

2026 Fall DLC: The Legacy of Print:
The importance of stewarding legacy collections in the digital age
Chat Log

Charlie Amiot:

<https://fdlp.gov/training>

Mary Elizabeth Schiavone:

yes!!! love the War of Rebellion documents as a way to show patrons what it feels like to experience a historical, physical item

Jenny Groome:

When asked why I am a gov info librarian, I reply it's democracy in action.

Jenny Groome:

5 inch floppy disk

Erika Westhoff:

Has anyone else become the resident microform expert at their library because so many of your gov docs are on fiche?

Charlie Amiot:

I made myself that person bc micro formats are the bestest formats.

DeAnn Isenhower:

Key to preservation: multiple copies in multiple locations in multiple formats

Emm Coats:

Erika yes, I was in charge to inventorying our fiche collection and it took me about a year

Tiffany Panzarella:

Ben!

Jenny Groome:

At my library we use microforms across all units

Nykia Eaddy:

Ben

Katie Salis:

Cool Ben!

Kim Allen:

When I was at the EPA library, the Microfiche copier vendor, used to call me when they hit problems.
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Susanne Caro:

We al use microfilm, our newspapers are a big draw for researchers. Other agencies come to us to read there own fiche

Jennifer Morgan:

Yes, Erika, I love micro formats, but we need new reader/printers. We are also looking at compact shelving for microforms. Would love to hear from anyone who stores their microforms in compact shelving. ðŸ™,

Erin Waltz:

Susanne - other agencies bring their microfilm to our library too

Jenny Groome:

+1 Susanne - I think state libraries and other special research libraries understand importance of microforms

Charlie Amiot:

Enoch Pratt Free Library has amazing micro format storage at the main location.

Jenny Groome:

Connecticut State Library has microfilm compact shelving.

Susanne Caro:

I was just looking at NARA film yesterday. Just because something is digital doesn't mean you can read it

DeAnn Isenhower:

Great job, Allen! I totally agree!

Scott Matheson:

Jennifer - YLS retrofitted fiche cabinets into our compact shelving - Kate could connect you.

Celeste Welch, PhD:

Thank you Allan.

Elissa Lawrence:

+1 Susanne

Danielle Gensch:

J. Jacobs squared

Susanne Caro:

the Jacobs should be a bingo square

Amy Laub:

@Jennifer--University of Kentucky uses compact shelving for microforms. Contact Ryan Wilder

Jenny Groome:

+1 Danielle

Lisa Pritchard:

+1 Susanne

Ben Webb:

++++1 Susanne

Jenny Groome:

+1 Susanne

Andie Craley:

+1 Susanne - good suggestion.

Kris Abery:

+1 Susanne

Lori Driver:

+1 Susanne

Celeste Welch, PhD:

Great save Philip.

Jenny Groome:

Will we get a link to digital collection of newspaper after conference?

Jessica Robinson:

The tactile element is so important in making regular people excited about government docs.

Looking at a digital scan is great but it's hard to match handing someone a book that's from back when we were still a Territory.

Jenny Groome:

+1 Jessica

Kris Abery:

+1 Jessica

William Sudduth:

Great quote

Allan Van Hoya:

Der Wolf link: <https://doi.org/10.60807/pn2a-zm57>

Allan Van Hoya:

Sorry, autocorrect Der Ruf : <https://doi.org/10.60807/pn2a-zm57>

Beth Campbell-Yingling:

+1 Jessica

Jenny Groome:
Thanks!

Katie Cooley:
Such a powerful message. Thank you ðŸ‘©

Ben Webb:
+1 Katie, strongly agree

Martha Ballinger:
I agree with this so much.

Kris Abery:
+1 Kateagree

Lisa Pritchard:
Wow! I feel inspired. Thank you. I think I needed this.

Jen Kirk:
Thanks, Phil and Allan, I just sent the Der Ruf link to a faculty member teaching on this topic at USU.
We had a small POW camp in Cache Valley. As always, happy to connect further on archival gov docs topics. :)

Martha Ballinger:
You are speaking to my heart as a gov docs librarian.

Jenny Groome:
Â-Â-I'm home today and SO glad I joined the conference

Lori Driver:
+1 Martha

Leslie Carr:
These are great quotes, very foundational and inspirational.

James Jacobs:
Buffy + preservation of govinfo FTW!

Kris Abery:
Excellent quotes

Jenny Groome:
Thanks J.Jacobsx2 for those quotes and your work

James Jacobs:
:-)

Paula Slinglend:

Love that show. Thanks for including it.

Katie Cooley:
Boom! Mic drop!

Tim Lozier:
@JJ: you could say this presentation ... slays! ðŸ™, ,

Emm Coats:
Amazing job yall!

Kris Abery:
Excellent presentation. Thank you

Charlie Amiot:
Mr. Pointy drop.

James Jacobs:
Dare I put this in the chat once more? âœœpreservation of govt information: a call to action.âœž
Please add your signature and endorse this important statement! <https://publicinformationtrust.org>

Myria Tolentino:
Thank you, Phil and Allan!

Virginia Pierce:
Nicely done.

Bradley Seybold:
Thank you!

Laura Stellrecht:
Great presentation!! Thank you!

Doriann Dawkins:
Thank you. Great presentation

Troy Black:
mic drop

William Sudduth:
Thanks for the "smelly" quote - since we've had no HVAC for 24 hours :)

Mary Elizabeth Schiavone:
Fantastic session!

James Jacobs:
Thanks Allan and Phil!

Jose Torres:
inspiring indeed

Ben Webb:
Well done! Great session!

DeAnn Isenhower:
Thank you for presenting on this important information!

Jennifer Morgan:
Thank you -- great presentation!

William Sudduth:
Great presentation

Lori Driver:
Thank you!!

Trina Magi:
I have learned that you can never tell which historical documents will turn out to be important. A faculty member here was thrilled we had US Postal regulations from the 1800s.

Jenny Groome:
THANK YOU

Hugh Truslow:
Absolutely fantastic – thank you so much, Allan and Phil.

Emm Coats:
Keep doing what you're doing

Michael Perry:
Thanks this was such a great presentation !

Laura Baker:
I completely agree with added value that tangible documents provide. Unfortunatley I'm not sure that my library administration does, and they are the decision makers. They may embrace the ethos of documents to the people, but that quickly gives way to the realities of space, funding, and technology. When push comes to shove, anything tangible that is now online will be thrown out. How can we speak about documents in terms that matter to our administrators and library deans?

Ronnie Joiner:
Can we get a link to the LibGuide?

Emm Coats:
+1 Laura

Erika Westhoff:

+1 Laura

Virginia Pierce:

Were the German POWs in Colorado during the war? We had many here in SC working on farms.

Kaitlyn Tanis:

+1 Laura

Wendy Moore:

<https://libguides.colorado.edu/benfranklins>

Kris Abery:

+1 Laura

William Sudduth:

Maybe someone should send a copy to ARL Deans

Elissa Lawrence:

+1 Trina

Aimée Quinn:

+1 Trina.

Jenny Groome:

+1 Bill =+100

Katie Cooley:

Thanks, Wendy!

Ronnie Joiner:

Thank you!

Jenny Groome:

Pamphlets are also very important,

Kris Abery:

Whenever we have tours we always pull documents to show participants. Everyone is always amazed at the variety of information available.

Merrilee Proffitt:

For physical materials that are donated to the Internet Archive - FYI we use non destructive techniques to digitize those materials and we preserve the physical materials. So while we are a digital first library we also value physical materials and believe that preserving physical is important and also part of our mission.

James Jacobs:

Be loud in your library! Connect to subject specialists and show them important docs in their subject areas. Participate in any and all library committees to represent docs

Jenny Groome:

When in academia, we had faculty members who advocated for us - we fostered those relationships

Arlene Weible:

Re-framing FDLP collections as archival is a way to make this transition ... its about access, but it is also about preservation. Figuring out what the individual ethos of each library around preservation is a way to approach advocacy.

Tiffany Panzarella:

That's great Merrilee!

Aimée Quinn:

I have learned that any administrator can be a support or a detriment to government documents collections due to their own competing priorities in any given moment. It is up to us to regularly advocate for our collections. We need to continually build our allies and networks within multiple communities (on campus, in the community, with our legislators, with our colleagues in the library, etc.). If we make our collections invaluable to our communities, we are less likely to find them being removed.

Jenny Groome:

+1 Arlene

Kris Abery:

+1 Arlene

Min Shaheen:

Thank you.

Trina Magi:

Excellent presentation. Thanks!

Jenny Groome:

Rare and Endangered of GODORT is important

Cynthia Etkin:

Terrific presentation! Thank you!

Ella Shurr:

Thank you!!!!!!!