A Journey of Transforming to an Online Government Documents Collection

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Agenda

- About Paul Meek Library
- Challenges with government documents collection
- Solution
- Reflection and discussion



Paul Meek Library FDLP Depository since 1957

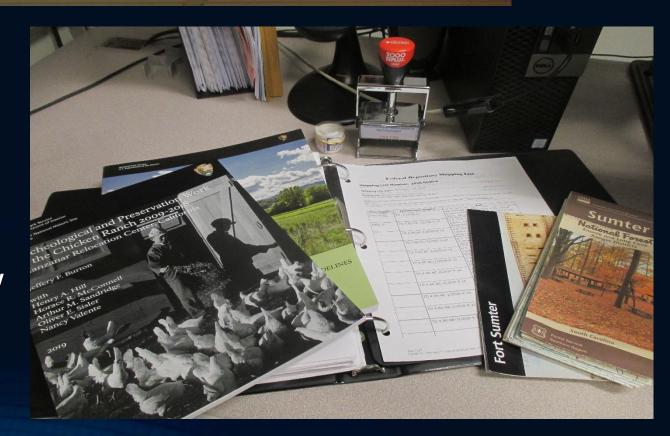


Selected GPO titles: 3,726

Percentage of total GPO titles: 36%

Online titles: 3,002

Documents Collection focus:
Agriculture, Business, Criminal Justice,
Education, Health, Science &
Essential Congressional, Legislative,
Regulatory, Statistical material

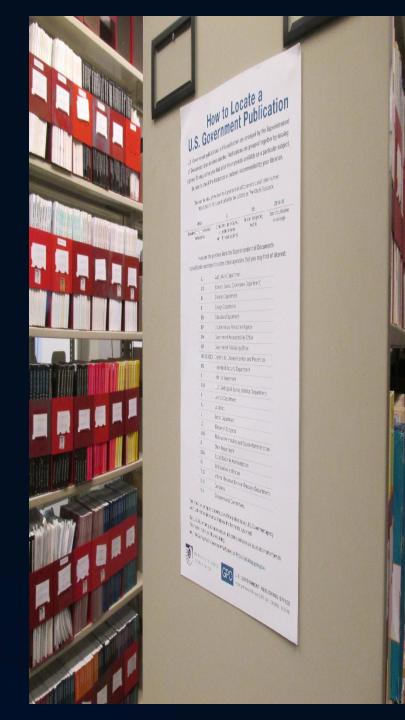




The Paul Meek Library has not had a librarian solely dedicated to the Government Documents collection for the last decade.

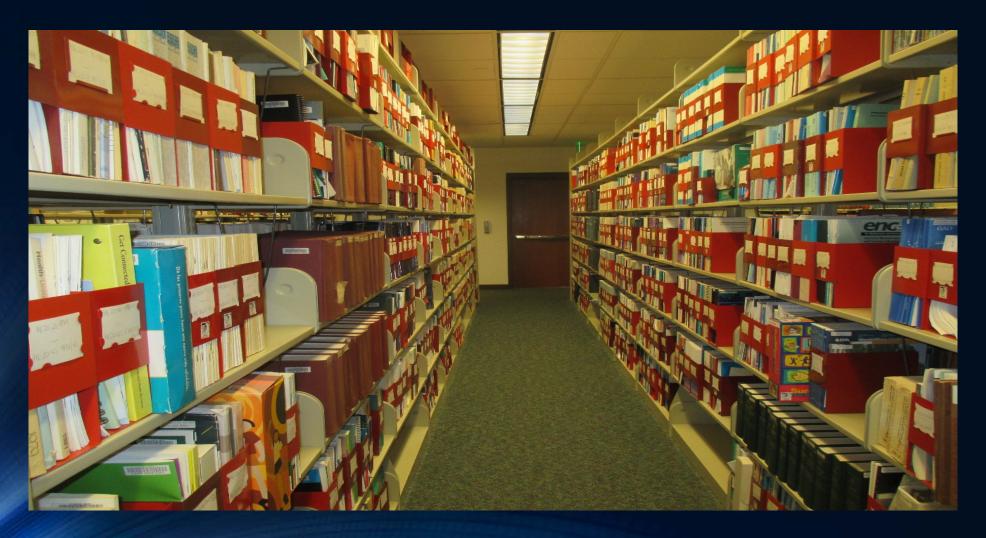
Problems with our collection

- Not enough staff to keep up with processing and maintaining physical collection
- Short MARC records that have never been overlaid with complete records
- Some older items that were never cataloged for the OPAC
- Boxes of weeded items that are moving out slowly
- Lack of space



Two of our primary problems which a digital collection could address:

Lack of STAFF and Lack of SPACE



Big weeding project begun in 2015 is still ongoing.

The collection hadn't been weeded in years and the pulled items filled 900+ banker boxes.

The process is slow. Spreadsheets have been sent to the regional depository in Memphis.

An inventory of tangible items is being conducted to see what we actually have and whether any of the tangibles should be kept.



Periodically, the regional depository returns some spreadsheets with items marked to send to them.

All other items on those spreadsheets can be offered on the ASERL (Association of Southeastern Research Libraries) Documents Disposition Database.

After 45 days on offer, they can then be discarded.



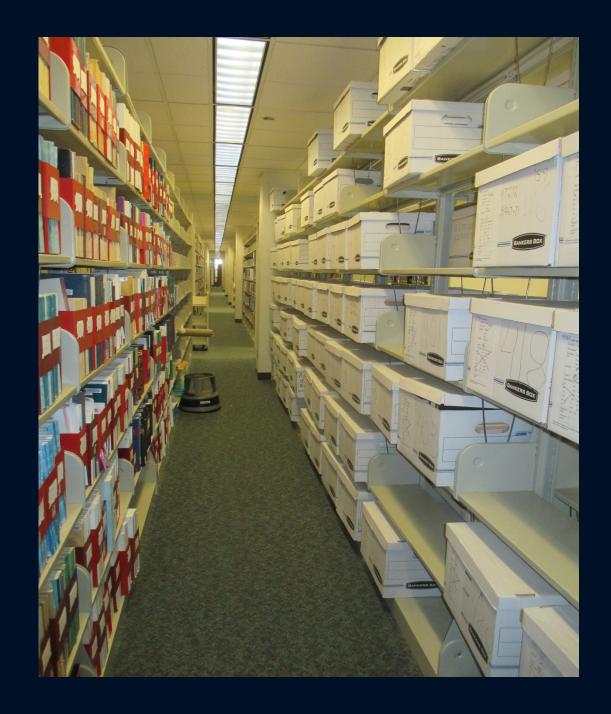


We may also offer items to some libraries in our state which collect in specific areas:

University of Tennessee at Knoxville holds pre-1989 Department of Agriculture docs

Eastern Tennessee State University holds pre-1989 Environmental Protection Agency docs

Tennessee State Library and Archives holds pre-1989
Department of the Interior docs



From that weeding project begun six years ago, we still have many boxes left, waiting their turn.

Weeding government documents is time-consuming and labor-intensive.

A digital collection seems preferable for our library's current situation and needs.



Where to begin? What does the GPO recommend?

- 1. Inform and consult with regional depository
- 2. Review and adjust item selection profile
- 3. Make a plan for cataloging online resources
- 4. Weed tangible collection

Requirements for a digital government documents collection:

Access (including bibliographic)

Equipment (public computers)

Staff (reference help available)

Promotion and visibility



GPO's best practices for a digital collection:

- 1. Have an FDLP website (or LibGuide)
- Display the FDLP logo on web pages with Federal Government documents
- 3. Have clear links to the FDLP Basic Collection
- 4. Above all, have good bibliographic records in the library's online catalog.



Solutions



Snapshot of collection records in ILS

- Overall records for the collection: 34,656, of which 12,495 for online resources (36%)
- Number of brief MARC records: 26,072 (75% of overall records), of which 12,100 for online resources (46%)
- Issues with brief MARC records: incomplete and inaccurate description and access information, such as title, author, publisher, physical description, subject heading; lack of SuDoc numbers; messy information included in MARC fields; blank 500 fields; duplicate and broken URLs; wrongly coded fields, etc.

Brief MARC record examples

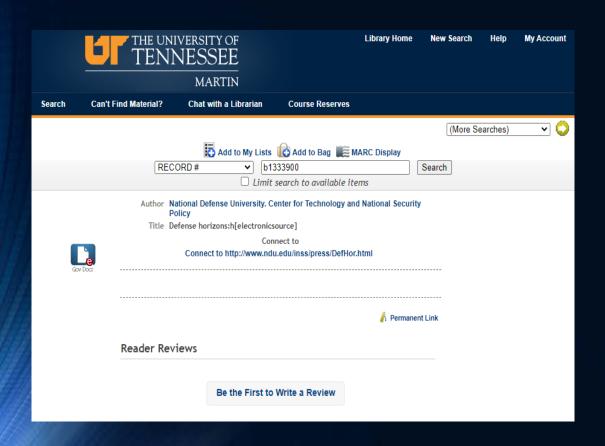
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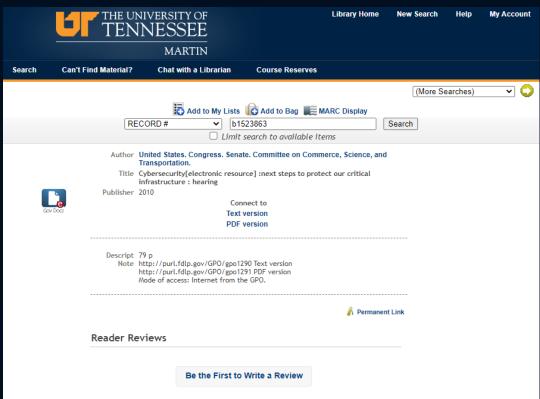
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Public display in the Library Catalog





Concerns with the record quality

- Findability of physical items in the collection
- Search results through the library's discovery services
- High demand for online resources due to the pandemic environment
- Accurate and active access to government information
- Circulation data and usage tracking
- Migration to a new library services platform (LSP): data clean-up and transfer

Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP)

- What is the Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP)?
- Benefits of the CRDP
- Discussion about participating in the CRDP
- Decision made for government documents collection

Cataloging Record Distribution Program (fdlp.gov)

https://www.fdlp.gov/catalogingandclassification/cataloging-record-distribution-program

Timeline of being a CRDP member

- August: sent the application email to GPO
- September: reviewed the item selection profile and generated a detailed report of selected items
- October 13: received the invitation from GPO
- October 20: reviewed the CRDP guide and completed the CRDP profile form
- October 27: clarified preferences with MARCIVE (e.g., 590, 922 fields)
- October 28: received a test load from MARCIVE
- November 17: received two batches of CRDP records

Workflow of the CRDP

Email notification from MARCIVE

Description: October 2020 CRDP Records for University of Tennessee, Martin

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File size: 676596 bytes

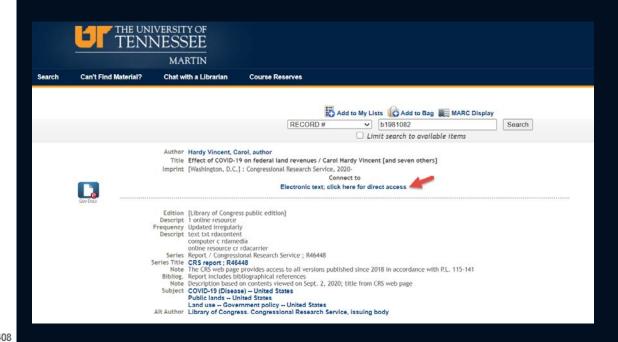
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Excel spreadsheet

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Retrieve Catalog Item (Electronic text; click here for direct access



Follow-up

- Action taken for the brief MARC records
- Monitor the monthly load
 - MarcEdit
 - Average record count: 455
- FDLP PURL Usage Reporting Tool

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Annual survey for GPO

Reflections

- Intact core titles
- Changed workflow
- Reduced workload
- Enhanced MARC records
- Improved content discovery and use
- Applicable usage tracking



Plan for government documents collection

- Move to online resources where possible
- Weed tangible items which we plan to receive digitally, abiding by GPO rules
- Consult with liaison librarians about possible tangible items we may still need to receive
- Clean up (update) records for tangible items we plan to keep

