

Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs of Transitioning Depository Collections

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tri-al [trahy-uh l, trahyl]

- *noun* 1. act of trying, testing, or putting to the proof; 2. an attempt or effort to do something; 3. a tentative or experimental action in order to ascertain results; experiment; 4. subjection to suffering or grievous experiences; a distressed or painful state; 5. a trying, distressing, or annoying thing or person
- *synonyms* examination, experiment, test

trib-u-la-tion [trib-yuh-ley-shuh n]

- *noun* 1. grievous trouble; 2. severe trial or suffering; 3. an affliction
- *synonyms* hardship, distress, adversity

tri-umph [trahy-uh mf, -uhmf]

- *noun* 1. a significant success or noteworthy achievement; 2. exultation resulting from victory; joy over success; 3. mastery
- *synonyms* success, victory, jubilation

Government Documents & Maps

A Regional Federal Depository Library



- located at the University of Maryland College Park, flagship location of multi-campus state university
- depository 1925
- Regional 1965
- oversight of 65 selective depositories in Delaware, DC, and Maryland
- holdings 2 million plus gov docs; 1.5 million microforms; 400,000 maps

Transitioning Collections: Some Issues Facing Regionals

- What are the Regional's responsibilities with regard to its tangible collection?
 - required to retain all materials received in accordance with FDL P guidelines?
 - coordinate purposeful collection development aimed at developing a comprehensive government information collection within the region?
- What are the Regional's responsibilities with regard to electronic information resources?
 - substitute tangible electronic, online, digital content as alternative?
 - required to accept and maintain all digital publications?
- What are the Regional's responsibilities to its selective depository community?
 - work with libraries to meet their needs and government information needs within region
 - encourage communication and collaboration with GPO during transition

Questions?

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