

Recent Developments in Government Documents Librarianship

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End of .gov?

- Many .gov domains are not being updated or abandoned. Victims include:

- FedStats.gov – last updated 2007?
- healthreform.gov/
- mymoney.gov/- last updated 2010?
- www.fiddlinforesters.gov/



- Obama Administration placed a moratorium on all new .gov websites.
- Need more information? See CampaignToCutWaste.gov

More signs of declining access

- Depository Access to Reports Scientific and Technical (DARTS) will end September 30.
- Google's *Uncle Sam* now gone.

Budget Crisis

- Census Bureau facing a possible 25% budget cut.

“Cuts of this magnitude would mean the Census Bureau would have to terminate major statistical programs, cease critical data collection and vital benchmark reports on the nation’s economy, population and housing, and lay off as many as 700 employees”

Census Bureau Cuts

- Stat-USA has already ceased.
- Ended September 30, 2010. Operated 25 years.

“STAT-USA/Internet’s historic role as a straightforward storehouse of static government information releases has become outdated.”

Titles that will possibly disappear

- Economic Census
- *Current Industrial Reports*
- *Federal Financial Statistics*

Elimination of the Statistical Compendia Branch (SCB)

- Print and online versions of *Statistical Abstract of the United States*.
- *State and Metropolitan Area Data Book*
- *County and City Data Book*
- USA Counties web database

FDsys

- Replaced *GPO Access*
- Designed as data management system rather than website.
- Allows advanced and new search capabilities.

GPO budget cuts

- Recent house bill calls for "the privatization of the GPO" and the transfer of the Superintendent of Documents and the FDLP to the Library of Congress.
- Completely removes funding from FDsys

ASERL Initiatives

- Centers of Excellence (COE)
- Disposition of Documents

What is ASERL?

Association of Southeast Research Libraries

- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Virginia



What is ASERL?

- 20% of all federal depository libraries
- 12 regionals & 248 selectives
- 180 academic, 31 public, 8 state, 41 academic/state law libraries

ASERL Initiatives Background 2006-2008

- Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP) established (2006)
- Steering Committee formed; questionnaire sent (2007)
- COE pilot project(2008)



ASERL Initiatives Background 2009

- ASERL Deans FDLP Task Force established
- IMLS grant

ASERL Initiatives Background 2010

- Discussion draft adopted (April)
- Discussion draft released for comments (May-July)
- Document revised (August)
- Revisions reviewed & accepted (November)

ASERL Initiatives Background 2011

- *Southeast Guidelines for Management and Disposition of Federal Depository Library Collections: Implementation Plan* approved unanimously by ASERL (April)

Implementation Plan

- Primary Goal: Establishing comprehensive FDLP collections in the region
 - Centers of Excellence
 - Documents Disposition Database

Guidelines for Comprehensive Collections

- Preference for original printed documents
- Retention of superseded publications
- Substitution of microfiche and commercial products

Obstacles to a Comprehensive FDLP Collection

- Fugitive documents
- Lack/condition of pre-1976 cataloging records
- Missing items

Creating a Comprehensive Collection: The Centers of Excellence Model

- University of Kentucky
 - Works Progress Administration

- University of South Carolina
 - Department of Education

- University of Florida
 - Panama Canal Commission

Responsibilities of each Center of Excellence

- Inventory & catalog
- Damage/lost pieces
- Fill gaps
- Preservation
- OCLC
- Digitization
- ILL
- Reference

Centers of Excellence: Project List

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
	COE Status Updated: 9-21-11	FDLP Institution	FDLP Library Name	City	State	COE Agencies/Topics	Zip Code	Type of Designation	Year Designated FDL	Title of Library Director	Library Director First Name	Library Director Last Name
1	Signed MOU	University of Kentucky	William T. Young Library	Lexington	KY	Work Projects Administration (FW 12, FW 15, FW 4.2, FW 4.14, FW 4.19, FW 4.21, FW 4.26, FW 4.38) SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION (SI 1 - tentative) Appalachian Regional Commission (Y3 .AP 4/2 - tentative) Agricultural Adjustment Administration (A55, A76, A79, A83) tentative Commodity Credit Corporation (A82) tentative	40506-0456	Land grant	1907	Ms.	Carol	Diedrichs
195		University of Kentucky	Law Library	Lexington	KY		40506-0048	Law school	1968	Dr.	James	Donovan
196		University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Edith Garland Dupre Library	Lafayette	LA		70503-	Representat	1938	Dr.	Charles W.	Triche, III
197		University of Louisiana at Monroe	University Library	Monroe	LA		71209-0720	Representat	1963	Dean	Donald	Smith
198	Yet to Declare	University of Louisville	William F. Ekstrom Library	Louisville	KY		40292-0001	Senatorial	1925	Dean	Robert	Fox
199		University of Mary Washington	Simpson Library	Fredericksburg	VA		22401-4664	Representat	1940	Mr.	LeRoy S.	Strohl, III
200		University of Memphis	Cecil C. Humphreys School of	Memphis	TN		38103-2189	Law school	1979	Dean	D.R.	Jones
201	Signed MOU	University of Memphis	McWherter Library	Memphis	TN	PEACE CORPS (AA 4, PE 1, S 19) Tennessee Valley Authority (Y 3.T 25)	38152-3250	Representa	1966	Dr.	Sylverna	Ford
202	Yet to Declare	University of Miami	Otto G. Richter Library	Coral Gables	FL		33146-2508	Representa	1939	Mr.	Bill	Walker
203		University of Mississippi	James O. Eastland Law Librar	University	MS		38677	Representat	1967	Ms.	Kris	Gilliland
204	Signed MOU	University of Mississippi	J.D. Williams Library	University	MS	Internal Revenue Service (T 22) CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION (CR 1)	38677-9793	Representa	1883	Ms.	Julia	Rholes
205		University of New Orleans	Earl K. Long Library	New Orleans	LA		70148-0001	Senatorial	1963	Dr.	Sharon	Mader
206		University of North Alabama	Collier Library	Florence	AL		35632-0001	Representat	1932	Dr.	Melvin	Davis
207		University of North Carolina at Chapel	Kathrine R. Everett Law Libran	Chapel Hill	NC		27599-3385	Law school	1978	Ms.	Anne	Klinefelter
208	Signed MOU	University of North Carolina at Chapel	Walter Davis Library	Chapel Hill	NC	Hearings (All House and Senate Committee Hearings) (Y 4)	27514-8890	Representa	1884	Ms.	Sarah	Michalak
209		University of North Carolina, Asheville	D. Hiden Ramsey Library	Asheville	NC		28804-3251	Representat	1965	Mr.	Jim	Kuhlman
210	Yet to Declare	University of North Carolina, Charlot	J. Murrey Atkins Library	Charlotte	NC		28223-0001	Representa	1964		Stanley	Wilder
211	Signed MOU	University of North Carolina, Green	Walter Clinton Jackson Libr	Greensboro	NC	Food and Nutrition Service (A 98)	27412-0001	Representa	1963	Ms.	Rosann	Bazirjian
212		University of North Carolina, Pembroke	Sampson-Livemore Library	Pembroke	NC		28372-1510	Representat	1966	Dr.	Elinor	Foster
213		University of North Carolina, Wilmington	William M. Randall Library	Wilmington	NC		28403-3297	Representat	1965	Ms.	Sarah	Watstein
214		University of North Florida	Thomas G. Carpenter Library	Jacksonville	FL		32224-2645	Senatorial	1972	Dr.	Shirley	Hallblade
215		University of Richmond	Boatwright Memorial Library	Richmond	VA		23173-9998	Representat	1900	Mr.	James	Rettig
216		University of Richmond	Muse Law Library	Richmond	VA		23173	Law school	1982	Prof.	Timothy L.	Coggins
217		University of South Alabama	University Libraries	Mobile	AL		36688-0002	Representat	1968	Dr.	Richard	Wood
218		University of South Carolina, Aiken	Gregg-Graniteville Library	Aiken	SC		29801-6389	Senatorial	1989	Ms.	Jane	Tuten
219		University of South Carolina, Columbia	Coleman Karesh Law Library	Columbia	SC		29208-0001	Law school	1983	Mr.	Duncan	Alford
220	Signed MOU	University of South Carolina, Colum	Thomas Cooper Library	Columbia	SC	EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (ED1)	29208	Representa	1884	Mr.	Tom	McNally
221		University of South Carolina, Lancaster	Medford Library	Lancaster	SC		29721-0889	Representat	1990	Ms.	Shari L.	Eliades
222	Signed MOU	University of South Florida	Tampa Library	Tampa	FL	Geological Survey (I 19)	33620-5400	Senatorial	1962	Mr.	William	Garrison
223		University of Southern Mississippi	Joseph Anderson Cook Memo	Hattiesburg	MS		39406-0001	Representat	1935	Dr.	Carole	Kiehl
224		University of Tampa	Macdonald Kelce Library	Tampa	FL		33606-1490	Representat	1953	Ms.	Marlyn	Pethe
225	Yet to Declare	University of Tennessee, Knoxville	John C. Hodges Library, Ro	Knoxville	TN		37996-1000	Land grant	1907	Dean of L	Barbara I.	Dewey
226		University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Joel A. Katz Law Library	Knoxville	TN		37996-1800	Representat	1971	Ms.	Reba	Best
227		University of Tennessee, Martin	Paul Meek Library	Martin	TN		38238-0001	Representat	1957	Ms.	Mary	Carpenter
228		University of the Cumberlands	Hanan Memorial Library	Williamshurg	KY		40769	Senatorial	1988	Ms.	Jan	Wren

Works Progress Administration

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History of the WPA

The Works Progress Administration was created by the order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was funded by Congress through the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act in April of 1935. The Works Progress Administration was renamed the Work Projects Administration (WPA) in 1939 and was the largest agency in the New Deal, employing millions to construct public buildings and roads, and operate arts and literacy projects. Almost every community in the United States had a public building, road or bridge created by the WPA.

The approximate total amount spent from 1936 to 1943 was over \$11 billion which especially benefited rural and western populations.

During the Great Depression the WPA provided some skills training and almost 8 million jobs to the unemployed. These jobs, however, were limited to one person per household.

Approximately 15 percent of the households were headed by women. The average age of the workers was 40 years old.

Libraries benefited greatly from the WPA. Construction and renovation projects on libraries alone employed over 27,000 people by 1940 (1).

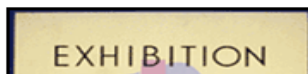
(1) Stanford, Edward. 1944. *Library Extension Under the WPA: An Appraisal of an Experiment in Federal Aid*. University of Chicago Press. Chicago. p. 1.

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Posters from the WPA era



The WPA created posters to advertise their array of programs available to the public.



The University of Kentucky's WPA collection becomes a Center of Excellence

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) collection at the University of Kentucky dates from the early 1930s to the late 1970s and is becoming more comprehensive thanks to the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), and the Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP). UK has been given the opportunity to develop a Center of Excellence for the WPA through an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant. As a Center of Excellence, UK is developing a collection of archival pieces that are non-circulating and will preserve the WPA publications in their original format. The libraries are also acquiring extra copies for use by researchers. Currently, UK's collection has over 2,000 items published by the Works Progress Administration.



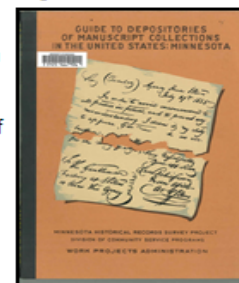
The WPA published many American Imprints Inventories, which are quite fascinating historical accounts of library collections in each state. The [Supplemental Check List Of Kentucky Imprints 1788-1820: American Imprints Inventory No. 38](#) lists the titles of books published about or in Kentucky. This particular book lists the holdings of 30 libraries around the United States.

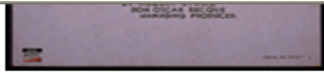
The University of Kentucky's collection has many items that chronicle Kentucky's involvement and history with the WPA such as:

[Inventory of The County Archives of Kentucky: no.34 Fayette County \(Lexington\)](#). Prepared by The Historical Records Survey, the Division of Women's and Professional Projects, and the Works Progress Administration. This publication contains an historical sketch of Lexington as well as a layout of the governmental organization. It also states that the State Office of the Historical Records Survey was originally located in Lexington.

Another interesting publication from the WPA is the [Assigned Occupations of persons employed on WPA projects](#), published in November 1937. This publication is filled primarily with tables numbering how many people were employed on WPA projects organized by state. The introduction provides a brief description of the data as well as the occupational groups and major types of projects.

The WPA was also responsible for publishing many Guides, one of which is the [Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections In the United States: Minnesota](#). This guide contains lists organized by library of all the manuscripts held in Minnesota libraries.





They were displayed in seventeen states and the District of Columbia, and were made possible by one of the first U.S. Government programs designed to support the arts.(2)

Federal Dance Theatre presents Salut au monde : adapted from a poem of that name by Walt Whitman. Richard Halls. [1936 or 1937]. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division. Reproduction Number: LC-USZC4-5156.

Posters exhibition : Executed under Federal Art Project poster division. Richard Floethe. [between 1936 and 1941]. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division. Reproduction Number: LC-USZC2-973.

(2) Library of Congress. 2000. "By the people, For the people: Posters of the WPA." Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress. Last updated August, 31, 2000.

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Goodman-Paxton Inventory and Images

For more information on the Special Collections Library, please click on the "Access Information" tab above and scroll down.



Follow this link to the Kentuckiana Digital Library finding aid for the Goodman, Paxton papers, which are located in the University of Kentucky Libraries, Special Collections.

"The collection includes just a small amount of Edwin Paxton's correspondence, with most of the materials pertaining to George Goodman and his tenure as director of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in Kentucky from 1934 through 1941."

-quoted from the website's abstract



Video: benefits of the WPA

Be sure to check your volume! This video has sound!



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Library Information

Most of the Collection of WPA Materials on the University of Kentucky's campus is held in storage in the William T. Young Library.



The WPA collection can be comprehensively searched in InfoKat by typing "ASERLWPA" into the keyword search box on InfoKat.

This will bring up all the materials that Young library currently has that were published by the WPA.

A few things to remember when searching in InfoKat:

- when searching by call number copy it exactly
- use capital letters when called for and make sure all punctuation and spaces are in the right place
- to search by title, enclosing it in quotations will force a phrase search, which will retrieve fewer items.

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Special Collections

Special Collections is located in the M. I. King Building.

General use of Special Collections materials is limited to building use only.

For further borrowing details please see their [borrowing information](#).



Special Collections

See the Special Collections website for more information on the variety of options available to users.

Circulation

The WPA document collection is available for checkout; because most of the items are held in storage, they must be requested through [Book Express](#).

To request an item from storage, fill out the [online form](#).

There are also some books and other materials published by the WPA that are housed in the library stacks.

- [Circulation Policies](#)
Here you will find detailed information about UK's circulation policies on recalls, holds, searches, and a few exceptions to the rules.

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Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

To promote use of the WPA collection across the Southeast, these materials are available for [Interlibrary Loan](#). To obtain an item from UK's WPA collection go to your local library and request the item via ILL.

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Other Document Delivery

The University of Kentucky is currently developing a way to provide access via photocopy or digital copy of items that are not circulated. Once this method is in place, it will be added here.

- [Information for Distance Learners](#)
General information about library use by distance learners.
- [Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan for Distance Learners](#)
Important procedures for distance learners about Document Delivery and ILL.

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Disposal of Government Documents

- 44 U.S.C. Sec.1912
- Regionals vs. Selectives
- Benefits

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Welcome

Use this guide as a reference for familiarizing yourself with the ASERL Documents Disposition Database.

The Concept

Title 44, Section 1912, of the U.S. Code states that Regional depository libraries may permit Selective depository libraries to dispose of Government publications which they have retained for five years after first offering them to other depository libraries within their area, then to other libraries. The processes that have been developed to do this are cumbersome and time consuming for both selective and regional depository libraries, involving the distribution of emails, spreadsheets, word documents and paper lists. The Association of Southeast Research Libraries (ASERL) has developed an online Documents Disposition Database that streamlines the process, thus reducing staff time for all libraries involved in the disposition process.

Click through the other tabs in this guide to get started with using the current release of the ASERL Documents Disposition Database.

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Discussion Questions

- What are the short term and long term ramifications of the defunding of FedSys?
- What data could disappear due to Census Bureau cuts?
- What are some of the pros and cons of entrusting non-government/private entities to preservation of government information?
- Thoughts on ASERL's new Exchange List system?