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Fulfilling Madison's Vision was developed to help raise public awareness of services provided by Federal Depository Libraries. It is a joint project of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer and the U.S. Government Printing Office.



FOREWORD

The U.S. Government Printing Office has brought Government information to the American public through the Federal Depository Library Program since 1895. In 1993, the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer undertook a project to collect statements from depository library patrons on their use of the program. The letters contained here illustrate the remarkable diversity of both users of and uses for Federal Government information all across America. They validate the premise that access by American citizens to the information produced by their Government is a vital requirement, not an expendable luxury. And they testify to the essential role of the depository library staff in making that information accessible to those who need it.

The Depository Library Council is to be commended for its work in initiating and carrying out this project. In particular, Cynthia Etkin, Council Secretary, has been tireless in her efforts in gathering and organizing these materials, and Daniel O'Mahony, as Chair of Council's Information Exchange Committee, was a prime mover in spearheading this project.

I thank all those who took the time to write. The citizens who use Federal Government information validate the Federal Depository Library Program, and we at the U.S. Government Printing Office are proud to be of service to them.

MICHAEL F. DIMARIO

Public Printer



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Bobby Wynn Fayetteville State University Library A popular government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or, perhaps, both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

> James Madison Letter to W.T. Barry, August 4, 1822

J ames Madison's vision for the success of this nation rested on the ability of an informed citizenry to participate in the democratic process and to hold government accountable for its actions. Democracy requires the free flow of information, and access to government information is a fundamental right of a free society.

These values are the foundation of the Federal Depository Library Program. Under the administration of the Government Printing Office (GPO), the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) is a system of approximately 1,400 libraries located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, virtually every Congressional District, and six territories. These libraries work in partnership with Federal agencies, GPO, and the American public to provide local, no-fee access to Federal government information.

The Role of the Federal Depository Library Program in the Government Information Infrastructure

he Federal government is the most prolific publisher in the world. Government agencies are constantly creating, gathering, and producing information in the daily exercise of their official duties. The information may be in the form of publications created for education and public awareness, data gathered for research and investigation, reports and documents of administrative agencies, testimony before Congressional committees, the laws and regulations enacted by the Federal government, or other information generated as part of the working. operations of the three branches of government. In all cases, this information is public — information paid for by public funds, owned by the public, and accessible to the public by right and by law. The government holds this information in trust and is obligated to provide access to it and to guarantee its integrity and preservation.

The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) was established to ensure that the American public has access to its government and its government's information. For more than 130 years, depository libraries have safeguarded the public's right to know by collecting, organizing, maintaining, preserving, and servicing information from the Federal government. Through the FDLP, the Government Printing Office works in partnership with Federal agencies to supply certain classes of government information at no cost to designated depository libraries throughout the country. These depository libraries, in turn, provide local, no-fee access to government information in all formats in a neutral environment with professional assistance.

As institutions committed to equity of access and dedicated to open and free public use, depository libraries serve as one of the vital links between "We the people" and our government.

Each day, businesspeople, college students, community interest groups, entrepreneurs, ministers, health care professionals, parents, local and state government officials, newspaper reporters, researchers, schoolchildren, teachers, veterans, voters, and concerned citizens in every state use their depository libraries to obtain information that directly impacts their work and their lives.

The Federal Depository Library Program and depository librarians break down the barriers that exist between the Federal government and the American people. The Federal government information infrastructure is a complex landscape. Potential users of government information face numerous obstacles, such as econmic inability to pay, geographic location, outof-print government documents, changing formats, frustrations in deciphering the maze of Federal agencies, erratic publishing patterns, difficulties in locating relevant government sources, lack of access to computers or computer networks, inexperience with different computer software or systems, and the now-common phenomenon of information overload. All of these factors stand in the way of people trying to obtain important government information.

The FDLP's singular purpose is to organize and provide access to Federal government information so that the American people can utilize this

tremendous national resource — public information — today and in the future. Depository libraries provide the storage, equipment, space, networks, training, professional assistance, and user support necessary to connect people with the government information they need.

In today's information age, with an everexpanding array of information sources and increasingly complex information choices, depository libraries provide a single mechanism for accessing all types of Federal infor-

mation in all formats (paper, microfiche, diskette, CD-ROM, online) from all branches and agencies of government. Moreover, depository librarians provide the expertise and assistance needed to help users successfully navigate the government information infrastructure.

Depository libraries link the past with the future, building upon

their rich historical collections while utilizing new technologies to provide timely and efficient access to electronic information sources and indexes. The knowledgeable staff in depository libraries assist in developing collections and resources, evaluating information needs, synthesizing questions, identifying appropriate sources in all formats, and teaching users to find and use government information. Whether it is a report contained in a dusty, nineteenth-century volume, or a statistical data file on CD-ROM, users of government information know that their local depository library is the single place where they can find or have access to all types and formats of Federal government information.

Depository librarians also assist
Federal agencies in the development of
new information products and services by
providing feedback on content, format,
and use, and by participating in new product tests and pilot projects. Furthermore,
depository librarians serve as advocates for
the public's right to know; in particular,
the public's right to timely access to government information in usable formats.

Madison's words about a "popular government" and "popular information"

ring true as loudly today as when the nation was founded. Without a reliable means for the public to access government information, our democracy cannot flourish. The ideals of an informed citizenry and the inherent responsibility of a democratic government to share public information lie at the very heart of the

Federal Depository Library Program. This vision is brought to life every day in every depository library, as people across the country take advantage of these collections and services to fulfill their Federal government information needs.

During this year, as we recognize the centennial anniversary of the landmark Printing Act of 1895, and the successful stewardship of the FDLP under the Government Printing Office, "We the people" salute the Federal Depository Library Program for its long and valued service to the nation.

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Brief History of the Federal Depository Library Program

he origins of the Federal Depository Library Program date back to the earliest years of the nation. Special acts of the first twelve Congresses provided for the printing and distribution of extra copies of congressional documents outside the Federal government to the states and territories. In 1813, a joint resolution provided for the distribution of public journals and documents of the Senate and the House of Representatives to universities, colleges, and historical societies in each state. In 1857, responsibility for distributing documents was transferred from the Department of State to the Secretary of the Interior. Resolutions in 1858 and 1859 authorized Representatives and Senators to designate depository libraries in their districts or states. The office of the Superintendent of Documents was created by the Interior Act of 1869, which also extended depository distribution to include executive agency publications, except those designated for special use.

The landmark Printing Act of 1895 codified the existing laws relating to the printing, binding, and distribution of public documents. The act transferred the Superintendent of Documents to the Government Printing Office, which had been established in 1861, and provided for the systematic bibliographic control of Federal documents through the printing of a monthly catalog.

The Depository Library Act of 1962 significantly changed the program in a number of ways. First, it increased the number of libraries that could be designated as depositories to two per Congressional District. Second, it expanded the

category of material distributed through the program to include publications not printed or procured by the Government Printing Office. The law required publishing agencies to pay for the additional copies of these non-GPO publications printed for depository distribution. Depository publications printed or procured by GPO are paid for by GPO's appropriations. Third, the act established "regional" depository libraries (two per state) which would be required to accept and permanently hold all materials, while permitting selective depositories to discard materials after a mandatory fiveyear retention period.

In 1977, the Joint Committee on Printing, the Congressional committee which oversees GPO policies and operations, authorized GPO to proceed with a micropublishing program by converting to microfiche non-GPO documents and GPO-produced documents "as necessary and as requested by individual depository libraries and where savings in cost are clearly demonstrable." Over the years, the portion of depository materials distributed to libraries in microfiche has steadily grown.

In 1989, the first CD-ROM publication, "Census Test Disc No. 2," was distributed through depository shipments to libraries. Since that time, more than 600 CD-ROM titles have been distributed to depository libraries. During the same period, depository libraries have prepared for the electronic future faster and in greater proportions than other sectors of the information community — between 80 and 90 percent of depository libraries have

computer workstations, CD-ROM drives, and connections to the Internet.

In 1993, Congress passed the Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act (P.L. 103-40). This law moved the program into the realm of online dissemination. The law instructed GPO to: (1) provide online access to the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, and other appropriate government publications; (2) maintain an online directory or "locator" of Federal government information sources; and (3) establish a storage facility for electronic information files. In June 1994, GPO Access, the online service of the Government Printing Office, was inaugurated.

GPO Access provides the full text of the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, congressional bills and laws, the *United States Code*, General Accounting Office reports, and other government information resources. Depository libraries and the public have free access to the system, and a growing number of depositories are working to provide direct local access through *GPO Access* gateways using campus and community networks. In June 1995, GPO began World Wide Web access through the Internet to the *GPO Access* service.

At present, 1,391 depository libraries (including 53 regional libraries) cooperate with GPO to provide no-fee public access to government information in all formats. The Federal Depository Library Program represents a proactive step on the part of the Federal government to develop an informed citizenry, and it is one of the principal means by which the nation's "right to know" is guaranteed.

Letters in Support of the Federal Depository Library Program

The following testimonial letters are taken from the more than 130 letters received during the past several months in support of the Federal Depository Library Program. These letters, from depository library users across the country, express the significant role depository libraries play in their daily work lives. The letters also represent the diversity of government information needs that depository libraries fulfill every day.



Subject Index to Letters

Testimonial letters are arranged alphabetically by state, giving readers a geographic approach to finding letters. The index was generated to provide readers a subject approach to the diverse uses of information furnished by Federal Depository Libraries, as seen through the letters.

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ALABAMA

. . . As a university faculty member and a frequent user of government documents, I can certainly attest to the value of the depository system from the vantage point of my own research. However, it is with the education function of the depository system that this letter is concerned.

Each semester, students in my courses develop reports that assess the real and imputed costs of doing business with various United States trading partners. . . .

As future leaders of the retailing and textile industries . . . [these students] must be able to make sound business decisions regarding international trade. Sound decisions can only be made when the decisions are supported by objective knowledge. The Depository Library is the only place which provides up-to-date and accurate information on the vast array of topics necessary to support American businessmen and women in their quest to strengthen their positions in world markets. It would be a tragedy if current and future American businessmen and women were denied such a repository of information!

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... I am a senior nursing student at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and this past summer completed my research requirement in the nursing curriculum. . . .

I saved myself hours this semester by using the Government documents listed in the library computer and could have saved myself more. I will never again pass up such a valuable asset. . . .

Kelly G. Clark University of Alabama at Monticello Monticello, Alabama I am writing to inform you of the valuable services which have been recently rendered to me by the Federal Depository Library Program [FDLP] at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. As the interim director of the Livingston University Upward Bound Program, I was responsible for writing our federal grant application for renewal funding. As you no doubt know, a successful grant application depends upon reliable, comprehensive, and current statistical data about the target area to be served under the grant. I turned to the FDLP librarian and staff for help in locating such data sources.

The FDLP staff provided courteous, helpful, and expert assistance in finding the type of information I required. They located data on population density, per capita income figures, and educational achievement levels for my target area in the *Statistical Abstract of the U.S.* When I needed the most up-to-date unemployment statistics for specific Alabama counties, the state, and the nation, an FDLP staff member quickly found for me the *Local Area Unemployment Statistics* on microfiche provided by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

I believe my experience illustrates several advantages of the Federal Depository Library Program. As an experienced researcher, I know the value of having relevant data sources in one location. The FDLP offers that one location where one may find several types of source material. The FDLP also offers its users the devices which allow them to make use of such innovative new technologies as CD-ROM- and laser-disc-based data sources. The assistance of well-trained, knowledgeable persons makes the researcher's task much easier. . . . Staff members provide expertise in identifying sources, developing collections, and keeping abreast of technological changes in the way information is received, stored, and accessed. . . .

I believe that the FDLP provides indispensable services to researchers in all fields of endeavor. . . .

Richard J. Melancon, Ph.D. University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, Alabama The Depository Library System is an extraordinarily important library service, especially for us in Alaska. The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska Fairbanks has been a repository for many years and is the ONLY adequate source of many government documents. . . .

In my faculty role as a researcher at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, I frequently have cause to go back to old issues of a number of government series, often back to the 1880s, when most of the early explorations of Alaska were by the U. S. Government. Some of the series I use most frequently are those of the U.S. Biological Survey, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Biological Service, U. S. National Museum of Natural History, U. S. Department of Agriculture, U. S. Geological Survey, and the various oceanic, minerals management, and weather services. I cannot imagine how impossible it would be to obtain these materials if they were not all together at a single site! . . .

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As the University of Alaska Fairbanks International Student Advisor, I am responsible for compliance with a broad range of federal regulations. I am often called on to advise on regulations affecting international students and scholars by the University community and the local Fairbanks community. . . .

Having a local depository is crucial to a timely filing of nonimmigrant documents. My experience with the Rasmuson Library Government Documents staff has been most favorable.

. . . In a time of declining budgets, a central depository program becomes ever more important. . . .

Nancy K. Kuhn Office of Student Services University of Alaska Fairbanks Fairbanks, Alaska

ARIZONA

. . . In 20 years as a university professor, I have made extensive use of the [Federal Depository Library] Program in teaching and research. . . .

In a typical semester, I send 50 to 100 students from my geography course to the Arizona State University Government Documents Service to use the summary tape files from the 1990 Census of Population and Housing. Students are asked to develop a demographic and socioeconomic profile of one census tract in metropolitan Phoenix and then follow-up with a field check on that tract. The current facility provides not only physical access to Census data but also technical support services that are absolutely critical for first-time users of the Census. My own view is that one of the most important components of a university education in today's information age is the ability to access, manipulate, interpret, and present information. The Federal Depository Library Program is a critical cog in the wheel of information access for geography students at ASU.

. . . Rarely a week goes by that I do not make a visit to the Government Documents Service.

. . . The combination of physical access to data, the availability of computers for those without computer equipment, and sound advice from professionals skilled in information services makes the system work. I fear that alternative systems that provide only one or even two of these attributes would significantly limit my use of federal data.

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Arizona State University
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... I am employed as a research analyst with Economic Strategies Group, a private consulting firm specializing in economic problem-solving for local governments in the Southwestern United States. In an information intensive business such as ours, access to a wide range of data is of vital importance, wherein lies my interest and concern for library systems.

There are certain activities of government which could benefit from decentralization but it is doubtful that information services is one of them. Additional means of access to information is always welcome, but should not be at the expense of a more comprehensive source of a wide array of data, such as our Depository libraries. Under the current system it is possible to, for example, download Census data from CD-ROM, then search microforms for data on airports, then study the maps of various utility company service areas in a book. That sort of example is not at all unusual; I typically gather data from many sources in one trip.

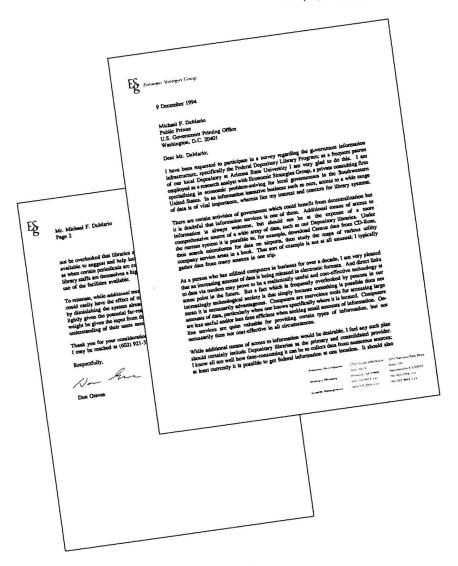
... Direct links to data via modem may prove to be a realistically useful and cost-effective technology at some point in the future. But a fact which is frequently overlooked . . . in our increasingly technological society is that simply because something is possible does not mean it is necessarily advantageous. Computers are marvelous tools for accessing large amounts of data, particularly when one knows specifically where it is located. Computers are less useful and/or less time efficient when seeking small amounts of information. Online services are quite valuable for providing certain types of information, but not necessarily time nor cost-effective in all circumstances. . . .

To reiterate, while additional means to acquire data would be welcome, alternative means could easily have the effect of making data retrieval more difficult and time-consuming by diminishing the system already in place. . . .

Don Graves
Research Analyst
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Phoenix, Arizona

I strongly support the continuation of the Federal Depository Library Program I voice this opinion from direct interaction for myself and over five hundred students over the past six years that have received benefit from using the governmental documents section of the Hayden Library at Arizona State University. As a part of my attempt to provide educational and professional experiences to students — soon to be administrators, supervisors and leaders in the public, non-profit and private sectors — I have integrated the information available from ASU Government Documents Service as a critical part of my preparation of students within my senior level core required course

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ARKANSAS

Thanks so very much for finding the data I requested on the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's activities over the past decade. In this case, the "small" bit of information will serve to make a classroom lecture more accurate. I have consciously stressed to my students that the great institution of democracy cannot work without the truth being widely known and considered. . . .

... In just the past two months, in addition to your help with the IMOC and Age Discrimination data, I've collected data or other information about the following topics using government documents:

- Social Security
- Health Insurance (reform)
- Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation
- Superfund
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Workers' Compensation laws and workers injuries

. . . Neither of us could do our jobs as well without the University of Arkansas at Little Rock being a government depository.

Mark S. Dorfman Professor College of Business Administration University of Arkansas at Little Rock Little Rock, Arkansas

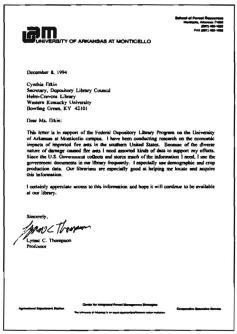
. . . I have been conducting research on the economic impacts of imported fire ants in the southern United States. . . . Since the U.S. Government collects and stores much of the information I need, I use the government documents in our library frequently. I especially use demographic and crop production data. Our librarians are especially good at helping me locate and acquire this information.

Lynne C. Thompson Professor School of Forest Resources University of Arkansas at Monticello Monticello, Arkansas I am an environmental consultant with an office in Monticello, Arkansas. Two months ago a job required me to investigate several United States laws. Thanks to the University of Arkansas at Monticello Library and its staff, I was able to find the necessary information.

To have this type information available to me in Monticello is very important to my business because the nearest library with this type of information is fifty miles away. . . .

Alan G. Williams Environment Assessment Consultant Environmental Consultants & Associates Monticello, Arkansas





CALIFORNIA

I am a graduate student in Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley writing to express my support for the Federal Depository Library Program. During my first year in graduate school, I was constantly amazed by the great wealth of statistics provided both in libraries and by government offices over the telephone. It was not until this summer that I began to realize the value of using the library rather than the phone as the primary source for research.

This summer I was involved in the evaluation of a \$20 million dollar teen pregnancy prevention program in the state of California. Like most of the people involved in designing and evaluating this program, I knew very little about the number of teen mothers in California, including basic understanding of the magnitude of the problem and whether it was getting any worse.

I spent much of the summer on the phone requesting statistics as well as in the library trying to formulate the questions I wanted to ask. I have come to the conclusion that having the numbers available in the library is invaluable, for three reasons. 1) Using the library rather than the telephone gave me access to more years of statistics, which was essential in making historical comparisons. 2) Research librarians helped make my searches far more valuable. Because they are trained to reframe questions and searches as well as to be familiar with a wide range of resources, the research librarians helped me immeasurably. 3) As with open rather than closed stacks, serendipity plays an essential role in academic research. Many of the important insights I reached over the summer came not from information I was looking for, but from information I did not know existed.

Melissa Haber
University of California at Berkeley
Berkeley, California

The Arcadia Public Library recently had an impact on the life of a two year-old child. His mother was referred to our Library by local officials seeking information on how to locate abducted children. The child's father had kidnapped him from his home in nearby Temple City and taken him to Iraq. . . .

As a Federal Depository Library we were able to provide the child's mother . . . with expert sources to identify names and addresses of government offices in Iraq and names and addresses of Foreign Consular offices in the United States. She was also given a U.S. Department of State document entitled *International Parental Child Abduction*. . . .

Although [she] was successful in her pursuit because of help from a private firm, I believe the connections made through our Library's Federal Government Depository Collection were instrumental in helping her locate her son.

The Arcadia Public Library Reference Librarians have helped many community members use government material to find jobs, plan a small business, become U.S. citizens, research material for importing/exporting and read daily reports from the *Federal Register* and *Congressional Record*. Without this important service the general public would be denied access to government agency publications they have relied on for 150 years. In addition, Depository Librarians provide excellent assistance in helping users find the best source available for their needs, maintain a useable collection, and network with other congressional district depositories in the surrounding areas to ensure the public's access to material.

The Federal Depository Library Program is important for many reasons. . . .

Nancy A. Smith
Reference/Government Documents Librarian
Arcadia Public Library
Arcadia, California

I cannot live without books.

Thomas Jefferson

COLORADO

The Department of History at the United States Air Force Academy is tremendously reliant on the GPO's [Depository] Program. Not only does our teaching faculty find GPO materials invaluable to their research efforts, but more importantly, our department's 300 cadet history majors use of GPO publications is indispensable to their studies. In particular, cadets enrolled in our course on historical methods, a requisite class for all history majors, make consistent use of GPO Indices and the GPO's literature at large. Finally, we firmly believe that central to our teachings on officership is the belief that U.S. Government-provided information is an important tool to decision making. . . .

Carl Daubach, Lt. Col., USAF Director of Cadet Development U.S. Air Force Academy Colorado

Many instructional tours are requested from the Government Documents Librarian because of the unique indexes and material students can find in the area. As beginning students as well as scholars of foreign policy, national security, defense preparation and many other topics, it is essential that these materials be on hand. Not only current and immediate needs are met but also background and historical publications are there for us.

... The operation of the deposit[ory] system has served us well as we have been able to count on certain information being available. We have expressed our appreciation of the Documents librarian and management on many occasions. . . .

Department of Political Science U.S. Air Force Academy Colorado

CONNECTICUT

. . . The [Government Document Center at Yale University] is an excellent resource for federal information and should remain a facility available to the public. The Seeley Mudd Library is well run with an excellent staff and has been very helpful in providing me with geographic and census data used in my business. I believe there is a need in every state for a government document center that provides vital information on the state and the United States.

Robert H. Frost Frost Associates Essex, Connecticut

I am writing to let you know how and why we at Southern New England Telecommunications use the services of the Seeley Mudd Government Documents Library at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. . . . Our company has embarked on a full-fledged effort to reduce overhead costs where possible. This means that cost-effective access to information such as subscriptions to periodicals, census data, economic statistics issued by the government, and other miscellaneous data that would help us compete in a changing global environment is crucial.

The personnel at Yale's Seeley Mudd Government Documents Library have been extremely helpful in helping us fully utilize data resources under their domain that no longer can be purchased by SNET due to our newly imposed budget constraints. . . . Their knowledge of economic data—regionally, domestically and internationally—is a resource that often goes unappreciated by many. . . . Whether it be data from the Regional Economic Information System, Department of Defense reports, the *Monthly Labor Review*, the *National Trade Data Bank* or others, we need their service now more than ever. . . .

Donald L. Klepper-Smith Corporate Economist Southern New England Telephone New Haven, Connecticut Wiggin & Dana is a one hundred attorney law firm centrally located in New Haven. We the library staff rely heavily on Seeley G. Mudd's government document collection for the firm's government document demands which are extensive and varied. Our efforts to provide our attorneys with critical government studies, government statistics, congressional committee reports, etcetera, in a timely, expeditious and cost saving manner would be severely hindered by the cutting of this collection. . . .

Ana M Oman Library Director Wiggin & Dana New Haven, Connecticut

If this nation is to be wise as well as strong, if we are to achieve our destiny, then we need more new ideas for more wise men reading more good books in more public libraries. These libraries should be open to all—except the censor.

John F. Kennedy

DELAWARE

I am the Depository librarian in the Widener University School of Law Legal Information Center on the Delaware Campus of our institution. Many attorneys, business people, and other members of our community, from both Delaware and Pennsylvania, use our facilities to find government information in our Depository collection. Our patrons find it especially convenient that our library is open when many public or court libraries are closed. We select mainly Congressional and Judicial materials, but we also choose some information of interest to the general public.

I am writing to highlight a specific case of use of the *National Trade Data Bank* CD-ROM by a member of the local business community. [An employee of] DuPont-Merck Pharmaceutical Co. was referred to our library by the Commerce Department when he inquired about a site where he could access the *National Trade Data Bank*. He has been using the information he has discovered to expand the marketing of DuPont-Merck's medical supplies and pharmaceutical products to businesses in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Our library is a convenient place for him to use the database several times each month.

Cooperation between Federal agencies and local Federal Depository libraries can provide sources of helpful information which will improve people's lives and enhance business opportunities. . . .

Mary Jane Mallonee Reference/Government Documents/International Librarian Widener University School of Law Wilmington, Delaware

Books are true levelers. They give to all, who will faithfully use them....

William Ellery Channing

FLORIDA

As Mayor of the City of Lakeland, I would like to lend my support to this Program. Our City departments benefit from the information that this Depository library program provides and my office, personally, uses it on a regular basis. Often, we refer our citizens to call our reference persons at our City Library for assistance.

Our depository library offers physical access to information, including a place for people without their own computer equipment to access electronic resources, and a neutral environment for information services. . . . [It] is invaluable to our employees and our citizens. . . .

R. L. "Buddy" Fletcher Mayor Lakeland, Florida

. . . I have recently embarked upon a new career as a free-lance grants writer. . . . I know that my success in procuring nearly a quarter of a million dollars in grant funds for a local historic preservation organization and a high school-college partnership program is due in large part to the courteous, efficient, and thorough service given by the depository staff at Olin Library. Similarly, two area Head Start Programs received increased funding based on a Needs Assessment Study I completed. By procuring additional local data and collecting data from other geographical areas for comparison, I was able to document a greater need than the agency could substantiate with only the information it had gathered.

. . . I am personally indebted to the Olin Library for helping me to launch my business. More importantly, the metropolitan Orlando community is the greatest beneficiary, for its citizens enjoy needed cultural, social, and educational services because of assistance garnered from the local depository library. . . .

Alice Morgan Grant Writing Consultant Vision Writing Services Winter Park, Florida . . . As the historian for the Division of State Lands, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, I have many occasions to use the Depository Library facilities at the Florida Department of State Library in Tallahassee, Florida. My job requires that I do vast research into the history of our state and those entities that have had an impact on our development. This translates into a great deal of investigation into the records of the Army Corps of Engineers, Works Progress Administration, the Bureau of the Census, the records of the Department of Agriculture and, especially, the National Archives. In a word, my success as a worker in historic documents depends upon the availability of these sources of information which reside only at our Depository Library.

A specific case can be cited here, my research for the State of Florida regarding a waterbody named "Fisheating Creek." The Army Corps study of this creek, done in 1915, was quickly available to me at the Depository Library. Further research involved the census data for the area, postal records for the villages along the creek (which included approximate drawings of the locations), USGS maps and other physical data, including stream flow and discharge and which is available through materials printed by the Department of Commerce.

All of these sources . . . added to the evidence used by the State in presenting its case for State ownership of this waterbody in court. The materials printed from the *Congressional Record*, the various bills passed and reports filed by the United States Congress also materially aided our research. These sources were available in Tallahassee only at the Depository Library. Our litigation would not have gone forward were it not for this availability of information.

The staff of our Depository Library is highly professional and willing to assist every patron. . . . Without their assistance, my job, and that of hundreds of other State employees, would not be successful and so pleasant. . . .

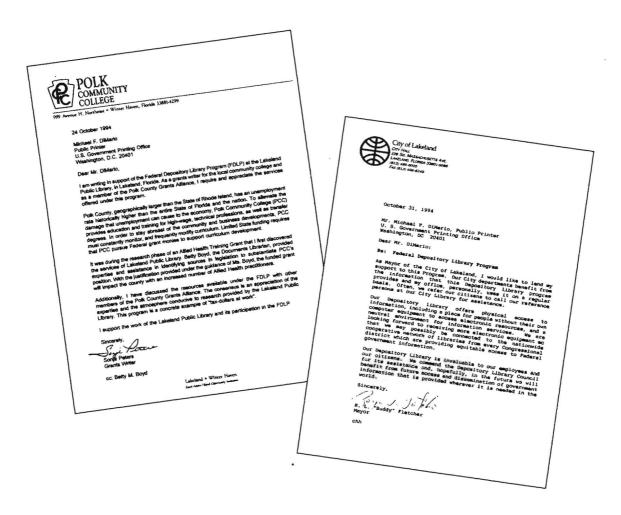
Dr. Joe Knetsch Senior Management Analyst II Florida Department of Environmental Protection Tallahassee, Florida

I am writing this short note to express my thanks for your assistance in locating government documents. It is abundantly clear to me that access to relevant government documents/publications were essential in the development of my V.A. claim for service connected disability. . . . It was only because of the Evans Library, Government Documents section, that I was able to educate myself and to successfully appeal my previously denied claims. . . .

Richard Montgomery Melbourne, Florida As a grants writer for the local community college and as a member of the Polk County Grants Alliance, I require and appreciate the services offered under [the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) at the Lakeland Public Library, Lakeland, Florida]...

It was during the research phase of an Allied Health Training Grant that I first discovered the services of Lakeland Public Library. . . . The Documents Librarian provided expertise and assistance in identifying sources in legislation to substantiate Polk Community College's position. With the justification provided under the guidance of [the Documents Librarian], the funded grant will impact the county with an increased number of Allied Health practitioners. . . .

Sonja Peters Grants Writer Polk Community College Winter Haven, Florida



GEORGIA

We at the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce wish to go on record as a local entity that has called upon the research capabilities of the Georgia Southern University Federal Depository Library on many occasions.

The Government Documents Department of the library has sent us pages and pages of local statistics we needed, including bank deposits, numbers of banks and offices; farm operators, farm sizes, amount of farmlands; crime figures; construction figures, building permits, and housing units; manufacturing data; health, health-insurance, numbers of physicians; state and local governmental employment figures; veterans information; vital statistics; and much other data. . . .

We have provided industrial prospects with a large amount of requested information during the past year. The detailed response we were able to assemble helped with the recent decision by Wal-Mart to locate a new 1.5 million square foot distribution center here. It also played a part in the selection of Bulloch County by Briggs and Stratton for the location of a new plant that will bring 800 new jobs.

We are grateful for the excellent resources available from the Federal Depository GSU library and find them of inestimable value to our local community.

Peggy Chapman, President Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce Statesboro, Georgia

Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.

Samuel Johnson

IDAHO

As a provider of reference services at the University of Idaho, I am appreciative of the resources your [depository library] office offers. In particular, your new product, *GPO Access*, has been a tremendous asset to our clientele. The friendly and powerful software, combined with speedy response time, means reliable access to difficult to use resources. Our users cover a wide spectrum, from local businessmen, the university community, to interested citizens, and they often require current information on proposed regulations and legislation. Our link to *GPO Access* means this information is available, allowing our users to keep abreast of activity in Washington.

. . . The Federal Register on GPO Access becomes a powerful tool, especially when searching for proposed regulations, and also leads you to appropriate sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, another resource that has an inadequate index. This access has been especially productive for graduate students and businessmen alike, as their careers and livelihoods require knowledge of up-to-date events in their respective fields.

We are looking forward to additional resources being added to *GPO Access*, especially the *Code of Federal Regulations*. The importance of timely information, especially to geographically distant and fiscally constrained states like Idaho, is crucial in a world of hourly change. *GPO Access* allows us to keep our patrons in the mainstream.

Donna K. Smith Reference Librarian University of Idaho Library Moscow, Idaho Several months ago, I requested an out-of-print EPA document (*Lead in Schools' Drinking Water*) . . . from the Government Printing Office. I received my letter back with a note indicating that the publication is no longer sold by the GPO and to contact my nearest Regional Depository Library.

... I sent a letter to the library in my home state of Idaho. . . . I received the booklet a few weeks after my base library submitted the request and I made a copy. . . .

... Those historical documents have a lot of valuable information in them that is being shared with a large population at a reasonable cost, and the response time (at least from the University of Idaho) is excellent.

Eric J. Scott, Major, USAF, BSC Consultant, Environmental Engineering Environmental Health Consultant Services United States Air Forces in Europe

To furnish the means of acquiring knowledge is . . . the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon mankind. It prolongs life itself and enlarges the sphere of existence.

John Quincy Adams

ILLINOIS

Let me add my voice to those who have found . . . [the Federal Depository Library Program] to be of immense value. . . . I have had greatest need for materials from the Department of Justice and the Department of Education. I have had opportunity to use the more general works such as the *Uniform Crime Reports, Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics*, and *Digest of Education Statistics*. A number of more focused, shorter materials have been invaluable as well, especially those about drug use, prisons, teacher training, and the like. I have used these extensively when preparing my textbook, *How to Think about Social Problems*, as well as in my current project on disservice jobs which I expect to publish as a trade book. . . .

Without a doubt, our federal depository status is of great benefit to both professors and students in their research.

William M. Hastings, Ph.D. Chair, Department of Psychology Monmouth College Monmouth, Illinois

... I am a librarian at Monmouth College and use the depository collection regularly. It is an extremely valuable source of information on such a wide variety of information that we could not perform our services to our students nearly as well without the collection. . . .

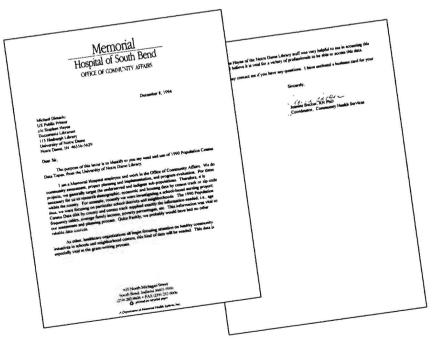
Julie O'Keeffe
Technical Services Librarian
Monmouth College
Monmouth, Illinois

This letter is to express the need our company and community have for government documents contained in Morris Library at Southern Illinois University. Having SIU as a depository institution provides essential socioeconomic data for cities and towns throughout the country. Additionally, local television and radio stations, county health departments, and local governments all rely on Morris Library as a current and reliable source of information. Overall, it provides the Southern Illinois region access to knowledge and information well beyond our geographical borders.

Of particular interest to Planning and Management Consultants are the U.S. Census documents and corresponding CD-ROM. Access to the STF 1, STF3, and PUMS (5 %) are all critical to our business. They provide population, household population, median household income by housing type, and number of single family households to name just a few. Additionally, *County Business Patterns*, both document and CD-ROM, are crucial for determining historical employment trends by category. If for any reason this information was unaccessible, the nearest depository library is over two hours away. It would then become impractical to acquire this information.

Let me encourage you not to abandon your commitment to rural America, and continue to classify Morris Library as a depository institution. . . .

Timothy D. Feather, Senior Analyst John F. Langowski, Director of Research Eva M. Opitz, Director of Research Russell M. Steinbeck, Research Associate Planning & Management Consultants, Ltd. Carbondale, Illinois



INDIANA

... I am a Memorial Hospital employee and work in the Office of Community Affairs. We do community assessment, project planning and implementation, and program evaluation. For these projects, we generally target the underserved and indigent sub-populations. . . . Recently we were investigating a school-based nursing project; thus, we were focusing on particular school districts and neighborhoods. The 1990 Population Census Data disk by county and census track supplied exactly the information needed, i.e., age frequency tables, average family income, poverty percentages, etc. This information was vital to our assessment and planning process. Quite frankly, we probably would have had no other reliable data sources. . . .

Jeanine Becker Coordinator, Community Health Services Memorial Hospital of South Bend South Bend, Indiana

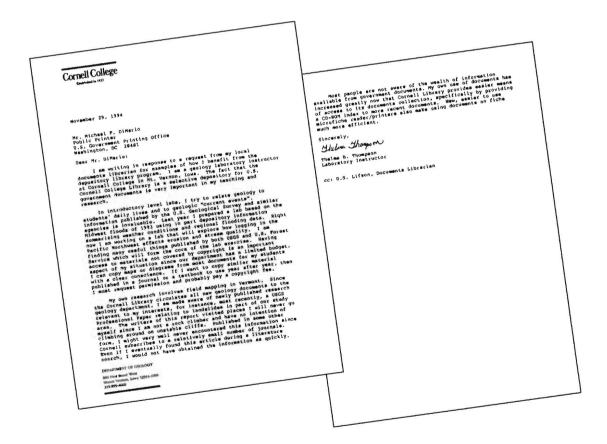
. . . Thank you so much for helping me complete St. Joseph County and Marshall County census information for a grant application. The information you helped me look up helped El Buen Vecino receive a \$30,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Commerce. As you know, El Buen Vecino is a non-profit organization that targets low-income Hispanic families in our two counties and emphasizes self-sufficiency, self-esteem and education for each family member. . . .

(Written to: Reference and Public Documents Librarian, Theodore M. Hesburgh Library, University of Notre Dame.)

Sara Haber, Executive Director El Buen Vecino, Inc. South Bend, Indiana . . . We were able to find a tremendous amount of information about the economic and political situations in each Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela, and Chile. . . .

Your help in training members [of the Notre Dame Council on International Business Development] on the *National Trade Data Bank* is greatly appreciated as it has helped our division provide a real service to Jordan Industries and to other companies. . . . Through continued use of Notre Dame's informational resources, the Council looks to provide current secondary data on other markets as well and thereby help develop "peace through global commerce.". . .

Jerry T. Peters
Co-director of Business Services
Notre Dame Council on International
Business Development
Notre Dame, Indiana



. . . My Hydrology class uses *Water Resources Investigations* extensively. They are required to review three reports during the term: one on surface water, one on ground water, and one on contamination. USGS Bulletins, Circulars, and Professional Papers are used by my Volcanoes class as they gather information for a term paper, by Environmental Geology students as they research case histories, and by Structural Geology students in a paper on geologic structures associated with specific plate tectonic settings. The topographic map collection is used by Cornell students and faculty, and occasionally by Mt. Vernon citizens looking for a detailed map of specific areas. . . .

Peter Thompson Chair, Geology Department Cornell College Mount Vernon, Iowa

The fact that the Cornell College Library is a selective depository for U.S. government documents is very important in my teaching and research.

In introductory level labs, I try to relate geology to students' daily lives and to geologic "current events." Information published by the U.S. Geological Survey and similar agencies is invaluable. Last year I prepared a lab based on the Midwest floods of 1993 using in part depository information summarizing weather conditions and regional flooding data. Right now I am working on a lab that will explore how logging in the Pacific Northwest effects erosion and stream quality. I am finding many useful things published by both USGS and U.S. Forest Service which will form the core of the lab exercise. Having access to materials not covered by copyright is an important aspect of my situation since our department has a limited budget. I can copy maps or diagrams from most documents for my students with a clear conscience. . . .

My own use of [government] documents has increased greatly now that Cornell Library provides easier means of access to its documents collection, specifically by providing a CD-ROM index to more recent documents. New, easier to use microfiche reader/printers also make using documents on fiche much more efficient.

Thelma B. Thompson Laboratory Instructor Cornell College Mount Vernon, Iowa

KANSAS

As a faculty member at Emporia State University since the late 1960s, and as Chair of the Division of Physical Sciences since the late 1980s, I have had considerable opportunity to utilize documents through ESU's William Allen White library and its holdings as part of the Federal Depository Library Program. Consequently, many students were beneficiaries of those resources. Today many of those former students are teachers, and certainly all share a role with the larger society as citizens.

For example, during the decade of the 1970s and early into the 1980s I was involved with a number of energy resource management and energy education projects. The most valuable sources of information pursuant to those projects were publications of the Department of Energy (particularly EIA) and its predecessors—the AEC and ERDA. The availability of hard copy on a timely basis was, indeed, remarkable.

More recently I have had occasion to utilize NASA-generated documents pursuant to teaching responsibilities, and in conjunction with NASA-funded research in the space sciences. The enabling mandates for NASA presupposed dissemination of information to the "public"; Federal Depository Libraries play a critical role with that mandate. . . .

DeWayne Backhus Chair, Division of Physical Sciences Emporia State University Emporia, Kansas

As a college professor, I require . . . my students to do library assignments using government documents. . . . We use a variety of materials from *Economic Indicators* and the CPI to detailed data on price indices and duration of unemployment. . . .

Robert B. Catlett Assistant Professor of Economics Emporia State University Emporia, Kansas Over the years, we at the university level have come to rely on the availability of U.S. Government information to assist us with research and the instruction of students. This has been especially valuable to me in courses such as strategic planning and international business.

The availability of *Overseas Business Reports, Survey of Current Business, National Trade Data Bank,* NAFTA and GATT reports has been invaluable to the education of our future business leaders. I believe that the combination of the depository system and the newer on-line services will help provide our universities with the information needed to successfully continue our work in this competitive international environment.

Dr. Raffaele DeVito Professor of Management Emporia State University Emporia, Kansas

I am both a user of maps in the Emporia State University map depository, and I am in charge of the cataloging and the storage of these maps. The MPA depository has had a positive impact on both instruction and research at Emporia State University. Various classes in the earth science department use maps selected from our collection to illustrate geological features, and many of the directions taken by student and faculty research rely heavily on the visualization of landforms.

... The [earth science] department ... budget does not allow for the purchasing of the vast array of examples of features that are available in the depository collection

The maps in the collection have become increasingly useful to faculty and graduate students in the Division of Biological Sciences. . . . The Center of Great Plains Studies is located on the Emporia State University campus. Faculty and students from such departments as history, anthropology and geography have found use for the depository maps.

Besides people associated with the university, local citizens are welcome to use the depository facilities. People in the process of purchasing land in the country around the town have come in to get a better overview of the area surrounding their potential purchase. Sportspeople determine access to hunting and fishing sites, genealogists find old cemeteries, and scouts set up hiking trails in the map library. . . .

Paul Johnston
Depository Library Map Section
Emporia State University
Emporia, Kansas

... Emporia State University is a relatively small school which is well over an hour away from larger library facilities. My students use the government department on a regular basis, and I feel that their ability to find information and to utilize it in a meaningful fashion is an integral part of their educational experience.

. . . Small Business Management students will spend an average of ten hours per semester gathering data for their projects from the Census and the Business Census documents. They also rely heavily upon the Small Business documents which are printed on a regular basis. In addition, those people in the community who are not enrolled in the course also use this material as I do consulting work with them, both prior to business start-up and on an ongoing basis. My Consumer Behavior and Personal Selling classes also use these resources as they define markets for their projects.

It would not be possible for these classes to be taught with as much hands-on experience and meaning if we were deprived of the very resources on which their research is based. . . . We are exposing an unusually large number of people to the wonderful information which is available through your office. . . .

Joan Nichols
Director, Center for Management Development
Services
Emporia State University
Emporia, Kansas

Our accounting firm relies on the Federal Depository Library Program, which Emporia State University participates in, to obtain current consumer price index (CPI) information. A number of our clients have elected to determine their ending inventory for income tax return purposes based on the LIFO (last in, first out) method. The simplified LIFO method allows a taxpayer to determine the dollar amount of ending inventory which is due to the inflation of prices, based on the CPI.

Timothy L. Wright, CPA Pool & Company, Chartered Emporia, Kansas

P.S. As a high school student, I used the government documents library at ESU to a large extent due to my involvement in the debate program. I feel that a great educational benefit was received by the availability of these resources. The benefit was not only education relative to the methods of debate and public speaking, but also education relative to the subject matter we studied including congressional hearings, governmental law and policies, etc.

. . . Throughout my life as a business person, a student, and as an educator, I have made use of the information available in Government Depository Libraries. Competitive analysis, industry analysis, consumer and organizational buyer trends, and market demographic changes are some of the uses I make of depository information.

Specifically, I use the *Census of Manufacturers, Retail Trade, Current Industrial Reports, Census of Population and Housing,* and similar descriptive data. . . .

... I introduce my students to the Government Documents section of the library and then make assignments that will make them investigate and know the type of information available in the Federal Depository. . . .

I believe one of the important factors that separates the United States from the rest of the economic world is the availability of information to the masses and the low cost of the information. An informed populace of consumers and businesses is essential for continued economic growth and development. . . .

Continued operation and accessibility of local Federal Depository Libraries is essential to my work, to the successful preparation of my students, and to the continued growth of the business sector of the United States. Any attempt to reduce the offering or availability of the collected data is short-sighted and will be a long-term hindrance to the United States competitive position.

James A. Stephens, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Marketing Emporia State University Emporia, Kansas

Colby Community College has been a depository library for federal documents since 1969. It has been the federal documents library that has aided my preparation for classes several times each week. Agricultural stats, examination of legislative bills and IRS booklets are items that I use often. . . .

Victor Oelke Political Science Instructor Colby Community College Colby, Kansas

KENTUCKY

On behalf of the Livestock Conservation Institute, I would like to thank you for your assistance in my regular reviews of the *Federal Register*. You and the staff in the Law Library are always extremely helpful.

... Our organization depends on reviewing the *Federal Register* to keep abreast of the most current developments in the regulatory and legislative areas affecting animal agriculture in the United States. . . .

Cheri M. Glass Livestock Conservation Institute Bowling Green, Kentucky

The FDLP... has been a valuable resource tool here at Murray State University. As a professor in the Department of Economics and Finance, I have used the various government documents in a variety of Economics, Banking, and Finance courses.

For example, I require my students to research the various macroeconomic data that is available from the Department of Commerce. It is important for the students to know and become familiar with the data that is available.

My Money and Banking classes use the Comptroller of the Currency manuals to learn how banks operate and about the examination procedure. It is critical that we continue to receive the various banking bulletins and circulars to keep abreast of the current regulatory climate.

> Barry T. Brown Lecturer in Economics Murray State University Murray, Kentucky

... I teach community health nursing to senior baccalaureate nursing students. As a part of the course, students are required to collect data about a community of their choice. The information they collect is extensive and ultimately leads to a community assessment document where they have studied the data and identified high priority community needs.

Each semester the students are oriented to the government documents and use the information for parts of their assignment. Our local library staff are very helpful to assist students with their projects. . . . The Federal Depository Library Program is a valuable service to me and my students.

Oleta Burkeen Associate Professor Murray State University Murray, Kentucky

Our students rely heavily upon the FDLP for accessing a wide variety of information to complete class assignments, term papers, research projects, and theses. . . . Faculty also utilize information provided through FDLP in their research programs. Also, the financial situation on our campus as well as at many others would not allow the purchase of data provided by FDLP from other sources. . . .

Thomas C. Kind, Ph.D. Professor of Geosciences Murray State University Murray, Kentucky

I am director of a baccalaureate social work program and make frequent use of government documents. Students are expected to become familiar with government documents in my SWK 20—Social Work and Social Welfare class. . . . Junior and senior level students are active users of government documents in their research and policy classes. The elimination of this resource without a functional replacement will seriously hinder my ability to provide quality educational support materials to my students. . . .

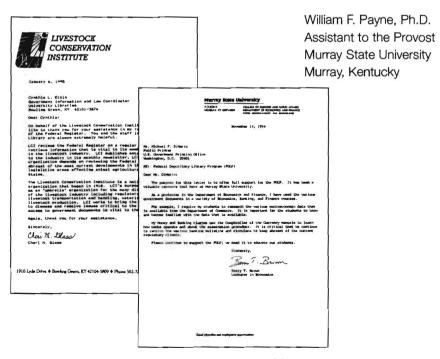
Rose Bogal-Albritten, Ph.D.
Professor and Director, Social Work Program
Murray State University
Murray, Kentucky

. . . My wife and I turned to the government documents collection years ago to find then current award-winning passive solar home designs. We chose a design, built our home according to it, and have been pleased ever since. When my wife was studying for her undergraduate degree in horticulture she had to rely to a great degree on material from the USDA, particularly material on blueberry varieties in this climate zone. My children and those of a neighbor have used information from NASA on the various space probes to Saturn and Jupiter and so on not only for fun but to prepare school projects. . . . The local depository system has always provided information not easily located elsewhere.

John B. Griffin Murray State University Murray, Kentucky

... Since I began teaching 20 years ago in the area of agribusiness economics, I have relied heavily upon depository libraries as a source of current economic information. . . . It is beyond the budget for an individual faculty member or academic department to provide that service. . . .

. . . Please know that institutions of higher education rely heavily upon the Federal Depository Library Program as an important partner. This is especially true for medium and small institutions which are often the only comprehensive source of government information for many miles.



LOUISIANA

... I formerly held the rank of Associate Professor at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and taught, inter alia, courses in geography, history, and political science.

For courses in World Regional Geography and International Relations I used the CIA publication, *World Factbook*, and the State Department series, *Background Notes*, in my lectures. . . . The Library had on hand a number of pamphlets from the U.S. Department of State concerning American foreign policy and also concerning the United Nations. These were helpful to me in my classes in International Relations and International Organization.

It was for my course in Geography of the United States and Canada that I drew the greatest amount of information from the Depository Library. This came from a number of census publications including the *Statistical Abstract of the U.S.* and the *County and City Data Book*. Other sources were the *EPA Journal*, flood insurance studies, the Interior Department's *Conservation Yearbook*, and publications of the Land Management Bureau.

At the present time I am undertaking a program of research in the area of international organization, and I expect to use some of these same publications in this study. . . .

St. John Bargas, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus Our Lady of Holy Cross College New Orleans, Louisiana

. . . Materials Management Group, Inc. (MMG), a small disadvantaged environmental consulting and remediation firm, requires access on a weekly basis to the environmental regulation and CBD announcements. The environmental regulations are in constant change and would require a small business to outlay a large amount of money to keep an up to date library.

. . . The assistance of [staff] at . . . Our Lady of Holy Cross College Depository saves MMG time and money, which can be used to hire additional personnel. . . .

James E. Blazek, Jr.
Project Manager
Materials Management Group, Inc.
New Orleans, Louisiana

I work as a graduate assistant for the Marriage and Family Therapy program at Our Lady of Holy Cross College. . . . I recently ordered a government document concerning state-of-the-art career tests. This document saved me from many hours of research, as it was a concise and up to date listing of career and vocational tests. The information contained in the publication was exactly what I (and my professors) needed to facilitate the project that the graduate students are currently working on. . . .

Susan M. Mire Graduate Assistant Our Lady of Holy Cross College New Orleans, Louisiana

. . . I am employed by the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and use information available in the Documents section of the McNeese University Library. . . .

During its transition year, JTPA staff determined that in order to best serve its target groups . . . being very familiar with the characteristics and demographics of each of the target groups would help in designing programs to meet the holistic needs of each group. Information about characteristics and demographics was provided from both the Documents and Reference sections of the Library. Census information provided anticipated numbers in each of the categories. Other references provided characteristics of the various target groups.

Because of our better-informed staff, we believe that we are able to provide better ancillary services to individuals in these JTPA target groups during the completion of their individual Service Plans (ISS). . . .

It is reassuring to know that such a wealth of information is accessible in a single location. It is even more reassuring to have access to qualified staff to help you get to the right information because of their familiarity with the numerous documents available and their contents. JTPA in Calcasieu Parish does not have a computer modem to access information of this nature, so I really appreciate the resource that McNeese provides.

Juanita Poland Planner Calcasieu Parish Policy Jury Lake Charles, Louisiana As a staff person with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of several non-profit organizations, I want to take this time to express my opinion on how important the McNeese State University Library Depository has been to our effort. The staff and the depository itself serve as a link to the maze of federal regulations, laws and statistical data that local governmental agencies use in studies, recommendations and in everyday discussions.

Our staff has used this resource on numerous occasions to research federal grants, studying the history of local environmental concerns, leaving documents for public view, notices for public hearings and preparing for legal cases.

As you can see, the depository plays a very important role in the day to day operations of local government. . . .

Paul D. Rainwater
Director, Emergency Management
Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
Lake Charles, Louisiana



MAINE

Our University Library participates in the Regional depository in the Federal Depository Library Program, thus providing an indispensable service to those of us who require full, prompt access to information gathered by U.S. government agencies. Our faculty and staff . . . and numerous graduate students depend on your program for access to a wide variety of government publications and documents. Since we research dozens of public policy issues, ranging from NAFTA to mental health service delivery, we are a regular customer of the government documents section of the library.

Steven Ballard Director, Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy Orono, Maine

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your willingness to assist me in putting together data on U.S. Shipbuilding Industry employment trends over the last 24 years. The data you found in the *Statistical Abstracts* was most helpful and I very much appreciated your attempts to find the *Annual Reports on U.S. Shipbuilding and Repair* facilities published by the Maritime Administration. We were successful in using the data to support high level meetings this week at Bath Iron Works.

. . . I was thoroughly impressed with the professionalism, the extra effort, and the rapid response provided by you and your colleagues at the University of Maine. . . .

(Written to: Government Documents, Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.)

J. E. DeMartini Manager Commercial Ship Business Planning Bath Iron Works Corporation Bath, Maine . . . My students and I depend on our Library, and your program, for access to Census of Manufacturers data, various Commerce Department publications, and Government Accounting Office publications which are essential in our research and instruction. . . .

Thomas D. Duchesneau Professor of Economics University of Maine Orono, Maine

... As a faculty member associated with our center, my students and I depend on our library, and your program, for access to data and publications from the Census Bureau and publications from other agencies such as USDA, HUD and DHSS which are essential in our research and instruction. Our graduate students in the Masters of Public Administration program use such data extensively in their training in research methods while students in the Population and Public Policy course draw on the many publications of the Census Bureau. . . .

Deirdre M. Mageean, Ph.D. Assistant Professor in Public Administration University of Maine Orono, Maine

. . . The Maine Department of Labor, Census Data Center utilizes the services of libraries in your program, for access to information not otherwise directly received from the federal agencies with whom we cooperate by contract. Also, I can depend on the GPO depository libraries in Maine to render direct service to clients in their area, whenever I call on them, to supplement the information services we provide to our clients. Many times I have referred users to a depository library for access to United States Census Bureau Publications and to present and retrospective publications of other federal departments and bureaus. . . .

Jean Martin, Manager Census Data Center Department of Labor Division of Economic Analysis and Research Augusta, Maine

MASSACHUSETTS

... The Government Depository Library at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, has been an invaluable resource for product development research at Channing L. Bete, Co, Inc. Federal government agencies provide a wealth of timely and important information. Depository libraries fulfill an important function by making this information easily accessible. The depository brings together documents from many different agencies, all in one convenient, central location. This enables us to do research efficiently, comprehensively, and economically.

Some of the many documents, that have been important in product development over the past year, include:

Clinical Practice Guidelines: Sickle Cell Anemia, Public Health Service, AHCPR

Preventing Lead Poisoning in Young Children, CDC

Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home, Health Care Financing Administration

Menopause, National Institute on Aging

Along for the Ride: Safety Tips for Cyclists, Federal Highway Administration

Life-Sustaining Technologies and the Elderly, Office of Technology Assessment

Chemotherapy and You, National Cancer Institute

Working Safely with Video Display Terminals, OSHA

Surgeon General's Report to the American Public on HIV Infections and AIDS, CDC

Consumer's Guide to Radon Reduction, EPA

We also have access to government periodicals in a wide range of subjects as well as the text of Congressional hearings.

Many of our booklets need to reflect changes in government regulations. The *Code of Federal Regulations* and the *Federal Register* available at the depository library are the sources for this information. There are many other guidelines, standards and recommendations issued by government agencies about which we also need to know. We must keep informed about changes in policies, technology, new medical procedures and treatments, because the quality of our products depend on the quality of our information.

... Information from a government depository library is free. This helps us keep our product development costs down. Most importantly, the library provides essential information that help make our products competitive and successful in the marketplace. . . .

Adrienne Racz Research Assistant Channing L. Bete Co., Inc. South Deerfield, Massachusetts

A sincere thank you for your help and the materials you sent concerning statistics on Worcester County.

[One of our professors] was most grateful for the added attention you gave him and going out of your way for the materials. . . .

Sister Lorraine Bilodeau Director, Mondor-Eagen Library Anna Marie College Paxton, Massachusetts

... What a stroke of luck that I "bumped into" you when I was trying to respond, with supporting published government data, to my client's inquiry about the cost of raising a child in Massachusetts. Your knowledge and assistance helped us immeasurably. . . .

Emmanuel B. Green, Ph.D. Vocational Consultant Vocational Evaluation Services Brookline, Massachusetts

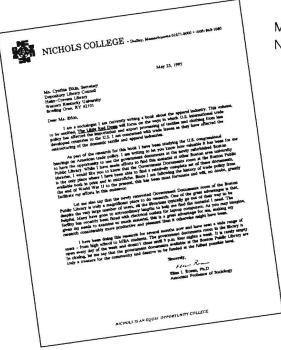
... I am currently writing a book about the apparel industry As part of the research for this book I have been studying the U.S. congressional hearings on American trade policy. I am writing to let you know how valuable it has been for me to have the opportunity to use the government documents at the newly refurbished Boston Public Library. . . .

The Government Documents room at the Boston Public is the only place where I have been able to find a relatively complete set of these documents, available both in print and in microfiche. . . .

Ellen I. Rosen, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Sociology
Nichols College
Dudley, Massachusetts

. . . Thank you for your interest, time and effort in researching the location of that obscure town in South Africa (Delmenville). I had been requested to get the info by an Italian Xaverian, missioner in Sierra Leone, West Africa who is to go there in November for a conference of African catechists. . . .

. . . You saved the bacon for me. I relayed the information to him via amateur radio a few days later. He was most grateful, and asked me to express his appreciation to you for your help.



Michael A. Taricano Newton, Massachusetts

MICHIGAN

Depository government library collections are essential for my work, as for the clients I serve. As they contain many documents not found elsewhere at all, and as I do not live in Washington, D.C., these libraries are my only access to the many research reports, agency reports, and practical advisories produced by the federal agencies and distributed by the GPO.

For my own purposes, of greatest value are the Department of Labor—OSHA, Department of Transportation—NHTSA, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Health and Human Services reports.

. . . I have noticed that in public libraries, private citizens depend on depository collections for consumer-oriented materials and for information on issues.

Detroit Public Library, the State of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor Public Library, Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University, and the University of Michigan all have well-used collections. In the case of the University of Michigan, the collection is so well used that the staff can barely keep up with user requests for assistance. . . .

Margaret W. Mouzon Mouzon Information Services Ann Arbor, Michigan

I teach an upper-level undergraduate course Social Welfare Policy Analysis. . . . The Federal Documents Depository at Calvin College is an essential resource for my students. The students . . . analyze Census data, review legislative records and budgets, as well as explore the range of social policy issues. In addition, the depository is an invaluable resource for curriculum planning and lecture design. . . .

Peter Szto, M.S.W. Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Work Calvin College Grand Rapids, Michigan As a faculty member of Calvin Theological Seminary teaching Church Administration and Missions to North America, the federal census materials in the Calvin College Library are an essential resource for my students. Many of my courses require students to conduct fieldbased research which usually includes extensive work in the census documents for the years 1970, 1980 and 1990. The availability of these materials in the Calvin College Library makes it ideal for these students to conduct primary research on locations throughout the country.

... The educational goals we have for training persons to utilize primary documents would be greatly diminished if these materials were not readily accessible as they now are.

Craig Van Gelder, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Domestic Missiology
Calvin Theological Seminary
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations How many a man has dated a new era in his life from the reading of a book.

Henry David Thoreau

MINNESOTA

This is a note to express our appreciation for the irreplaceable contributions of the federal depository libraries program to the data users of Minnesota.

Without the services of your programs, the vast resources of government documents would be lost to the people who have funded them and require access to them. There is no other means available to the general public but through the depository libraries. The additional advantage is that with the location distribution of the libraries, all persons have fair access to the materials.

The Minnesota Data Center, a consortium of data providers focusing especially on the dissemination of census data, would be sorely lacking without the cooperation and extensive efforts of the documents libraries. They offer a breadth of material that most partners cannot afford to maintain. They offer fair and reasonable access to census data for users throughout Minnesota that those users would not otherwise have.

Mr. David Birkholz Director Minnesota Data Center St. Paul, Minnesota

As a professional researcher and document specialist for my institution's fee-based research service, I make use of government documents on behalf of our clients on a regular basis.

Our clientele is composed of people in business—from budding entrepreneurs just confronting the morass of regulations and pending legislation applicable to their operation, to expanding corporations preparing to export productions and technology to developing countries. They lack either the time, the expertise, or (in this age of corporate restructuring and downsizing) the personnel to collect and assess the data which so critically affects their present, and potential, livelihood. It is . . . these citizens, on whose success or failure our own economic futures depend

Jina Lien Research Specialist James Jerome Hill Reference Library St. Paul, Minnesota As a demographics reporter at the St. Paul Pioneer Press, I've got a lot of advantages compared to the general public when it comes to finding government information.

When I'm stumped, I can seek the help of a staff of librarians employed by the newspaper and databases maintained in house. I also have at my disposal public information staffs employed by government agencies to exclusively serve inquiries from the media.

Even with these resources, I still rely heavily on the data kept by the St. Paul Public Library as a federal depository and the skilled assistance of the depository librarians.

I've used the federal depository library countless times to get information on deadline that I could not find in any other place. I know that many businesses, organizations and individuals find the depository collections to be invaluable.

I believe the cost of maintaining federal depository collections is small compared to the contribution they make to maintaining an informed electorate.

> Richard Chin Staff Writer Pioneer Press St. Paul, Minnesota

. . . I'm a Federal prisoner serving my sentence in a State Correctional Facility at Oak Park Heights, Stillwater, Minnesota. I not only do a lot of legal work on my own behalf (Post-Conviction), but I help a lot of other prisoners as well.

Understanding the law and how it works is not easy! However, it helps if one understands why Congress has passed a particular law, and what was their intent in passing it. In obtaining this (quite often critical) knowledge, we must first start with the Congressional Record. . . .

This service to the Law Library and ultimately to those of us who are incarcerated is paramount to our search for Justice. . . . Being able to supply Congressional Reports, and other documents is consistent with the purpose of the State Law Library.

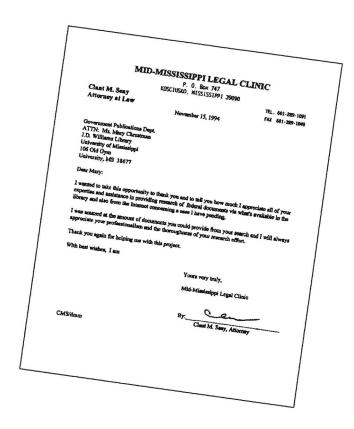
Scott Rivers
Stillwater, Minnesota

MISSISSIPPI

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and to tell you how much I appreciate all of your expertise and assistance in providing research of federal documents via what's available in the library and also from the Internet concerning a case I have pending.

I was amazed at the amount of documents you could provide from your search and I will always appreciate your professionalism and the thoroughness of your research effort.

Clant M. Seay Attorney at Law Mid-Mississippi Legal Clinic Kosciusko, Mississippi



MISSOURI

The Columbia Online Information Network (COIN), a community computer network system, is pleased to be a participant in the *GPO Access* Project. . . .

Local COIN users are thrilled to have immediate access to the *Federal Register*. . . . Now they can dial-up from their home or office, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and find the newest grant announcement or latest version of a proposed rule. . . .

Participation in the GPO Project has allowed COIN to further fulfill its mission of improving citizens' access to information. We appreciate the availability of this resource, and thank you for the opportunity to participate in providing it to our citizens.

Elinor L. Barrett Head, COIN Administrative Services Columbia, Missouri

. . . My position with the local school district requires frequent and timely access to the *Federal Register* and other government publications. My budget, however, can not accommodate the purchase of these publications.

I have for several years used Ellis Library's print subscription to the *Federal Register*. This remains a useful resource. The electronic access available via the Columbia Online Information Network, the local freenet, has substantial advantages over the print version. First, I get access on the day of publication, which is important to our ability to respond competitively to grant announcements. In addition, I save a tremendous amount of time that has in the past been spent traveling to and from Ellis Library. Now, it is simply part of my daily routine to log on each morning from the computer on my desk. Both these advantages will rapidly make free, electronic access to government publications an equity issue. . . .

Mary M. Licklider Grants Coordinator Columbia Public Schools Columbia Missouri I am the Head of Reference and Information Services for the Daniel Boone Regional Library, a three-county public library with headquarters in Columbia, Missouri, which serves a diverse population of approximately 150,000.

We respond to a minimum of 10,000 questions a month. On a daily basis, we are asked questions which require data from the U.S. Government. Frequent questions are about patents, trademarks, copyright, immigration addresses of elected and appointed officials, business statistics, federal laws, consumer information and information useful for economic development.

Although we maintain a small collection of federal documents in our library and we also access federal databases online through our local freenet, we consider ourselves most fortunate to have a Federal Depository Library in our town (at the University of Missouri). In a word, this resource is invaluable. In fact, I often wonder how people in other towns manage without this kind of resource readily available. . . .

Marilyn McLeod Head of Reference and Information Services Daniel Boone Regional Library Columbia, Missouri

I have been a documents librarian for twenty years. It is an eye-opener to hear from visiting faculty the difficulties they must go through to even look at a document in their home countries. I particularly remember a faculty member visiting from the University of Manchester (England). He told me that he had no access to the deliberations of his government. His surprise was the access he had through our library and the depository program to the hearings held in committees of Congress. At times like that I realize the right to public records is a right we must protect!

Sally B. Schilling Documents Librarian, Ellis Library University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri

"Thanks to you, we got the figures—and our proposal in on time."

"They told me I should check documents. I could not believe the historical resources. You have contributed to the success of my thesis!"

(Written to: Government Documents, Ellis Library, University of Missouri.)

As the Chief Economist and Director of Research for the chamber of commerce of greater St. Louis, I am frequently called upon by businesses and individuals to provide information. This information is usually required immediately and accordingly it is of great value to have access to local Federal Depository libraries. . . .

I cannot stress too much the need for the Federal Depository Library program.

Stephen J. Taylor Chief Economist St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association St. Louis, Missouri

As a political scientist, I believe the Depository Library Program is an essential part of this democracy. . . .

At the United Way of Greater St. Louis we keep ourselves and the not-for-profit sector informed about demographic, social, economic and technological changes in the nation and our metropolitan area with materials from the Depository Library Program. The information is essential for the not-for-profit sector to measure community needs and assets. For example, the Census publications are used throughout the year for developing program proposals. The *Federal Register* and other publications are monitored for changes in rules and policies that affect health and human services and the not-for-profit sector.

Especially important for the not-for-profit sector is the access to the information through the public libraries. . . .

Additionally, as a teacher at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, I require my students to become familiar with government documents. For example, students in my graduate class (Programs, Services and Resources in Aging) work with the Lovejoy Library document librarian and his colleagues in developing information about aging and the aged. Based on my experiences, this is one of the most significant assignments I give to my students.

David L. Paulsmeyer, Ph.D. Vice President, Research and Government Relations United Way of Greater St. Louis, Inc. St. Louis, Missouri

MONTANA

... I am an Associate Historian and part owner of Historical Research Associates, Inc. (HRA), a consulting firm with offices in Missoula, Seattle, Washington and Washington, D.C. Our firm often works for federal and state agencies in areas involving issues relating to the history of natural resource utilization. Access to, and the availability of, federal documents in pursuit of our objective is absolutely essential. . . .

. . . During the past fifteen years that I have worked at HRA, I have found the library, in general, and the government documents section, in particular, to be an indispensable part of the work that I do. Phasing out of the FDLP would result in a very negative impact to the research that I, and my co-workers, do. . . .

Federal documents, whether they are the results of an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed timber sale or a survey of a historic wagon road through South Pass Wyoming, inform us of the actions of our government and are essential. . . .

Daniel Gallacher Associate Historian Historical Research Associates, Inc. Missoula, Montana

From my perspective—I am a professor of history—one of the most valuable elements in our university library is the Government Documents Division. I have taught a graduate seminar for over thirty years and directed something in the neighborhood of 130 master thesis and doctoral dissertations. I think that it is safe to say that the majority of these drew upon the government document bases.

. . . I simply could not have approached the teaching of history without the availability of the documents depository.

H. D. Hampton Professor of History University of Montana Missoula, Montana

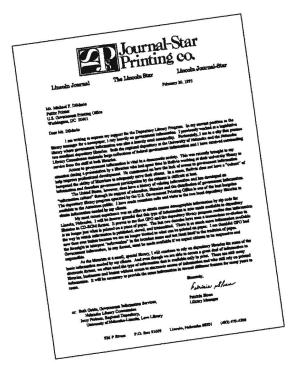
NEBRASKA

... In my current position as the library manager for a newspaper, I rely heavily on government information. . . . Both the regional depository at the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Library Commission maintain large collections of federal government information and I have received outstanding service from the staff at both libraries.

Access to government information is vital in a democratic society. This was recently brought to my attention during a presentation by a librarian who had spent time in Bolivia working at their university library to help improve professional development. He commented on how the lack of access to government information hampered the ability of librarians to adequately serve their clients. . . .

... The depository library program operated by the U.S. Government Printing Office is one of the best bargains available to the American public. I have made countless calls and visits to the two local depository libraries to obtain information needed by my clients.

. . . Even though we are able to access a great deal of information in electronic format, we often need the type of information that is available only in print. . . . It will be necessary to provide the same information in several different formats for many years to come.



Patricia Sloan
Library Manager
Journal-Star Printing Co.
Lincoln, Nebraska

NEVADA

This letter is a testimonial supporting the Federal Depository Library based at Northern Nevada Community College.

Materials located in this section have provided outreach information to health care professionals throughout rural/frontier Nevada. These federal documents and CD-ROM programs have provided patrons with information on laboratory regulations, prevention materials, grants available, and federally funded clinic information.

As you are aware, it is sometimes difficult to provide necessary information to rural Nevada patrons. The partnership that we have had with you and your status as a Federal Depository Library has enabled and benefited rural Nevada health professionals with timely and valuable information. Therefore, I strongly endorse the Federal Depository Library Program.

Gerald J. Ackerman, MS, CHES
Assistant Director, Center for Education
and Health Services Outreach
Director, Northeastern Area
Health Education Center
Elko, Nevada

. . . It seems we are always researching new standards or looking for updates on NIOSHA requirements [as] well as OSHA regulations. When I phoned you this morning, I wasn't really expecting any type of reply until at least the beginning of next week. To my surprise, my phone was ringing within ten minutes of my initial contact with you, with word that you had already found exactly what our office was needing. In fact, everyone that I've dealt with within your Department has been very helpful as well as knowledgeable in researching all of my requests. . . .

Mercedes Mendive Education Department Home Health Services of Nevada, Inc. Elko, Nevada

NEW HAMPSHIRE

I am writing to you to attest to the value of Dartmouth College's Government Depository. . . . Most, if not all, of the students I teach at Dartmouth use the Depository for their course work in my classes. The Depository is essential for my research. I should also add that the Depository, by providing information about society to the public, is a significant component of a functioning democracy. . . .

My own research, currently funded by another government agency (the National Science Foundation), relies heavily on data obtained from the College's Depository. Information contained in the Depository has played either a central or supporting role in all the research I have published or presented. . . .

Richard Barff Associate Professor/Chair Department of Geography Dartmouth College Hanover, New Hampshire

I recently had occasion to request an OMB circular from your facilities which I had not been able to locate at any other Federal Depository or Agency office.

... My thanks for your cooperation. . . .

Scott K. Hill
Accountant
Lawrence B. Martin, CPA
Manchester, New Hampshire

NEW JERSEY

... Throughout my many years of State service, while working in the various Executive Departments, including the Office of the Governor, the Federal Depository Library Program has been invaluable in helping make every project a success. . . .

During Governor Florio's Administration, I served on his Governor's Management Review Commission (GMRC). We undertook hundreds of audits and reviews of New Jersey State Government operations and generated millions of dollars of savings for New Jersey taxpayers. While the "State Audit" was clearly a success, a critical element of this success was the exceptional research assistance and guidance we enjoyed from . . . New Jersey's Federal Documents Depository Librarian. This research not only helped guide our efforts, it produced key documents for use in "shaping" and focusing our studies, and it also provided "benchmarks" for us in many critical areas.

I have been an internal consultant in New Jersey State Government for many years and, throughout the years, irrespective of the project . . . the Federal Depository Library Program [has] played a key role . . . [helping to make] my engagements successful by providing me with timely and critical information.

Most recently, I have been active as a member of Governor Whitman's team to "Make Government Work". . . .

... I am also a college faculty member of Georgian Court College and Fairleigh Dickinson University, with over 20 years of teaching experience. No one has any greater appreciation of the immense value of the FDLP than I. My students continually benefit from the value and overall utility of the FDLP in obtaining guidance and direction in initiating and completing course assignments, including their research projects in addition to assisting them in their everyday pursuit of information. . . .

John R. Long, Sr.

Management Improvement Specialist
State of New Jersey
Trenton, New Jersey

NEW MEXICO

The Federal Depository Library Program at Miller Library is definitely worthwhile. The Psychology program has used it for many years and will continue to use it. The students in the Psychology program are learning to appreciate this valuable resource as much as we professors do.

Larry French, Ph.D.

Department of Social Sciences
Western New Mexico University
Silver City, New Mexico

I write to tell you how important the Depository libraries are to us as individuals and as faculty members. Individually, there have been many times when I have referred to various government documents to clear up an issue related to my personal well-being or to help me better understand an issue being discussed. Most recent of these was during the health care debates.

Of more importance to me, however, is the tremendous need there is for my students to use government documents in their research and study. As a professor of economics, there are many items which are of particular interest and which cannot reach the popular press in a timely fashion. Specifically, Senate and House hearings, publications of the Commerce Department, Labor Department, international trade information, OMB materials, etc. Since my students are usually involved in policy research, it goes without saying that federal documents become a critical part of their research materials. . . .

... In more remote areas or at smaller institutions [government documents] are a critical part of our current resource base.

Kathie S. Gilbert Professor of Economics Vice President of Academic Affairs (acting) Western New Mexico University Silver City, New Mexico

... This program has provided essential information for students conducting research projects in my "Population Dynamics" courses. It is also invaluable for other purposes projects in my reputation dynamics courses. It is also invaluable for other purposes too, such as, for sources of demographic data. I have personally used these documents for personal research as well as for other research on university programs. . . .

Craig R. Lundahl, Ph.D. Department Chair Professor of Sociology and Business Administration Western New Mexico University Silver City, New Mexico



Western New Mexico University

lovember 14, 1994

Cynthia Etkin Western Kentucky University Bowling Green Ky 42101

do not deprive those of us in more remote areas or at : institutions of the opportunity for direct access to such its. They are a critical part of our current resources

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thie S. Gilbert

Mesor of Economics

President of Academic Affaire (acting)

NEW YORK

I am a National Service Officer for the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association. . . . Recently we received a case that is outside our normal area of expertise. A veteran who was at both Hiroshima and Nagasaki, three days after the Atomic Bomb was dropped, has developed cancer. My task is to find out if a relationship exists between the cancer and his service at the atom bomb drop sites.

... I contacted the New York Public Library. I fully expected this world famous organization would have little problem helping me. Was I ever wrong! It was like pulling teeth to get the research librarian to assist in my search. . . .

... I turned to our public library to see if they could help. What a pleasant surprise awaited me! When I made my request to the library staff they immediately set out to find the information I required. . . .

This story has a happy ending. The benefits we were seeking for the veteran has been granted. . . .

Michael P. Johnson National Service Officer Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association New York, New York

. . . I sincerely thank you for your willingness to serve as a consultant while I developed my dissertation proposal. (You assisted me in obtaining and using census products — socioeconomic data by census tracts in Upstate New York.). . . . Your assistance made [my dissertation] project much better than it otherwise would have been. . . .

(Written to: Lockwood Memorial Library, Government Documents Section, State University of New York at Buffalo.)

Kevin M. Gorey Buffalo, New York

... The students really got into the congressional documents to which you introduced them, and their papers turned out very well. . . .

Gail Radford Assistant Professor of History State University of New York at Buffalo Buffalo, New York

... The information was most helpful and your efficiency in doing so was most appreciated.

Susan Rieck Trauma Registrar The Children's Hospital of Buffalo Buffalo, New York



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Marcl. 25, 1993

Mr. Ed Berman Lockwood Library State University of New York at Buffalo Buffalo, New York 14260

Dear Mr. Hermani

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to you and anyone else who help in transmitting the information regarding the population of children in the eight counties of Western New York. The information was most helpful and your efficiency in doing so was most appreciated.

Thank you again for all your help. Sincerely,

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NORTH CAROLINA

I am writing to reiterate the significance of the availability of the depository library and government document section in our library system at Fayetteville State University.

The Summer Seminars in demography have used the government document section in the last two years. . . . As part of this workshop we work with the faculty to identify sources of government data related to demography. These sources include the census data from the Census Bureau and also data from various other government agencies.

In the gradate program of sociology we offer an MA track in population studies. Students have been using the government documents for their research projects. This is an important part of our resources for this graduate program.

We use the information in the government documents for a number of our courses. Specifically, student projects in Sociology 332 (Research Methods), Sociology 470 (Social Change and Development), Sociology 410 (Aging) and Sociology 370 (Demography) use data and information from the government documents.

. . . I hope you continue to support our teaching and research activities by continuing the expansion of the government document section in future.

Akbar Aghajanian, Ph.D. Professor of Sociology Fayetteville State University Fayetteville, North Carolina

Just a quick note to let you know what an invaluable resource the Government Documents Department is. Seldom a day passes that I do not refer patrons to the collection which you administer. Often, it is the only nearby source where desired government information can be located. The community benefits greatly from having the Documents Department available for use. . . .

Elaine M. Carlson Law Librarian Greensboro Division Guilford County Greensboro, North Carolina Although we attempt to maintain an adequate documents collection at our CIBA site library, we frequently make use of your resources to obtain out-of-print documents, documents which somehow fall outside our normal NTIS SRIM collection or documents which may simply not be available through our normal supply channels. We are extremely fortunate to have the rich collection at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro available to us so conveniently.

Since government documents are difficult to locate directly, we would often be at considerable disadvantage without a local depository library to assist us. . . .

Lynne Jacques Jeff Stabnau Librarians Ciba Corporation Greensboro, North Carolina

. . . There have not been many weeks during the past thirty years or so that I have not used information found in government documents in the Davidson College depository library. In addition, I have influenced students and members of the business community to use the facility. It is inconceivable that the college library not be a depository library.

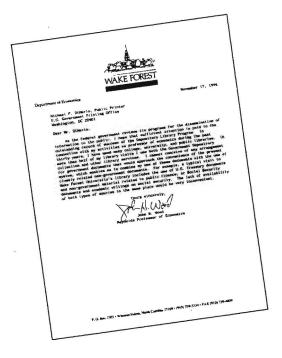
For the past five years I have served on an advisory committee of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Time and again I have found it advantageous to supplement material provided for me by utilizing materials in the depository collection. . . .



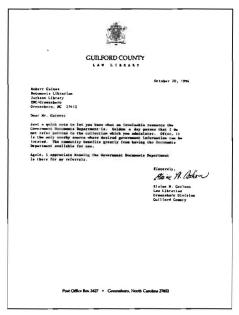
C. Louise Nelson Member, Advisory Committee Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Davidson, North Carolina . . . During the past fourteen years in my position as head librarian at Lorillard Tobacco Company's Research Center Library we have frequently made good use of your fine collection of government documents. Any decrease in the coverage or quality of your collection would certainly create a barrier to the effective location and acquisition of government materials for myself and my company. The value of a local collection of government documents with local experts willing to help local companies navigate through the often confusing array of government documents is inestimable. . . .

Larry Skladanowski Library Supervisor Lorillard Tobacco Company Greensboro, North Carolina

... I cannot conceive of any arrangement for government documents that would approach the convenience of the present system, which enables me to combine my use of those documents with the use of closely related non-government documents. For example, a typical visit to Wake Forest University's library includes the use of U.S. Treasury documents and non-government material related to public finance; or Social Security documents and academic writings on social security. . . .



John H. Wood Reynolds Professor of Economics Wake Forest University Winston-Salem, North Carolina



OHIO

... Our documents librarians have been extremely helpful in obtaining the information that we need for our teaching and research. Without their help and the support of the Federal Depository Library Program, we would severely reduce the effectiveness of our teaching. In many cases, FDLP materials are our only solid source of information for economic and business administration modeling courses. . . . Listed below are specific examples of their use:

Managerial Economics and Quantitative Tools, approximately 120 students per academic year — Students research an industry and develop a quantitative model of the demand for a product in the industry. Common sources of information include the *National Trade Data Bank* for export, import, and general trade information; Department of Labor CPI and IPI price information; Department of Commerce *Industrial Outlook*; the *Federal Reserve Bulletin* for exchange rates, output, unemployment rates, and other relevant macroeconomic data.

Development Economics, approximately 20 students per academic year — Students use various federal information sources, such as Department of Commerce and Department of State information, to assess conditions in various countries. Of particular use to these students are the reports from Congress on the various hearings.

Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Business Administration
Director of International Studies
Mount Union College
Alliance, Ohio

. . . My sincere appreciation for your services to the public.

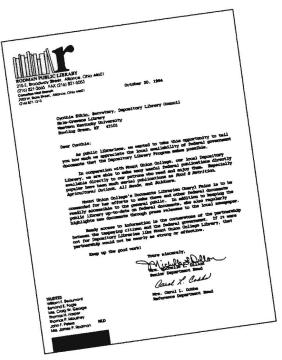
I. V. (Ike) Graham International Consultant Smith Dairy Orrville, Ohio As a government depository, the University of Dayton Library has supplied JAYCOR Environmental with many government documents and publication information pertinent to our business. . . . Copies of EPA chemical lists from microfiche files. Documents about EPA Superfund and Corrective Action treatment technologies. Materials regarding EPA pollution prevention initiatives. References for environmental agencies and programs.

... We always know that the staff of the Government Documents Office at the University of Dayton will help us obtain necessary environmental information to stay on top of environmental issues. . . .

Robert T. Braman Environmental Specialist JAYCOR Beavercreek, Ohio

... In cooperation with Mount Union College, our local Depository Library, we are able to make many useful federal publications directly available . . . to our patrons who need and enjoy them. Especially popular have been such serial publications as *Food & Nutrition, Agricultural Outlook, All Hands*, and *Soldiers*. . . .

Ready access to information is the cornerstone of the partnership between the taxpaying citizen and the federal government. If it were not for Depository Libraries like Mount Union College Library, that partnership would not be nearly as strong or effective.



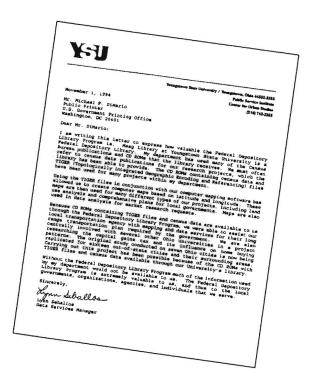
Michelle L. Dillon, Senior Department Head Carol L. Cobbs, Reference Department Head Rodman Public Library Alliance, Ohio My Department has used many of the Census Bureau publications and CD-ROMs that the [Maag Library at Youngstown State University] receives. We must often refer to census data publications for our research projects, which the library has been able to provide. The CD-ROMs containing census data and TIGER (Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing) files have been used for many projects within my Department.

Using the TIGER files in conjunction with our computer mapping software has allowed us to create computer maps based on latitude and longitude. These maps are then used for many different types of our projects, including land use analysis and comprehensive plans for local governments. Maps are also used in data analysis for market research requests.

Because CD-ROMs containing TIGER files and census data are available to use through the Federal Depository Library Program, we were able to assist our local transportation agency with mapping and data services for their long range transportation plan required by the government.

. . . The Federal Depository Library Program is extremely valuable to us, and thus to the local governments, organizations, agencies, and individuals that we serve.

> Lynn Seballos Data Services Manager Youngstown State University Youngstown, Ohio



Our (departmental) annual budget for library acquisitions is in the range of \$1000, and our list of periodicals has recently been trimmed. Thus, the Depository collection of U.S. Geological Survey documents, including especially the Professional Papers, Bulletins, Circulars and the monthly publication lists, is of major importance for us. . . .

I cannot begin to count the number of times I have gone to the USGS depository documents and been pleasantly surprised to find significant and appropriate information. I would include also my use of the U.S. Bureau of Mines and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency documents in the Mount Union College library The bottom line is that the USGS publications, as well as some others, in the Federal Depository section of our library are an essential part of our program at Mount Union College. I cannot envision us without it.

Robert G. Wiese, Jr., Ph.D. Professor and Chairman Department of Geology Mount Union College Alliance, Ohio

Information is vital in industry and the decision making process if we are to be competitive globally. This data needs to be available for research and publication purposes. I have used the following government documents for the above purposes: Federal Reserve Bulletin, Employment Cost Index, International Comparisons of Hourly Compensation Costs for Production Workers in Manufacturing. I have also used many of the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) publications. . . .

Harridutt Ramcharran, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Finance University of Akron Akron, Ohio

This is just a note to tell you how much we appreciate your people and the ways they help us with the information in the Federal Depository System. For years we have obtained pieces of information from several different federal agencies but our expanded association with your organization has added many new dimensions. . . .

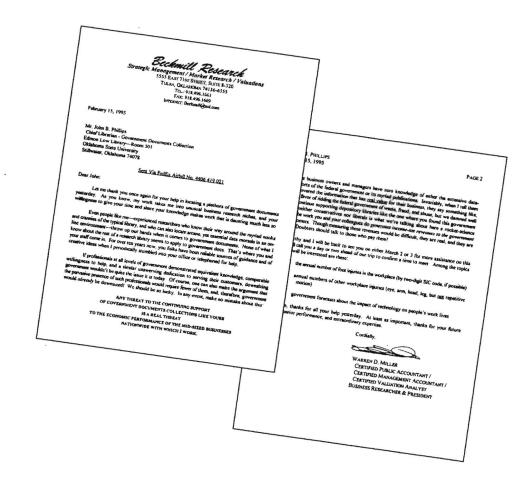
Dr. Louis L. Durborow Vice President Ohio Public Expenditure Council Columbus, Ohio

OKLAHOMA

Let me thank you once again for your help in locating a plethora of government documents.

. . . For over ten years now, you folks have been reliable sources of guidance and of creative ideas when I periodically stumbled into your office or telephoned for help. . . .

Warren D. Miller, CPA Business Researcher & President Beckmill Research Tulsa, Oklahoma



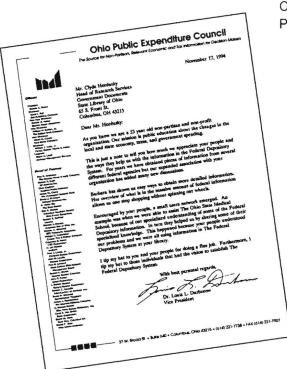
OREGON

. . . I serve as the head regional officer of a religious denomination that traces its origins to the earliest missionary work in the Pacific Northwest. . . .

In 1933 I used the occasion of a Sabbatical Study Leave to prepare and publish a small book, the purpose of which was to educate our present membership as to the significance of our heritage. . . .

In carrying out my research I found assistance at the libraries of Pacific University (Forest Grove, OR) and the University of California (Berkeley, CA). In both cases the Depository librarian played an important part in helping me to locate significant information.

The Federal Depository Library Program has a key role in preserving history as well as in enabling citizen access to data necessary to both economic success and civic progress. . . .



Donald J. Sevetson Conference Minister United Church of Christ Central Pacific Conference Portland, Oregon

PENNSYLVANIA

The value [the Federal Depository] at the Reading Public Library provides to the business community is best illustrated by the typical usage of our company in the past. My clients have benefited from the following information obtained through the depository:

Export Data—We utilized the National Trade [Data Bank] to assemble market information on Latin American Countries for two clients, Plummer Precision Optics and Reading Body Works.

Both of these firms exhibited at the Repcom Show sponsored by the U.S. Trade Service in Mexico City for the promotion of exports. The quick access to data allowed timely decisions to be made on the value of exhibiting and directed their sales efforts into the best markets.

Census Data—A large natural gas utility, UGI Utilities, benefited from this data when we prepared home heating fuel data for their future retail outlets plan.

Annual Census of Manufacturing Reports—These documents provided the starting point for many new companies when assessing new products. Size of revenues, specific SIC sectors, etc. are readily researched from the depository.

Census of Population by Age Reports—This data was used to assist the Reading Rehabilitation Hospital to determine the relationship between the Berks County population and the surrounding counties. Establishment of their sales program was made possible by this data.

In addition to the above situations, we access the depository on a weekly basis to look up a single piece of information on projects in-progress.

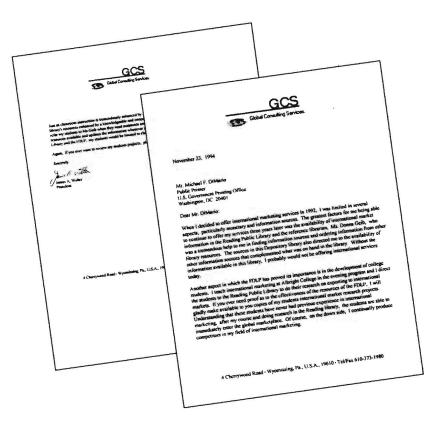
The convenience of local access is more valuable to us than our on-line service or traveling to Harrisburg.

Robert R. Basore Basore & Associates Reading, Pennsylvania When I decided to offer international marketing services in 1992, I was limited in several aspects, particularly monetary and information sources. The greatest factors for me being able to continue to offer my services three years later was the availability of international market information in the Reading Public Library and the reference librarian, . . . who was a tremendous help to me in finding information sources and ordering information from other library resources. . . .

. . . I teach international marketing at Albright College in the evening program and I direct the students to the Reading Public Library to do their research on exporting to international markets.

Just as classroom instruction is tremendously enhanced by quality in the field research, so is a library's resources enhanced by a knowledgeable and cooperative Depository librarian. I always refer my students to [the Reading Public Library reference librarian] when they need assistance and she is always ready to make resources available and updates the information whenever possible. Without the Reading Public Library and the Federal Depository Library Program, my students would be limited to classroom only instruction.

James A. Walter President, Global Consulting Services Wyomissing, Pennsylvania

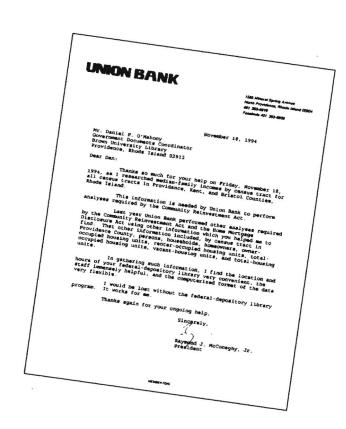


RHODE ISLAND

. . . I find the location and hours of your federal depository library very convenient, the staff immensely helpful, and the computerized format of the data very flexible.

I would be lost without the federal depository library program. . . .

Raymond J. McConaghy, Jr. President, Union Bank North Providence, Rhode Island



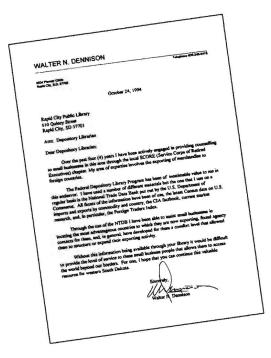
SOUTH DAKOTA

Over the past four years I have been actively engaged in providing counseling to small businesses in this area through the local SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) chapter. My area of expertise involves the exporting of merchandise to foreign countries.

The Federal Depository Library Program has been of inestimable value to me in this endeavor. I have used a number of different materials but the one that I use on a regular basis is the *National Trade Data Bank* put out by the U.S. Department of Commerce. All facets of the information have been of use, the latest Census data on U.S. imports and exports by commodity and country, the CIA factbook, current market research, and, in particular, the *Foreign Traders Index*.

Through the use of the NTDB I have been able to assist small businesses in locating the most advantageous countries to which they are now exporting, found agency contacts for them, and, in general, have developed for them a comfort level that allowed them to structure or expand their exporting activity.

Without this information being available through your library it would be difficult to provide the level of service to these small business people that allows them to access the world beyond our borders. . . .



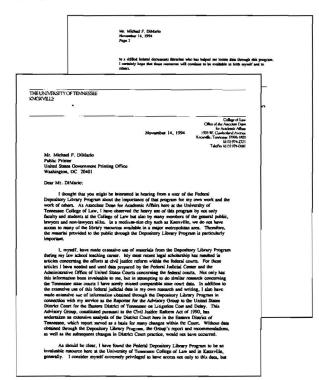
Walter N. Dennison Service Corps of Retired Executives Rapid City, South Dakota

TENNESSEE

. . . As Associate Dean for Academic Affairs here at the University of Tennessee College of Law, I have observed the heavy use of this program by not only faculty and students at the College of Law but also by many members of the general public, lawyers and non-lawyers alike. . . .

... My most recent legal scholarship has resulted in articles concerning the efforts at civil justice reform within the federal courts. For these articles I have needed and used data prepared by the Federal Judicial Center and the Administrative Office of United States Courts concerning the federal courts. . . . I also have made extensive use of information obtained through the Depository Library Program in connection with my service as the Reporter for the Advisory Group to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee on Litigation Cost and Delay. . . . Without data obtained through the Depository Library Program, the Group's report and recommendations, as well as the subsequent changes in District Court practice, would not have occurred.

As should be clear, I have found the Federal Depository Library Program to be an invaluable resource here at the University of Tennessee College of Law and in Knoxville, generally. I consider myself extremely privileged to have access not only to this data, but to a skilled federal documents librarian who has helped me locate data through this program. . . .



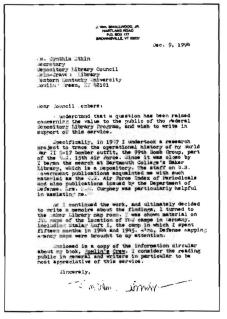
R. Lawrence Dessem
Professor of Law
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

TEXAS

. . . It is not an exaggeration to say that my continuing success as a grants writer would be severely curtailed without access to a Depository Library.

Jacqueline Cuevas, Ph.D. Grants Development Officer Midwestern State University Wichita Falls, Texas



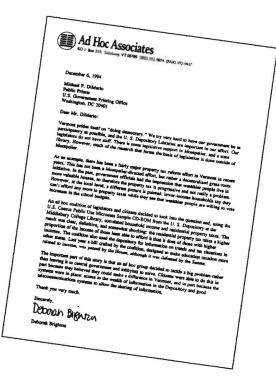


VERMONT

Vermont prides itself on "doing democracy." We try very hard to have our government be as participatory as possible, and the U.S. Depository Libraries are important in our effort. . . . Much of the research that forms the basis of legislation is done outside of Montpelier. . . .

An ad hoc coalition of legislators and citizens decided to look into [state tax reform] and, using the U.S. Census *Public Use Microdata Sample* CD-ROM from the U.S. Depository at the Middlebury College Library, correlated household income and residential property taxes. The result was clear, definitive, and somewhat shocking: the residential property tax takes a higher proportion of the income of those least able to afford it than it does of those with higher incomes. The coalition also used the depository for information on trends and tax situations in other states. Last year a bill crafted by the coalition, designed to make education taxation more related to income, was passed by the House, although it was defeated by the Senate.

The important part of this story is that an ad hoc group decided to tackle a big problem rather than leaving it to central government and lobbyists to solve. Citizens were able to do this in part because they believed they could make a difference in Vermont, and in part because the systems were in place: access to the wealth of information in the Depository and good telecommunications systems to allow the sharing of information.



Deborah Brighton Ad Hoc Associates Salisbury, Vermont ... Access to the Depository Library this fall enabled my business to analyze new publications immediately, respond quickly to an RFP, and secure a contract that provided four new jobs in my company.

Without the Depository Library my small business and others in rural areas will not have access to many government publications (particularly electronic media) needed to get their businesses going and keep them competitive. The Federal Depository Library Program is a very important factor in distributing public information in our country.

Christopher Sachs President, Map Applications, Inc. Norwich, Vermont

Having used the Depository resources at nearby Dartmouth College on various occasions—with consistent success—I would like to voice my support of the Depository program. Without it, in fact, I would not have a prospering small business right now.

Few resources are as rich, or as readily available to the public, as the information sources made accessible by the Depository program. As a librarian myself with a small, recently formed market research company, I consult a wide range of Depository sources which, at this point, would be out of my budget to purchase. These include the many CD-ROMs available—often in monthly series dating back 4 years—and the voluminous census publications.

Of particular help in assisting me with my consultation of these resources has been [the] Government Documents Librarian at Dartmouth College. Her thorough knowledge of the Depository sources, and her painstaking helpfulness in assisting me in identifying the right sources for any given information need, has led me to believe that indeed there are two irreplaceable resources involved here: the Depository information, and the expertise of the attendant Government Documents librarian.

Without the information that I obtain with the help of both of these resources, I would likely be in a different business. So, in a very real sense, jobs have been created in my area as a direct result of the Depository program. And more jobs will certainly be created in the near future, as my business continues to grow. My thanks to the Depository program.

Robert Savage President, World Market Watch Woodstock, Vermont ... In 1987 I undertook a research project to trace the operational history of my World War II B-17 bomber outfit.... I began the search at Dartmouth College's Baker Library, which is a Depository. The staff on U.S. Government publications acquainted me with such material as the U.S. Air Force Index of Periodicals and also publications issued by the Department of Defense.

As I continued the work, and ultimately decided to write a memoir about the findings, I turned to the Baker Library map room. I was shown material on CIA maps of the location of POW camps in Germany, including Stalag Luft I, the camp in which I spent fifteen months in 1944 and 1945. . . .

J. William Smallwood, Jr. Brownsville, Vermont

I would like to express my appreciation for the use of the Federal Documents Collection at the Starr Library. The collection has been invaluable in my recent work in Alaskan history.

I have been editing a manuscript for the Alaska and Polar Regions Department of the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks. . . . The federal documents in your collection have been a great help in resolving many questions.

A longer project I'm working on is a history of the Aleutian Islands. For this I have not only found your older documents valuable, but I look forward to using the more contemporary ones as a number of Aleut concerns have been before Congress in recent years. . . .

Raymond L. Hudson Middlebury, Vermont

VIRGINIA

. . . Thank you for taking the time to help me with the valuable information [on Latin America and the Middle East] I received. This will definitely give me a positive step into Latin America.

Marc Sholar Sales Manager, Special Markets Stanley Furniture Company, Inc. Stanleytown, Virginia

Our knowledge is a little island in a great ocean of non-knowledge.

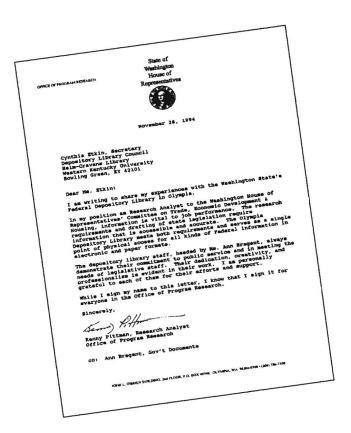
Isaac Bashevis Singer

WASHINGTON

... In my position as Research Analyst to the Washington House of Representatives' Committee on Trade, Economic Development & Housing, information is vital to job performance. The research requirements and drafting of state legislation require information that is accessible and accurate. The Olympia Depository Library meets both requirements and serves as a single point of physical access for all kinds of Federal information in electronic and paper formats.

The depository library staff . . . always demonstrate their commitment to public service and in meeting the needs of legislative staff. Their dedication, creativity, and professionalism is evident in their work. . . .

Kenny Pittman
Research Analyst
Office of Program Research
State of Washington House of Representatives



WEST VIRGINIA

. . . The advent of CD-ROM technology has provided an excellent platform which allows efficient and rapid access to large amounts of data in digital form. An ever increasing number of databases including demographic and economic censuses, digital orthophotos, DLG, TIGER, environmental information, etc. are being provided on this media.

The efforts and role of the West Virginia University library in securing and maintaining these types of databases is essential to our teaching, research, and service activities.

Joel A. Halverson
Trevor M. Harris
Department of Geology and Geography
West Virginia University
Morgantown, West Virginia

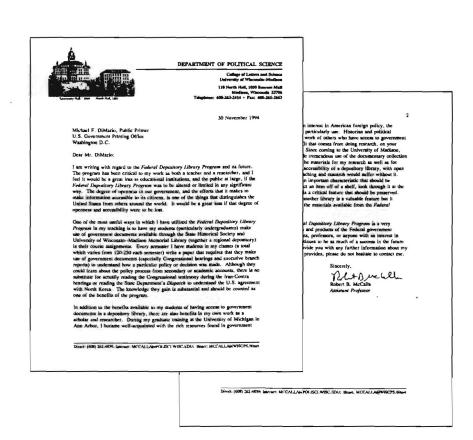
... I am employed by West Virginia University Extension Service to provide data and information for community and economic development to all fifty-five counties in the state of West Virginia. By providing this data to our county offices we are able to serve all of the citizens of the state. Various agencies in the counties not only use this data to write grants for governmental and private funding, they also use it to analyze their economic and social programming needs. If these agencies are forced to use a private data provider they will have to spend thousands of dollars to secure the same information we now provide free of charge. Many of these agencies cannot afford to engage private data services and as a result would lose much of their current funding, which will effectively reduce their services to the public. . . .

Not only is the depository valuable to the university, it serves as a single access point for all kinds of Federal information for the general public. . . .

Richard C. Smith Community and Economic Development West Virginia University Extension Service Morgantown, West Virginia ... Depository libraries are an essential source of information to me as an academic —my research would be impossible without them. I began my research in the government documents section of the Historical Society Library at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, continued it while at Emory University in Atlanta, and have completed work on one manuscript and begun work on another here at West Virginia University.

Finally, depository libraries are essential to my effective teaching. A primary goal of teaching is to impart knowledge concerning a particular subject matter, but just as important is teaching a critical set of skills: writing, research, and critical thinking. By assigning documentary research I can train students in good research skills, impart subject matter knowledge, and "wake-up" many a disinterested undergraduate by turning them loose on a topic of particular interest to them. . . .

Jeff Worsham Assistant Professor Department of Political Science West Virginia University Morgantown, West Virginia



WISCONSIN

. . . I have been a regular user of government documents since high school, when I completed my first major research paper for a U.S. History class. Throughout college, they were an important part of my studies, even being a major in French Literature. Between the time I left college and returned to graduate school, I studied the federal role in the issues I worked on at a community level in a non-profit organization by using government documents available through the program. Now, in graduate school I spend a great deal of time at the State Historical Society located at the University of Wisconsin, both for my course work in public policy and administration and for the work I do as a graduate assistant to a professor completing a book on banking issues. Having easy access to information produced by the government has given me a better sense of what government does and what my own role as a citizen is. . . .

Sandy Deyoe Madison, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Reference and Loan Library serves as a statewide clearinghouse for interlibrary loan requests from public, school, special, state agency, state institution, and academic libraries. The Reference and Loan Library is not a federal depository library and relies heavily on the two full depository libraries in the state, the Wisconsin State Historical Society and Milwaukee Public Library to provide access to federal documents for libraries of all types.

Interlibrary loan requests are routinely sent to these libraries for government publications, copies of public laws, and presidential orders. The depository libraries either loan the titles directly or make a photocopy of the materials to fill the requests.

This is a very important program, and these libraries provide the only source of free information about federal programs for Wisconsin citizens.

Sally Drew Director, Reference and Loan Library Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Madison, Wisconsin

- . . . The program has been critical to my work as both a teacher and a researcher, and I feel it would be a great loss to education institutions, and the public at large, if the Federal depository Library Program was to be altered or limited in any significant way.
- ... Every semester I have students in my classes ... write a paper that requires that they make use of government documents (especially Congressional hearings and executive branch reports) to understand how a particular policy or decision was made.
- . . . During my graduate training at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, I became well-acquainted with the rich resources found in government publications. In my own case, with an interest in American foreign policy, the resources of a depository library were particularly [useful]. Historians and political scientists will always benefit from the work of others who have access to government documents but there is an added benefit that comes from doing research, on your own, in the original source materials.

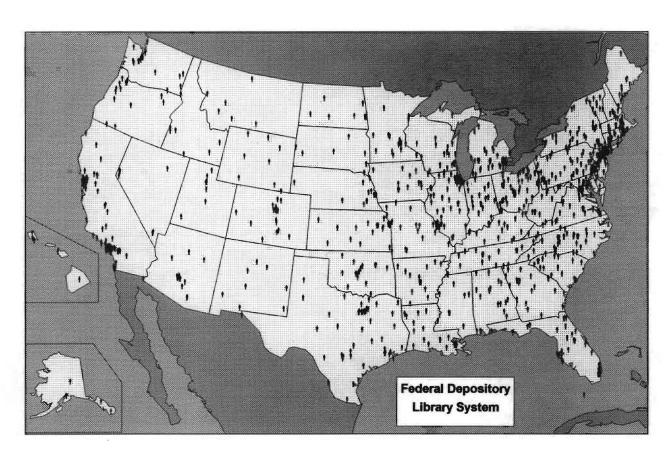
Since coming to the University of Madison, Wisconsin, five years ago, I have made tremendous use of the documentary collection in the State Historical Society. I use the materials for my research as well as for materials to use in my teaching. The accessibility of a depository library, with open stacks, is a tremendous benefit — my teaching and research would suffer without it. Accessibility, not just availability, is an important characteristic that should be preserved. Being able to actually select an item off of a shelf, look through it at the time, and decide whether it is useful, is a critical feature that should be preserved. . . .

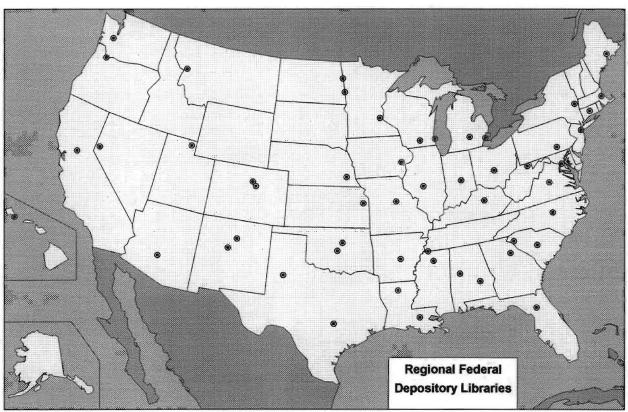
Robert B. McCalla Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science University of Wisconsin - Madison Madison, Wisconsin

... I am writing to let you know that having the government documents available in our city, state and at the University has made a significant impact on our business ventures. Our company is able to secure documents (whether in microfiche or paper) within an hour and respond to our clientele with information that otherwise could not be obtained. . . . Please discuss the possibility of charging for these documents—not the general public — but charging those of us in the private sector that can afford to make a financial contribution to the institutions that must store, provide access to and circulate all the government documents that we find so vital.

Sandra Thompson Manager, Information Services Hazleton Wisconsin, Inc. Madison, Wisconsin

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ALABAMA

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Birmingham

Birmingham Public Library
Birmingham—Southern College
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Jefferson State Community College
James B. Allen Library
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Harwell G. Davis Library

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Montgomery

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Normal

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University of Alabama Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library University of Alabama School of Law Library

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ALASKA

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