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From the Chair

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Gov Info Day set for Sept. 30th

Government Information Day will be held at Memorial Library on the UW-Madison campus on Friday, Sept. 30th. More information about registration and the agenda will be sent in an email.

WLA Program: "Women, Financial Literacy and Retirement Savings"

GIRT is co-sponsoring a program with the Wisconsin Dept. of Employee Trust Funds and Wisconsin Women Library Workers on "Women, Financial Literacy and Retirement Savings" at the WLA Conference this year. The program will be held on Thursday, Nov. 3, 4:15-5:30 p.m. According to the program description, "Women as a group save less money for retirement than men due to their shorter work careers, lower earnings and investment choices. At all ages, women save less than men." Margery Katz will highlight findings from a ETF/UW Center for Financial Security grant funded by the Social SA entitled "Increasing Retirement Savings by Working Women: Understanding and Reducing Contribution Differentials". This project seeks to develop, pilot and evaluate educational materials that encourage women to increase savings through employer-provided options. In her presentation at WLA, Margery will focus on useful resources relating to women, financial literacy and retirement."

For additional information on the project, go to:
<http://cfs.wisc.edu/publicationlibrary/year1projects/year2projects.aspx>

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Wisconsin Distinguished Document 2010

Dept of Employee Trust Funds Takes Top Honor

The Government Information Roundtable is proud to present the 2010 Wisconsin's Distinguished Government Document Award to ***New Employee Orientation – Retirement Benefits*** from the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF). Kathryn Fields, Trust Funds Specialist Advisor, is the writer, presenter, and producer of this online document. This document can be found at

<http://etfmedia.wi.gov/main/Viewer/?peid=d2c003fbbb0f478caedca0609608476d>

It includes a PowerPoint presentation that can be printed out so employees can take notes as they watch the video.

The video is just one of about one hundred on the ETF website <http://etf.wi.gov/webcasts.htm> that educates the state and government employees who are new members of the Wisconsin Retirement System of their benefits.

Margery Katz, who nominated this online document for the award, wrote "ETF has made a huge effort to educate employees of their benefits. ETF's video library is an informative, understandable online resource available to all. The New Employee Orientation is just one excellent example. The entire library could be nominated too."

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Honorable Mention goes to ***Students with Diabetes : A Resource Guide for Wisconsin Schools and Families***, coauthored by The Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program staff led by Leah Ludlum, Workgroup Members and Reviewers, and Dedicated Partners.

It is a terrific guide for those who care for students with diabetes during school and all school activities. The guide is organized and detailed to be used as a reference and educational tool for everyone. Available in print and online, this document is packed with information, with a very detailed table of contents, tip sheets, emergency information, rights, and tools. The guide comes complete with tabs so that one can get to the information they need quickly.

This document was nominated by Kristen Cuperus of UW-La Crosse, who wrote, "This resource is very well done. Has great information for everyone, making it easy for the public to work with students with several types of diabetes."

Congratulations to this year's winners! Thanks to everyone who participated in the process this year.

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Federal Depository Library Program updates

Is your library considering dropping Federal Depository Library status? If so, please let me, Beth Harper, your regional librarian, know as soon as possible! Library administrators sometimes think that dropping status is the only way around certain obstacles, but sometimes we can work together with GPO to make staying in the program easier for your library. At the very least, both GPO and I will recommend that your library consider switching to a primarily electronic depository, which can take various forms. The FDLP Handbook, which provides lots of background on the depository program, has a chapter, "Transitioning Depository Libraries" (<http://www.fdlp.gov/administration/handbook/120-chapter13>) with many tips about successfully moving to a primarily electronic depository. If there's a glimmer of a chance your library might want to be a federal depository library in the future, it's much easier to stay in the program and move to a primarily electronic model than drop out of the program entirely and reapply later.

Speaking of the FDLP Handbook, it has been partially replaced by the slightly less catchily, more clumsily named ***Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program*** (<http://www.fdlp.gov/administration/248-fdl-legal-requirements>). GPO has said that the FDLP Handbook (<http://www.fdlp.gov/administration/handbook>) can be consulted for background information, and has suggestions on how libraries can maintain compliance with the legal requirements. GPO plans to update/reformat/rewrite/republish the non-legal content contained in the FDLP Handbook at a later date. (If you were surprised by the publication of the ***Legal Requirements*** document, and its status as a partial replacement for the Handbook, you are not alone!)

Two new requirements

The ***Legal Requirements*** document does contain two new requirements of which you should be aware: requests that libraries catalog all new (incoming) tangible items, and that libraries display the FDLP logo or the basic Title 44 text somewhere on their website.

Requirement number 13 states “Libraries must catalog current tangible receipts or publications that meet the library’s collection needs.” A short sentence describing what may be a big change for some of us! GPO recently expanded upon this, giving the reasoning behind this requirement, and describing different ways libraries can meet it, at <http://www.fdlp.gov/administration/248-fdl-legal-requirements/1003-cataloging-current-tangible-receipts>. The upside is that GPO no longer requires a 10-day turnaround time for the processing of depository shipments, just that the materials be made available in a timely manner, which can vary according to local conditions.

The other new requirement of note is requirement 38: “Depository libraries that have a library Web page or site must identify themselves as a Federal depository library on their Web page or site by displaying the FDLP logo, provide the statutory language found on the FDLP decal, or otherwise identify the library as a public access point for FDLP material.”

There are a couple of other publications by and about GPO that you may be interested in. One is **FDLP Connection** (<http://www.fdlp.gov/home/fdlpnews/newletters>) This first issue of what GPO plans to be a monthly newsletter includes articles on how the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) works with the FDLP; and what one depository library learned when they discovered hundreds of maps and illustrations had been stolen from its Congressional Serial Set. I enjoyed tidbits about the first FDLP shipping list, created 60 years ago on August 1, 1961, and an “automated disposition list,” which is in alpha testing!

GPO is celebrating its sesquicentennial (150th birthday, if you’ve momentarily forgotten your numerical prefixes) this year, with a book, **Keeping America Informed: The United States Government Printing Office 150 Years of Service to the Nation**, and a traveling exhibit, both of which you can read about at the FDLP Desktop (<http://www.fdlp.gov/>)

Turns out this year’s spring Depository Library Council meeting in San Antonio, Texas, may have been the last spring meeting, at least for the foreseeable future. It costs GPO lots of

money and staff time to sponsor these in-person meetings/conferences, and fewer library staff have been able to attend, also for funding and staff reasons. On the plus side, the ways to communicate electronically continue to expand. At the San Antonio meeting, GPO announced that it will continue to hold a conference and in-person Depository Library Council meeting every fall, but that it will be in Washington DC every other year, and in another U.S. city, likely in the West, in other years. GPO is particularly interested in holding the out-of-DC conferences in cities that are low-cost destinations for travel and conferences. Perhaps because of this change, the 2011 Fall Depository Conference will be held over four days, Monday, October 17, through Thursday, October 20, rather than the two and a half day-durations of recent years. GPO is accepting proposals for presentations—submit proposals by September 16th!

In July, two libraries **not** in Wisconsin announced they would be stepping down as **regional** depositories: University of Nevada, Reno; and Library of Michigan. The Library of Michigan has been in flux for some time; Michigan abolished the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, the agency of which the Library was a part, in October of 2009. Michigan has been working with the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities on an agreement in which the University of Minnesota would provide some or all regional services to federal depositories in Michigan. (Regionals in states neighboring Michigan, including UW-Madison, were asked if they were interested in assuming such a role.) When a state has no regional depository, or an agreement with another regional, selective depository in that state can’t weed or make substitutions to their depository collections. Fortunately, I don’t see Wisconsin being in that situation for a long time; the latest I’ve heard is that both UW-Madison and Milwaukee Public plan to remain regionals.

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Transformation at Resources for Libraries & Lifelong Learning

Resources for Libraries & Lifelong Learning (RL&LL) is undergoing an exciting organizational transformation. We are examining all of our programs and services to ensure that they meet the rapidly evolving preferences of Wisconsin residents. We are retooling programs and services to better mesh with the ways our patrons now prefer to find, access, and use information of all kinds, including government documents.

Our leadership and commitment to the Wisconsin Document Depository Program (WDDP) and the Wisconsin Digital Archive remain unchanged. We will continue to distribute print to depository libraries. We will be working with our partner organizations to develop a more robust Wisconsin Digital Archive and to fine-tune an outreach and public awareness strategy designed to build greater public awareness of Wisconsin state documents and the vital and compelling information they contain. We will have a renewed emphasis on exposing the rich content of state documents to attract more users and on demonstrating the value of state documents to patrons young and old.

The size and scope of our print collection, including Wisconsin state documents, is being reduced in light of extremely low circulation and our close proximity to two other depository libraries (the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Legislative Reference Bureau, both in Madison). Circulation statistics for the past ten years demonstrate that our collection has not been used very frequently by patrons via interlibrary loan. Because we are not a browsing library that's open to the public, patrons have not had the opportunity to "stumble upon" a title serendipitously.

During July and August, we had the pleasure of seeing librarians from public, state agency, and institution libraries statewide eagerly selecting materials from our collection for inclusion in their own libraries. This transfer of materials to other publicly-funded libraries was designed to meet the requirements of the Department of

Administration Procurement Manual and to benefit libraries and the patrons they serve. The Department of Corrections libraries have been working with the Committee on Library and Network Development and the Wisconsin Library Association to build institution libraries. Our Great Book Giveaway made it easy for correctional librarians to add materials to institution libraries at no direct cost to the institution. We're very pleased to be able to help build the collections of libraries statewide, putting valuable material (including state documents) on the shelves of libraries with browsing publics.

We have retained a core collection of materials in all formats, including a historical and current collection of all Department of Public Instruction documents. Any items that have not been transferred to other libraries have been sent to SWAP (Surplus With A Purpose) in Verona, <http://www.bussvc.wisc.edu/swap>.

The open stacks space at RL&LL will be used by Madison Public Library (MPL) to house a portion of the collection of its central library during the remodeling of that facility. MPL staff will be located at RL&LL in order to serve their patrons via red bucket delivery. We are excited to have the opportunity to have MPL join us at our location.

RL&LL will continue to coordinate statewide ILL to fulfill requests for materials and we will continue to act as a clearinghouse for the WDDP by distributing shipments of print state documents to designated depository libraries throughout the state. We look forward to working with our partners in the Wisconsin document depository community to make government documents more accessible and more compelling to residents statewide.

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Madison Public Library leaves the Federal Depository Program

Madison Public Library (MPL) relinquished its status as a Federal Depository Library effective March 16, 2011. MPL has been trying to get a new central library for most of the current decade. We thought we would be able to build a new library at a site removed from the current location, but, after many deliberations, those plans were abandoned. The current plan is to remodel the current building, which requires moving to another location while the existing building is remodeled.

The MPL federal depository collection was housed at the central library. About two years ago we began heavily discarding depository publications in anticipation of having to move the collection to another location. Significant discards were made in 2009 and 2010, but upon surveying the collection earlier this year, we discovered the library still housed 10,556 paper publications, 156 CD-DVDs, and 900 sheets of maps. This excluded about five percent of the paper collection that was cataloged by Dewey number, CIA maps, and topographic maps for Wisconsin. The library administration decided that there wouldn't be room for the depository collection in the new temporary library and MPL didn't have the funds to store the collection. Hence, a decision was made to drop our depository status.

During a January 2011 conference call with Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) officials and Beth Harper, the regional depository librarian, we explained our reasoning for requesting a release from the FDLP. It is our intention to reapply to the federal depository program when we move back into the new central library—probably about two years from now. We anticipate that when we reapply we would become a fully electronic depository library.

In the interim, we have managed to discard almost all of our federal depository collection. We received from our regional depository librarian, Beth Harper permission to retain the following publications:

- CIA maps
- Cranes: Their Biology, Husbandry, and Conservation
- Congressional Directory, 111th Congress
- Country Studies: Colombia, 2010 and Iran, 2008.
- Demographic Trends in the 20th Century
- Handbook of North American Indians
- Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke
- NAICS- North American Industry Classification System, 2007
- Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-2011
- Respectfully Quoted: A Dictionary of Quotations Requested from the Congressional Research Service
- Soil Survey—Dane County, WI
- Statistical Abstract of the U. S., 2000- 2010
- Topographic maps—Wisconsin
- Women and Smoking: a Report of the Surgeon General

Although we are no longer a federal depository library, we continue to monitor various federal departments, agencies, and blogs and add links to our Madison Public Library Gov Info blog (<http://mplgovinfo.blogspot.com/>). With the retirement of our state depository librarian, we anticipate expanding the blog to include publications from Wisconsin government agencies as well.

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New RL&LL director appointed

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has appointed Martha Farley Berninger as the new Director of the Resources for Libraries and Lifelong Learning team (RL&LL) in the Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning. Among her responsibilities will be administering the programs of the Resources for Libraries & Lifelong Learning Team, including the development of new information services to libraries and the education community; acquisition of digital content; negotiating and monitoring statewide library contracts, and assisting with division management and planning. She began her new role on July 3, 2011, replacing long-time RL&LL Director Sally Drew, who retired in December after nearly 34 years with DPI.

Martha joined the Department of Public Instruction in 2006 as the Reference and Interlibrary Loan Supervisor at the Reference and Loan Library (now RL&LL). Before coming to DPI, Martha was the associate director and librarian at the University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business. She also worked in the private sector as a consultant with the NexisLexis Group, as a research analyst for the Signature Group, and as a corporate librarian for Montgomery Ward. She has also worked at LaGrange Park Public Library, Forest Park Public Library, and Stickney Forest-View Library in Illinois.

Ripon has new gov docs librarian

I recently started a position as the librarian for government documents and electronic resources at Ripon College's Lane Library. I came here from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where I completed my MLIS in December of 2010. At the University of Illinois, I worked as a graduate assistant in public services at the Music and Performing Arts Library.

I grew up in Burlington, Wisconsin, and am happy to be back in the area. Outside of work, I enjoy biking, cooking, and playing the violin and piano. I subscribe to more magazines than I could possibly read.

Government documents is a new challenge for me, as it is quite a change from performing arts librarianship. I am grateful to find that Wisconsin has an active government documents community, and look forward to getting to know you all as I take on this new role.

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Important Dates

September 30

Gov Info Day, UW-Madison

October 1

WLA ballots due at WLA office

October 18-20

Federal Depository Library Conference,
Arlington, VA

November 1-4

WLA Annual Conference,
Milwaukee

GIRT 2011-2012 candidates

The roster of candidates for GIRT offices for 2011-2012 is listed below. Planning Committee member Eileen Snyder has agreed to run for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Karen Probst has agreed to run again for Secretary. Thank you to Nancy Knies for serving on the planning committee the last two years. GIRT/WLA members with email addresses will vote online. Those who do not have email will receive their ballots from WLA in the mail.

Return ballots to:

Nominations/Elections Committee
Wisconsin Library Association
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Madison, WI 53718-2153.

Ballots must be postmarked **no later than October 3, 2011.**

Nominations Committee: Constance Behrens-Huffstetter

Candidate Statements

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect

Eileen Snyder, Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau

I have worked at the Wisconsin Legislative Bureau since 1996. When I started, I worked on proofreading the Blue Book, but I was responsible for various library tasks, including, occasionally, shelving Wisconsin documents. This was my first exposure to government documents as a separate class of information. In 2000, I began library school, going part-time in order to maintain my full-time job at the LRB. When I graduated in 2004, I was offered the job of legislative librarian, and working with Wisconsin documents has been a key part of my job ever since.

I joined GIRT as a student, and served as secretary in 2004-2005. I enjoyed my time as a GIRT officer, and am pleased to be able to run for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. I look forward to the opportunity to work with the other GIRT officers.

Secretary

Karen Probst

I am a public library Reference Librarian, and have seen first-hand how much information is out there in gov docs, but only if you have the courage to go looking. As a member of the Interlibrary Loan community, I know how much we depend on each other for help. I have found that to be true with the document experts too. With that in mind, I look forward to keeping GIRT an active, useful part of WLA

Planning Committee

Nyama Marsh

I started working at the Weyenberg Library in Mequon-Thiensville in February 2011, as the Patron Services Manager. Prior to that, I worked as an Adult Reference Librarian at the Flint (MI) Public Library for seven years. Flint Public Library was a selective depository in the Federal Depository program and was one of eleven Michigan Depositories for Michigan Documents. I was the Depository Coordinator for six years and a member of GODORT during that time. While I am no longer a librarian in a depository library, I believe I will add a useful perspective of a non-depository public library and will help bridge the gap for how all libraries can use gov docs to meet their needs in these lean fiscal times.



The Wisconsin Digital Archives has a new look!

Check out the updated website at
www.wistatedocuments.org



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