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HAVE YOU NOTICED

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So you want to start a small railroad. ICC small railroad application procedures. Sixth edition. Sept 1992. 37p.

(IC 1.12/3:R13/2/1992) A helpful handbook on procedures which must be followed to obtain approval for operating a short line railroad. Appendices include information on fees, filing requirements and location of Interstate Commerce Commission regional offices.

Health Hotlines. Toll-free numbers from the National Library of Medicine's DIRLINE Database. NIH Pub 92-2780. Jan 1992. 64p.

(HE20.3602:H34/6/1992) Booklet provided as a community service to assist the public in locating health-related information on such subjects as AIDS, cancer, eating disorders, aging, poison control centers. Multiple copies available free from: DIRLINE Information, Specialized Information Services, National Library of Medicine 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Assessing Literacy: the framework for the National Adult Literacy Survey. By Anne Campbell, et al. U.S. National Center for Education Statistics. Oct 1992. 41p. (ED 1.302:L71/2)

Outline and overview of NALS with background information on the questionnaire, survey tasks and scoring. A list of committees, review groups and consultants who participated are included. (Reports from the survey are due out in 1993)

Raptor habitat management on public lands: a strategy for the future. U.S. Bureau of Land Management. BLM/SC/PT-92/009+6635. Aug 1992. 46p. (I 53.2:R18/2) One of the National Strategy Plans of FISH & WILDLIFE 2000, this publication emphasizes the necessity for preserving habitats of birds of prey. These biologically important participants at the top of the food chain are politically sensitive concerns of Federal agencies and the public.

Consumer expenditures in 1991. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. BLS Report 835. Dec 1992. 17p. (L2.120/2-5:1991) Annual figures released by BLS from its Consumer Expenditure Survey are in this publication--an informative combination

MICHIGANDERS TO MEET

(PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY BUFFS TAKE NOTE!!!)

The Government Round Table of Michigan will hold its annual spring meeting on Friday April 30, 1993 at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids. Featured speaker, James Kratsas, will discuss Presidential museums and libraries in the morning session, which will be followed by lunch at Sully's Restaurant at the Days Inn. The annual meeting will follow. Meeting hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PRECONFERENCE INFO

The ALA/GODORT Cataloging Committee is sponsoring a Preconference on June 24 in New Orleans on "Online Processing of Government Publications."

This preconference will address issues of online processing of U.S. (federal) government publications in an automated library system. Issues include: devising workflows, creating provisional records, serials check-in records, claiming, classification problems, GPO requirements and guidelines, ensuring the quality of the database, and system-specific concerns.

The preconference is intended for government publications librarians, catalogers, and systems librarians in libraries that have loaded or will soon be loading GPO records into their local automated systems.

An announcement of the preconference and a registration form will be published in the March 1993 issue of *Document to the People*, the journal of the Government Documents Round Table. Registrations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The cost is \$75.00, and payment must accompany registration. Preconference limited to 50 registrants.

Comments, suggestions, or questions about the workshop should be directed to Rhonda Marker, Technical & Automated Services, Rutgers University Libraries, P.O. Box 1350, Piscataway, NJ 08855-1350.

of text and statistical tables. Contains regional figures, expenditures by units of one person to five or more persons and by age ranges of consumers.

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Federal Legislation To Watch!!

by Marianne Mason, IU School of Law

Two new versions of the "WINDO/Gateway" legislation were introduced on March 11, 1993. S. 564 (introduced by Sens. Ford of Kentucky and Stevens - Committee on Rules and Administration) and H.R. 1328 (introduced by Rep. Rose and several others - Committee on House Administration) both propose to establish in the Government Printing Office a means of enhancing electronic public access to a wide range of Federal electronic information.

Dates To Remember

19 April -- Legislation Day, Washington, DC

19-23 April -- 1993 Federal Depository Conference

5-7 May -- Indiana Library Federation, Indianapolis Convention Center, Documents Group meets 4:00-6:00 May 6th

FEDWORLD IS COMING!!!

A Pilot project that will connect computer users electronically to more than fifty federal departments and agencies has been set up by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). The service, called Fedworld, will make it possible to tap into thousands of federal computer files, databases, and programs produced by these agencies.

Access to bulletin boards through Fedworld provides the same services as direct access to individual boards. Users can access databases and download data files and press releases. When completing a connection to one agency, the user returns automatically to Fedworld and without interruption can immediately connect through the gateway with another agency.

In addition to gateway services, Fedworld includes a bulletin information center, a library of computer files, conference areas where users can exchange information, online help, the ability to search and retrieve files and bulletins, and a teleconference area. Fedworld users can search for a specific area of interest with the Fedworld search and retrieve system by simply entering a keyword or name of a program. Once found, the user can read the document online or download it to a personal computer. Users can view or download a list of available files as well as search, retrieve, and view files before downloading them.

To participate, call (703) 487-4650 and ask for Connecting to Fedworld, PR-936KRQ.

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**GODORT PRECONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
ONLINE PROCESSING OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS**

Thursday, June 24, 1993

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

NAME: _____

INSTITUTION: _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What is your present job title: _____

What software does your library use for its Online Catalog? (e.g. NOTIS, DRA etc.) _____

For its Serials Check-in? _____

Has your library loaded MARC for government publications into your online catalog: _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what vendor was your source for the records: _____

Does your library download MARC records for government publications into your online catalog: _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what bibliographic utility is your source for the records: _____

Does/will your present job include the online processing of documents: _____ Yes _____ No

What specific information/knowledge are you hoping to gain from this workshop:

Are there topics other than the ones listed that you would like to see covered in the workshop:

RETURN THIS FORM WITH \$75 REGISTRATION CHECK PAYABLE TO GODORT to

Barbie Selby, Assistant Documents Librarian, Government Documents, Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903-2498.

DEPOSITORY RESOURCES OF EVANSVILLE

by

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Evansville, in the southwestern corner of the state, has two U.S. depository libraries: the David L. Rice Library at the University of Southern Indiana and the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library. In addition to being a U.S. depository, the EVCPL is also a state depository. Willard Library, a separate public library, houses many older Vanderburgh County court records.

The David L. Rice Library primarily serves the students, faculty, and staff of the school, but it also serves some high school students and community residents. The staff produce a list of the item selections of both USI and EVCPL which is arranged by item number, SuDoc number and series titles and includes USI's holdings. The list also is distributed to the University of Evansville library and the public high school closest to USI. As a result, a person needing a particular document at any one of these libraries can be referred to the depository owning the item immediately. USI, which has been a depository since 1969, selects approximately 38% of the available item numbers. In addition to the full-time documents clerk and part-time student assistants, other staff members also work with documents. Reference staff, with occasional support from the documents staff, offer assistance to the public; the cataloger and a library assistant catalog those items listed in the on-line catalog; the reference staff with technical help from the computer center staff work with CD-ROMs; and the collection development librarian provides overall coordination of the program.

Most documents are shelved by SuDoc number in the documents area on shelves or in microfiche cabinets. Those on shelves are divided into circulating, periodical, and reference areas. Popular titles are usually placed in general reference, the main book collection, or general periodicals, while most pamphlets are placed in the pamphlet file. Almost half of the documents are cataloged and appear in the on-line NOTIS catalog. USI has one CD-ROM workstation for documents with plans to add another this year. There is a microfiche reader in the documents area and additional reader/printers in the general microform area which is on the same floor.

The EVCPL's documents collection is considered part of the Adult Information/Reference Department at the Central Library. The area immediately adjacent to the reference department is designated the government documents reference area. All processing and maintaining of the documents collection is done in this area by one member of

the AIO staff who is assisted by one part-time clerk. The majority of the documents are shelved by SuDocs in stack and microfiche cabinets adjacent to the reference area. Approximately 15% are cataloged in Dewey and added to the library's circulating collection. These appear in the on-line public catalog. Another 5%, which are shelved in the documents collection, are listed as EVCDOC and also appear in the on-line public catalog. Pamphlet-type documents are filed in the Pamphlet File under various subject headings and can circulate. About half of the document periodicals received are shelved in the Circulating Magazine Room on the second floor and also circulate.

Reference questions involving documents are answered by the entire Adult Information/Reference staff, which consists of seven full-time professionals. Heavy use of many documents is made by the general public, both walk-in and telephone. The *Code of Federal Regulations* and the *Federal Register* are consulted daily, both by the staff and the general public. An IBM-PC personal computer with dot-matrix printer is available in the Government Documents Reference area. It has the capability of accessing documents on CD-ROM and is used primarily by the reference staff for various projects. Since 1974, EVCPL also has been designated a depository for Indiana State documents. These are processed, shelved, and maintained at Central Library by a member of the Adult Information/Reference staff. Central Library also serves as the headquarters for the Four Rivers ALSA reference librarian who is part of the AIO/Reference staff.

The EVCPL serves the general public and students in the Evansville Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties in Indiana and Henderson County in Kentucky.

Willard Library, a separate public library in Evansville, holds many Vanderburgh County court records, including the following Circuit Court records: Civil Disposed Cases, 1872-1965, with some pre-1872 cases and spotty holding for 1950-1965; Civil Order Books on microfilm 1869-1951. Willard also has Superior Court records for Civil Disposed Cases from 1879 to 1969 with some pre-1879 cases and spotty holdings for 1950-1969 and Civil Order Books on microfilm from 1877 to 1952. The library also has Probate Court records including Civil Disposed Cases to 1969 with spotty holding for 1945 to 1969, Civil Order Books on microfilm 1919 to 1952, Disposed Estate Cases from 1819 to 1977, Probate Order Books on microfilm from 1821 to 1953, Probate Court Records of Wills on microfilm from 1849 to 1953, and Disposed Guardianship Cases from 1861 to 1977. The library does not have any misdemeanor or Superior Court Criminal Cases. The Probate Court quit handling civil cases in 1969. In addition, Willard Library has the County Clerk's Office Marriage Books for 1818 to 1979.

The library has complete holdings of the 1810 or 1820 through 1910 U.S. Census for Clark, Crawford, Davis, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Greene, Harrison, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Scott, Spencer, Sullivan, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Washington counties in Indiana, for Alexander, Clay, Edward, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Massac, Poe, Pulaski, Richland, Saline, Union, Wabash, Wayne, White, and Williamson counties in Illinois, and for Ballard, Breckenridge, Butler, Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Henderson, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, McCracken, McLean, Meade, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Todd, Trigg, Union and Webster counties in Kentucky. Census holdings also include all of Kentucky through 1910, all of Indiana through 1870, and other miscellaneous counties and states for various years. Willard also has on microfiche the 1860 everyname index to the Indiana census. Most of these items are housed in the Regional and Family History of Willard Library. This a non-circulating reference collection of books, newspapers, magazines, microfilms, manuscripts, photographs, and other unpublished materials concentrated on the local tri-state area and on states and countries which are related to migration to this area.

Sample Letters

by Sally Holterhoff, et al., Valparaiso University Law Library

What follows is a letter that Sally and others drafted for Singer. Each letter was personalized at the beginning to the Congressperson and in a P.S. if INDIGO had been in touch with them or their staffs.

On behalf of the thirty-six Federal depository libraries in the State of Indiana, we ask for your support of the Federal Depository Library Program. We are members of Indiana Networking for Documents and Information of Government Organization (INDIGO), which was formed in 1992 to advocate improved access to public information in our state and to support Indiana librarians who work with government information.

Indiana's Federal depositories are part of a program established in 1895 to provide government information to the public. More than fourteen hundred libraries nationwide participate in the program, which is administrated by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents.

The Indiana State Library is a regional depository library, which receives all of the government information products distributed by GPO to depositories. The other thirty-five

depositories in Indiana (see attached map) are selective depositories, which choose those government information products and services that will best meet the needs of their users. Each Congressional district in Indiana has at least one Federal depository library. Through the depository program these libraries receive free government information in paper, microfiche, and electronic form; in exchange, the library provides free access and information services to residents in their Congressional district and to other users.

Indiana residents use the government information available in Federal depository libraries in a variety of ways. For example, the Indiana University Northwest Library, located in Rep. Visclosky's district, serves students, faculty, and users from the local community of Gary and Lake County. Approximately twenty percent of the reference questions answered in the library rely on government information sources. Another example is the Hesburgh Library at Notre Dame, located in Rep. Roemer's district. It serves not only a university community of approximately ten thousand people, but also local industry and business users, community groups, and public schools in the south Bend area. The University spends over \$80,000 each year to service and maintain the depository collection. The Allen County Public Library, located in Rep. Long's district, provides statistics, tax and legal help, government reports, and census and legislative information to a wide cross-section of users in the fort Wayne area.

We realize that, in the current budgetary climate, many Federal programs are being re-evaluated, and cuts in funding are being considered. But the GPO budget has experienced a ten-year period of little or no actual increase, which has steadily eroded access to government information through depository libraries. A shortfall in GPO's FY '93 appropriation for the superintendent of Documents has recently led to some drastic cuts. Public access to the number and variety of Federal government information sources has been severely and adversely affected, while the cost savings have been relatively slight. If GPO's FY '94 budget request is cut, the integrity, usefulness, and effectiveness of the depository library program will be further jeopardized.

Clearly, a sufficiently-funded depository library program can actually save money for the government by providing an efficient and cost-effective way to disseminate vital government information to citizens. One example is the distribution of the recent EPA reports, *Respiratory health Effects of Passive Smoking*, which is based on research paid for with tax dollars and which contains information important to the health of all Americans. An EPA press release of 7 January 1993 stated that free paper copies of this report can be requested from the EPA and that it would also be available in Federal depository libraries. However, for budgetary reasons, depository libraries are to receive this report only in microfiche format, after several months delay to allow for conversion to microfiche. It

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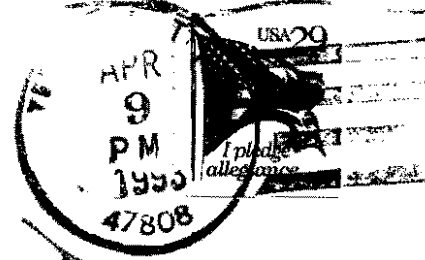
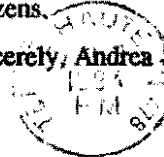
had not yet arrived as of the end of February. Distribution of paper copies to Federal depositories would have been a cost-effective and equitable way to provide timely, wide, and continued public access to this report in every Congressional district in the country (thirty-six locations in Indiana alone). In contrast, consider the cost of mailing thousands of free copies to individuals and organizations who have no obligation (as depositories do) to share the report with others or retain it for future reference. Congressional staff in district offices can save time and money by referring constituents who request such information to local depository libraries -- if up-to-date government information is available there in an appropriate format.

Compared to many other government programs, the depository system is relatively low in cost. In its nearly 100 years of operation, the depository program has proved effective as a means of providing free public access to vital government information. Recent use of electronic distribution formats has tremendous potential to improve access for users and to be more efficient and less expensive for government agencies.

Because of the valuable mission that the Federal depository library program serves in Indiana and nationwide, we urge you to support full funding for the Government Printing Office. We hope that you share our interest in protecting Indiana citizens' access to a wide range of government information through the depository library programs. We would be glad to provide you with additional information about specific depositories in your Congressional districts and their unique value as a resource for citizens.

Sincerely, Andrea Singer, INDIGO Chair 1992-93

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