

INDIGO News

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From the Chair:

The spring conference will be Friday, June 11 at IUPUI's University Library Room UL1116. A full agenda is planned. We will hear presentations on the use of DVD technology by the Patent & Trademark Office, the Indiana Secretary of State's web site, 2000 Census developments in Indiana, the Indiana State Ethics Commission web site, and government information access legislation in the Indiana General Assembly.

There will also be discussion of the planned Indiana Government Documents tour session in Fort Wayne in August.

Hinton Appointed to Depository Library Council!

IUPUI's Bob Hinton has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the Depository Library Council. Bob becomes the third Hoosier to serve on council following in the footsteps of Sally Holterhoff and Steve Hayes.

Indiana Depository News

The Federal Depository Library Program Listserv (FDLPINL) was created in February 1997 by the Indiana State Library-Indiana's regional depository. Its purpose is allowing Indiana's federal depository librarians and support staff to communicate about documents issues and problems. FDLPINL is used for conducting official Indiana federal depository business such as posting electronic versions of Indiana depository disposal lists, posting messages about INDIGO meetings, and forwarding email correspondence about problems, issues, and answered questions the Regional Depository has with GPO.

FDLPINL is a closed listserv. Subscription to and participation in it is regulated by Doug Conrads in cooperation with the Indiana State Library Management Information Services. Each officially designated GPO federal depository library Indiana contact representative is an automatic FDLPINL subscriber. Other interested individuals may

contact Doug at fdlpinl@www.statelib.lib.in.us Notify Doug of changes in your staff email addresses to maintain listserv currency.

FDLPINL is unmoderated with posted messages receiving immediate, unedited, and unfiltered distribution. Messages posted on this listserv will reach all Indiana federal depository libraries unlike INDIGO-L whose members have government information interests beyond U.S. documents. As an open listserv, INDIGO-L is also different in that it allows individuals to subscribe and unsubscribe at their own discretion. INDIGO members interested in subscribing to FDLPINL may contact Doug at (317) 232-3686 or via email at dconrads@statelib.lib.in.us (Doug Conrads)

Indiana University Library-Government Publications Dept. News

Green Boxes-If you're familiar with IUB's Government Publications Department (GPD) you may remember our "Foreign Reference Shelves," where significant country reference publications were placed in a "green box." This popular service became impossible during our LC conversion for foreign, international, and state/local documents. We have now created a virtual green box for each country of the world which is a pathfinder to significant electronic or print materials about that country which is accessible at <http://www.indiana.edu/~libgpd/guides/green/home.html>

GPD is working with other CIC libraries to compress and make available information on floppy disks received from GPO. Information on this project is available at <http://www.indiana.edu/~libgpd/mforms/floppy/floppy.html> The site is still under development. Comments are welcome and should be directed to Lou Malcomb malcomb@indiana.edu

All IU Libraries now have web access to UN Access, an index to UN documentation going back to 1964. IUB eventually plans to purchase access to this information dating back to 1946. IUB retains the documents on microfiche can be requested through ILL. Thanks to NEH endowment funds, we have obtained a microfiche replacement

for British Parliamentary Papers (House of Commons) from 1929-1947. This facilitates easier photocopying and ILL. IUB still has this material from 1900-1928 in microcard.

Andrea Morrison has been promoted to Associate Librarian effective July 1, 1999. Andrea Singer is in India on sabbatical and returns August 1, 1999. Lou Malcomb received the William Jenkins Librarian's Award at IU Libraries annual awards and retirement celebration May 21st. Marian Shaaban attended the biennial meeting of European Union depository librarians in Washington, DC June 1-5. (Andrea Morrison)

Bert Chapman demonstrated the Purdue Libraries Documents Department homepage at a Technology Showcase sponsored by Purdue's Multimedia Instructional Development Center in March. This presentation provided the opportunity to demonstrate how government information is delivered over the Internet to a non-library audience. An exhibit: "Government Documents on the Balkan Crisis" is on display in Purdue's Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education (HSSE) Library located in Stewart Center. The exhibit "Plan Your Summer Vacation With Government Documents" was featured last summer. A forthcoming exhibit will deal with government documents on the Caspian Sea region. The subject guides section of the Purdue Libraries Documents Department homepage will have a "Government Documents on Aviation" entry by the time of the June 11 conference. Purdue Libraries have purchased the CIS Index to U.S. Executive Branch Documents 1789-1909. An initiative is underway by other CIC libraries to purchase the accompanying microfiche collection and Indiana University is one of the interested libraries.

Sally Holterhoff's picture is featured on the homepage of the American Association of Law Libraries at <http://www.aallnet.org/>

Tim Sutherland gave a presentation entitled "Engaged Institutions: Using the Federal Depository as a Community Service to Address Regional and Community Needs" at

the Federal Depository Library Conference in April. His presentation will be published in the conference proceedings which will also be published on the FDLP's web site.

Tim has some additional comments on this issue for the newsletter:

Specialized government information services (federal depository collections within the library organization) are often one of the library departments/units most involved in serving "community" users and needs because of the commitment to provide government information and data to all users regardless of their status. With that in mind, the focus and recommendations from a Feb. 1999 Kellogg Commission report entitled Returning to Our Roots: The Engaged Institution

<http://www.nasulgc.org/Kellogg/engage.pdf> has relevance to depository services within academic libraries. This report lists seven guiding characteristics defining an "engaged institution." These are responsiveness, respect for partners, academic neutrality, accessibility, integration, coordination, and resource partnerships. This last is especially important because libraries with stable or declining funding from traditional sources have the opportunity to develop new relationships through community or regional outreach partnerships that will provide new resources to allow expanded library services. I am also willing to provide a copy of my Federal Depository Library Conference presentation on this topic. (Tim Sutherland)

International Documents Listserv Available

Documents Worldwide, an unmoderated listserv sponsored by ALA GODORT's International Documents Task Force (IDTF) is up and running. To subscribe email listserv@listserv.indiana.edu and enter the following message: SUBSCRIBE DOCWORLD-L Firstname Lastname You can also register for docworld-l on the web at: <http://www.indiana.edu/libgpd/idtf/docworld.html>

DocWorld-L is available to persons interested in sharing government information worldwide. Subjects covered include:

1. Freedom of access to government information

2. Government publishing trends
3. Announcements of new and notable government publications, including indexes, web sites, and other tools for enhancing access to worldwide government information.
4. Organization of those working with government information.

GODORT IDTF Commitment

1. IDTF is committed to improving communication between U.S. librarians and their counterparts from other countries concerned with government information.
2. IDTF members will be signed onto this listserv and assist in referring questions to appropriate contacts including questions relating to the organization of groups working with government information. This list does not cover specific questions on U.S. depository documents which are handled by the GovDoc-L listserv.
3. IDTF will improve its homepage at <http://www.indiana.edu/libgpd/idtf/home.html> to announce important trends in this field, list significant national government Internet resources, and record worldwide listservs concerned with exchanging government information.

Direct questions to DocWorld-L's listowner and current IDTF Coordinator

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Indiana History News

The Indiana Historical Society's new headquarters will open in July. Be sure to check out the Historical Society's web site at <http://www.indianahistory.org/> for additional information about its programs and services. Indiana state agencies web sites with historical information include the Indiana Historical Bureau <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/ihb/ihb.html> and the Indiana State Museum <http://www.state.in.us/ism/> The Historical Bureau's site includes searchable databases of Indiana covered bridges and historical markers. The State Museum's site contains information about the Indiana State Museum and various state historical sites. In addition, you can find information about and drawings of the new Indiana State Museum on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources web site at <http://www.state.in.us/dnr/>

Review of Indiana Department of Natural Resources Web Site

Located at <http://www.state.in.us/dnr/>, this site chronicles the activities and programs of Indiana's principal natural resources policy agency. Users can find information on a wide variety of topics. There are links to DNR bureaus and divisions such as fish and wildlife, historic preservation & archaeology, outdoor recreation, state parks &

reservoirs, and water. Additional contents include DNR's 1998 Annual Report, the current issue of the popular magazine Outdoor Indiana, information on the new Indiana State Museum, the Indiana Hunting and Trapping Regulation Guide, a canoeing guide, material from the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, as well as information on and maps of state parks and reservoirs. Although filled with information, homepage design could be improved by having a less cluttered arrangement of links to greet users once they arrive at the DNR site. This could be accomplished with better indexing of page contents. Despite this weakness, this site is still an essential source of information for those desirous of learning about Indiana natural resource policies, planning visits to state parks or other recreational activity, and for anyone interested in learning more about Indiana's multifaceted natural attractions.

Reviews of other Indiana state agency web sites will appear in future newsletter issues.

Review of Lafayette City Web Site

The City of Lafayette <http://www.city.Lafayette.in.us/> site provides information about Lafayette city government and other community services and activities. The "About Lafayette" link contains information about community restaurants, child care, education, libraries, media, religious institutions, and transportation. The government section contains links to various departments such as the Mayor's Office, City Clerk, and City Council. Examples of information found on this page include email links to city officials, selected reports and documents such as histories of Columbian Park and community development block grants, city council information including meeting minutes and the texts of resolutions and ordinances, and the Lafayette City Code. Other features of this site include a city hall calendar, job openings, and selected forms in PDF format. This is a well organized site with significant quantities of useful information. Archiving of City Council minutes goes back to 1998 but the site contains no information on electronic records retention. Despite this concern, this is generally a model municipal government web site that presents an attractive portrait of an important western Indiana community. Reviews of other Indiana local government sites will occur in future newsletter issues.

New Indiana Local Government WWW Sites

Avon www.avongov.org/

Benton County <http://www.bentoncounty.org/>

East Chicago <http://www.eastchicago.com/>

Mishawaka <http://www.mishawakacity.com/>

Indiana Congressional Web Site Review

Rep. Baron Hill (D) is the newest member of Indiana's congressional delegation representing the 9th district seat formerly held by Lee Hamilton. His site <http://www.house.gov/baronhill/> appears to have opened on April 29, 1999. The site loads quickly and features a picture of Hill and eight individual linked items. These include a standard greeting, contact information, Washington, DC tourist information, press releases, a biography, links to congressional committees Hill serves on, federal web sites, and a photo album of Hill with various student constituents. The press releases section only has one item about unfair drug prices and the committees section covering the agriculture and armed services committees also includes information on which subcommittees Hill is a member of. The federal web sites section has links to different governmental branches including one to GPO but no link to 9th district federal depository library sites. Although a new site, Hill and his staff have made a positive start in promoting their congressional work. Two areas that could be strengthened would be including the names of his staff and their areas of responsibility in the contact information section and including information and links to legislation Hill has introduced or cosponsored.

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Access Indiana Praised

Congressional Quarterly's publication *Governing* praised the Access Indiana Information Network for its comprehensiveness and cost-effectiveness. These

comments were in Governing's evaluation of state government management practices.
Comments for Indiana can be found at <http://www.governing.com/gp9in.htm> and
evaluations of other state government managerial issues can also be found at
<http://www.governing.com/>

Upcoming Events

American Library Association Annual Conference-New Orleans-June 25-30

Special Libraries Association-Minneapolis-June 5-10

American Association of Law Librarians-Washington, DC-July17-21

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