

From the Chair:

GID 18 Registration Now Open: Registration is now open for **Government Information Day 2018: Advocacy, Research, And Collaboration (GID 18)** This one-day conference will be held Thursday, May 24 from 9am-4:30 pm. The event is free to attend and a great learning opportunity for librarians, library staff, information professionals, and the general public. GID will feature presentations on topics relating to local, state, and federal information, including the upcoming 2020 Census. **Superintendent of Documents** Laurie Hall from the **U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)** will be the keynote speaker. Along with presentations, attendees will be able to interact with various vendors & colleagues on government information related topics.

Government Information Day offers an excellent opportunity to learn about emerging trends and new government information resources. The event features two 50 minute concurrent sessions in the morning, and a 50 minute concurrent session following the afternoon's keynote address. A detailed schedule, including a list of vendors will be released in the coming weeks. Contact Brent Abercrombie, Federal Documents Librarian at (317) 232-3733 or babercrombie@library.in.gov. Indiana public librarians can earn up to 4 LEU's toward their certification. Visit www.in.gov/library/GID.htm for more information. Register at <http://indianastatelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=3011&In=ALL&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2018/05/01> (Brent Abercrombie)

Department of Defense-Office of the Director Operational Test and Evaluation: This **office** has multiple responsibilities including reviewing and analyzing results of all major Defense Dept. acquisition programs, providing independent recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and other departmental officials and Congress, making budgetary and financial recommendations, and overseeing these acquisition programs to ensure they confirm operational effectiveness and suitability in defense system combat use. Its website includes news releases, policy guidance, an organizational chart, presentations including **Institutionalizing a Cultural of Statistical Thinking in DOD Assessment** from Sept. 25, 2017, and annual reports from 1999-2017 which are authorized by **10 USC 139**. The **2017 report** provides 394 pages of exhaustive coverage of DOD wide programs, individual armed service programs, and ballistic missile defense programs. Following introductory contextual remarks, programs covered in the 2017 report include DOD Healthcare Management System Modernization, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the Army's AH-64 Apache helicopter, the Navy's USS Gerald Ford aircraft carrier, the Air Force's Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP), the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) component of the ballistic missile defense system, cybersecurity management, and other information resources. This is a "**must-use**" publication for information on the program development of weapons systems and other DOD programs. It can be used in conjunction with **DOD Inspector General reports**, **GAO reports**, and congressional armed service committee hearing transcripts for detailed information and analysis on the strengths and weaknesses of DOD programs including those involving weapons systems (Bert Chapman)

House Telephone Directory: This **resource** provides names and phone numbers of House staff for individual representatives, committees, congressional member organizations, caucuses, and multiple offices including the Office of Law Revision Counsel. (Bert Chapman)

Purdue Libraries News: Jim Mullins retired as Dean of Purdue Libraries at the end of 2017. The reading room in the Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC) has been named for him. Robin Phillips is serving as interim dean. The timing and circumstances of the search for the Libraries next dean are unknown. The Libraries purchased the 1824-1979 congressional hearings module of ProQuest Congressional last year. Over the next year or so, HSSE Library will begin the process of cataloging uncataloged U.S. documents which had previously been in the various science and technology libraries but were not moved into WALC. (Bert Chapman)