with out World Factbook being updated, a major resource is gone.

from Sarah Erekson to everyone: 1:06 PM

<https://www.datarescueproject.org/guest-post-the-world-factbook-is-gone/>

from Kelley Plass to everyone: 1:06 PM

Ok I was so sad about that loss

from Carolyn Frenger to everyone: 1:06 PM

One of our law librarians once had an intern with a question that she replied to him with an handwritten message. He came to see her to ask her to read her note to him because he didn't read cursive writing! Sigh...

from Andrew Pelle to everyone: 1:07 PM

I have a couple of comments to say as a would be retiree in May.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:07 PM

Will coordinator certificate program come back? It was so helpful - even for me with decades of experience

from Antoine McGrath to everyone: 1:07 PM

Also "Sunsetting of the CIA World Factbook" <https://freegovinfo.info/node/14962/>

from Josefina Molina to everyone: 1:07 PM

agree Jenny

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 1:07 PM

I'd like to see updated FDLP academy videos for depository coordinating, in a digital world. current videos are for physical documentations

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 1:07 PM

+1 Jenny I agree! It was so great when I did that program!

from Natalie Villegas to everyone: 1:08 PM

DocGov for beginners video would be great!!!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:08 PM

Is MetaLib gone now?

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 1:08 PM

We found a version of the CIA World Factbook in our subscription to Britannica Academic.--for now, this is really helping some classes that were using it.

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 1:08 PM

+1 Lorena

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:08 PM

Can the skeleton of certificate program be used to create online course - if can't have an institution

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:09 PM

DiscoverGov has superseded Metalib.

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 1:09 PM

When I get notice of a new coordinator, I email them and share this information page I created, <https://feddocs.lib.in.us/new-librarians/>. The FDLP Academy is valuable for new coordinators.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:09 PM

@Daniel, thank you!

from Denise Jett to everyone: 1:09 PM

I had a student worker that did not learn cursive in schools. As my other hat is in charge of the Curriculum Library, I pulled the Zaner-Bloser handwriting workbook for 3rd grade and "assigned" it to him to learn. He did and he was grateful. As far as I know, teaching handwriting in schools is mandated or removed by individual states.

from James jacobs to everyone: 1:09 PM

collections are still important!! PLEASE everyone flood GPO with "unreported docs" submissions. That's the only way at this point to expand the "national collection"

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 1:09 PM

I learned cursive. I hated it then and now. It's horrible for those of us with dyslexia. I can't read it.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:09 PM

discover.gpo.gov -- I find it super helpful, but is sometimes slow enough I switch to CGP. But usually works and works well.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:10 PM

+1 James - yes!!!

from Andie Craley to everyone: 1:10 PM

I update it every year, but for our first Depository Library anniversary celebration in 2007 (which we always combine with Constitution Day), I created a 1 pager (front and back) that summarized all the letters of our depository history - my predecessor had all the letter correspondence from then GPO, our Regional, our Congressional rep at that time, etc - and then also added current stats about what we do with the FDLP. I update it every year to make sure links still work, numbers in MD/DC/DE are valid, etc

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 1:10 PM

GPO sent an email about preparing for sunseting Metalib in Aug 2025

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:10 PM

+1 James

from Troy Black to everyone: 1:10 PM

Suggesting these are alternative to CIA World Factbook I think you can get a lot of it by combining UN Data (<https://data.un.org/>) and the CIA World Leaders listings (<https://www.cia.gov/resources/world-leaders/>)? Maybe combined with region specific sources like EuroStat (<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>)

from James jacobs to everyone: 1:10 PM

thanks Charlie!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:10 PM

Print collections - even if not growing - are very important. Think about how "cool" old docs pull people in (us included)

from James jacobs to everyone: 1:10 PM
antoine

from Angela J A Kent to everyone: 1:10 PM
We've been looking into mentorship -- would an "onboarding partner" be something to consider? As part of onboarding, a new coordinator is connected with a current coordinator -- that component could be managed by FDLP or DLC maybe?

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 1:11 PM
Thanks, Troy.

from Lee Ann Fullington to everyone: 1:11 PM
@Brent yes, your guide is super helpful! I found it when I started as a coordinator in the Fall

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:11 PM
@Sinai, thank you, I probably just overlooked it. I appreciate both of you answering my question.

from James jacobs to everyone: 1:11 PM
antoine McGrath is a new DLC member!! welcome Antoine from the Internet Archive

from Andie Craley to everyone: 1:11 PM
Since then, I also created an FDLP FAQ that I update every year (a 1 pager again), that I can share to upper administration to show the wealth of being in the FDLP.

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 1:11 PM
Another replacement for Factbook - <https://openfactbook.org/>

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 1:11 PM
I'd love to have a mentor, of sorts, to help me as a coordinator. This is my first ever role, and I'd love the help

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 1:11 PM
Thanks, Kelly

from Lee Ann Fullington to everyone: 1:11 PM
@ Angela I would love a mentor as a new coordinator!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:11 PM
@Troy - link didn't work

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 1:11 PM
you're welcome Cassandra!

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 1:11 PM
DiscoverGov has the functions of MetaLib, and more. <https://discover.gpo.gov/primo-explore/search?vid=GPO>

from Ashley Dahlen to everyone: 1:12 PM
Oy! I love getting questions from the community. It makes my day :)

from Becki White to everyone: 1:12 PM
Is coordinating mentors/mentees potentially and NCSA function?

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:13 PM
I still think "official" training from FDLP is the first -place to start. And it would be more current

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:13 PM
Thanks Cynthia!

from James jacobs to everyone: 1:13 PM
@kelly I prefer the CIA World Factbook Archive. openfactbook says its free but the developer also prominently pitches for donations. I listed both of those at <https://freegovinfo.info/node/14962/>

from Natalie Villegas to everyone: 1:13 PM
Thanks for the share @brent ! bookmarking now

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 1:13 PM
+1 Jenny

from James jacobs to everyone: 1:13 PM
I'm happy to mentor anyone interested in doing unreported documents!!!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:13 PM
I have seen cases where mentoring can sometimes give info that isn't current

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 1:14 PM
+1 Charlie, every gov doc librarian has been super helpful, encouraging, and friendly. It's a great community.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:14 PM
Yay James.

from Troy Black to everyone: 1:14 PM
The Statesman's Yearbook a private publication could be used as an alternative to CIA World Factbook too

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 1:14 PM
@James - agree, but it's still a useful resource

from James jacobs to everyone: 1:14 PM
@kelly agree!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:14 PM
I have had so many "internet" mentors through GovDoc-L - and the people didn't know they were my mentors

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 1:15 PM

I think the main benefit of a mentor for many would be learning how to be more empowered in what we can do. You hear all these ideas, but then think "well can I do that too?"

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 1:15 PM

Godort Friday Chats are open to all!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:15 PM

GovDoc-L is really helpful, even if you're just reading what is posted.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:15 PM

GovDoc-L is AMAZING. Big Shout out to Vicki Tate and any other Govdoc-l moderators in the audience!!!!

from Troy Black to everyone: 1:15 PM

yes older editions

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 1:15 PM

should be able to

from James jacobs to everyone: 1:15 PM

yes indeed.<https://freegovinfo.info/node/14962/>

from Andrew Pelle to everyone: 1:16 PM

Does anyone care to hear how mentorship has changed since 1989, my first yr.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:16 PM

GovDoc-L is blocked by my IT. Drives me nuts

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:16 PM

Definitely, I linked to it on something the other day.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:16 PM

WayBack Machine would not be current info - needed for World Factbook

from Rob Callaghan to everyone: 1:16 PM

I'm newly the coordinator of government documents. Does anyone have a suggestion for a print or web guide to government documents librarianship?

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 1:16 PM

Learn more about DiscoverGov: <https://www.fdlp.gov/depository-tools/discovergov>

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:16 PM

+1 Andrew - yes, it would be interesting

from Josefina Molina to everyone: 1:16 PM

Out Gov. Docs Librarian retired. I am a staff member and Library Director assigned me the role of coordinator with no prior knowledge. I could really use a mentor, classes or any kind of training!

from Troy Black to everyone: 1:16 PM

the Wayback Machine has added the CIA World Factbook pages to their searchable collections.
<https://web.archive.org/collection-search/cia-world-factbook/>

from Rob Callaghan to everyone: 1:17 PM

That would be great!

from Virginia Pierce to everyone: 1:17 PM

Sure thank you.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:17 PM

<https://pressbooks.oer.hawaii.edu/govinfo2ed/> - Gwen's book. Fantastic!

from Laura Gricius-West to everyone: 1:17 PM

Yes, please!

from Kate Pitcher to everyone: 1:17 PM

GPO has hired a training administrator who is working within LSCM to overhaul and strategically plan FDLP Academy training and courses. We are aware that there is a continuing need for new coordinator training, and as we work on new rules and instructions for depository libraries in an NCSA framework, we will keep the community posted on our plans for training and courses. We welcome ideas and input from the community on topics and subjects for future training.

from Danielle Gensch to everyone: 1:17 PM

Gwen's book was my textbook in library school

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:17 PM

Government Information: A Reference for Librarians in Hawai'i -
<https://pressbooks.oer.hawaii.edu/govinfo2ed/> - Useful for all states and territories!

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 1:17 PM

Tom Diamond

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:18 PM

Regional coordinators and NCSA people should help FDLP with heavy lifting of instruction. Mentoring is more nuanced

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 1:18 PM

Thanks Dominique!!!

from John Olson to everyone: 1:18 PM

I used the succession guide and morphed it for our library. BIG HELP. THANK YOU.

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 1:18 PM

That would be a fun conference topic "pitch your government document published materials"

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 1:18 PM

This is my "unabridged" succession planning document:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nI7RbW-](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nI7RbW-TpIzYRHpy_IMyGuPa_s0nWKKl/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=102950947029957465930&rtpof=true&sd=true)

[TpIzYRHpy_IMyGuPa_s0nWKKl/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=102950947029957465930&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nI7RbW-TpIzYRHpy_IMyGuPa_s0nWKKl/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=102950947029957465930&rtpof=true&sd=true)

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:18 PM

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from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:18 PM

Can you put link to your succession guide?

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 1:19 PM

not free, but here is the amazon link: <https://www.amazon.com/What-Can-U-S-Government-Information/dp/1476689490>

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 1:19 PM

This is the link to my abridged copy? I don't know what the differences

are. https://docs.google.com/document/d/16klDe8QsxfNIks3kBqFfi31I2kyuPZmU/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=102950947029957465930&rtpof=true&sd=true

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from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:19 PM

And I'm reworking Charlie's guide into my own succession document. Such a great starting point!

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 1:19 PM

There's an FDLP Resource Guide on Succession Planning: <https://libguides.fdlp.gov/>

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 1:19 PM

Andie Craley could you please share your FDLP FAQ 1 pager?

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 1:19 PM

+1 Andrea

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 1:20 PM

@Andrea, thank you for that link and for the reminder about those guides!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:20 PM

When I was being trained, I would type up my notes every few days - because there was no "manual"

from Andie Craley to everyone: 1:20 PM

It's a PDF - I could send that to the DLC members? Don't really have a link

from Lorena Jordan to everyone: 1:20 PM

could all these shared chat items be copied into a document and shared with us post meeting?

from Virginia Pierce to everyone: 1:20 PM

This is a helpful doc. Thanks!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 1:20 PM

The chat will be preserved and downloadable.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:21 PM

+1 Lorena - it usually is included, I think.

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 1:21 PM

Thank you so much for all of this great discussion and inspiration.

from Kaylee Kern to everyone: 1:21 PM

+1 Jenny. I have learned most of what I know from webinars and trial and error, and creating my own documentation has kept me sane!

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 1:21 PM

Chat for all sessions will be on conf website with recordings and slides.

from Andie Craley to everyone: 1:21 PM

I don't have it saved on Google drive, but a Word and PDF copy on my work institution MS OneDrive

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 1:21 PM

I appreciate the extended time - previous conferences didn't always have enough time for this

from Channa Cajero to everyone: 1:21 PM

Thank you!

from Rhonda Murphy to everyone: 1:21 PM
Thanks, everyone.

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 1:21 PM
Great discussions everyone! Thank you.

from Josefina Molina to everyone: 1:21 PM
Great session! Lots of new info!

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 1:22 PM
Thank you!

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:22 PM
Thank you! ALMOST as good as being in person!

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 1:22 PM
thank you!

from Lori Driver to everyone: 1:22 PM
Great Session!!!!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:22 PM
Thank you!

from Natalie Villegas to everyone: 1:22 PM
Thanks for all the great resources everyone!

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 1:22 PM
Thank you! <3

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 1:22 PM
Once again, great discussion and info sharing. Thanks everyone

from Niran Fattohi to everyone: 1:22 PM
Thank you!

from Amy Fitch to everyone: 1:22 PM
Thank you

from Bernadette Johnson Bernadette to everyone: 1:22 PM
Thank you!

from Stephanie Wilson to everyone: 1:22 PM
Thank you!

from Carolyn Frenger to everyone: 1:22 PM

Thanks to you all for today's session!

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 1:22 PM

Thank you!

from Tiffany Panzarella to everyone: 1:22 PM

Thank you!

from Stephen Kharfen to everyone: 1:22 PM

Thank you very much

from Ashley Dahlen to everyone: 1:22 PM

Break until 1:45 Eastern

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 1:23 PM

Thanks all! We know the format can be challenging!