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Depository Library Council Meets & Approves Guidelines

Meeting at Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, October 16th–18th, the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer addressed major areas of concern to depository librarians and the Government Printing Office. A large turnout of librarians from the East, South, Midwest, and West, enlivened discussions and committee meetings.

Outgoing Public Printer, Thomas F. McCormick, introduced John J. Boyle, shortly to become the new Public Printer. Mr. Boyle assured the assembled audience of his interest and concern for the Depository Library Program, as well as his appreciation of the work of the Council.

The Committee working with the **Proposed Standards & Guidelines** met to consider the many letters of response received after their August publication with **Highlights**. The vast majority of replies were quite favorable to the **Guidelines** as proposed. But all specific concerns expressed were carefully considered and a further rewording of some parts took place. The **Guidelines** were then presented to Council and received unanimous approval. This final version will be distributed to depositories in the near future.

These **Guidelines** are the recommendations of the professional documents library community and their representatives on the Council. They have the support of the Government Printing Office, but do

John J. Boyle Becomes The New Public Printer

On September 28th, President James Earl Carter announced that he had accepted the resignation of Thomas F. McCormick as Public Printer, and had nominated Deputy Public Printer John J. Boyle to succeed him.

Mr. Boyle is a 25 year career veteran of the Government Printing Office. After having worked for several years in the printing industry of his native Pennsylvania, he came to GPO as a proofreader in 1952. He rose steadily and in 1964 was named Special Assistant to the Production Manager for Electronic Printing, a field in which he is a recognized expert. He established the Electronic Photocomposition Division and was responsible for the smooth introduction of this new technology into the Government Printing Office.

Of special interest to **Highlights'** readers are his words before the Joint Committee on Printing in



October: "We are all proud of the improved service to the public and Congress by our Documents Department which is the result of improvement in management practices and the use of modern automated data processing practices. The Depository Library Program has been improved considerably in recent years and I believe in complete support of this Program because of its importance to the Government and the public in the dissemination of information."

Mr. Boyle is the 17th Public Printer of the United States.

not constitute legally binding regulations. The **Guidelines** have deliberately been kept as flexible as possible so as to be applicable to the variety of libraries participating in the Depository Library Program.

Progress on the **Monthly Catalog** was reported to Council by Stuart Greenberg, Chief of the Classification & Cataloging Branch of the Government Printing Office. Response to the recent questionnaire that went out with **MC** found most

people pleased with the new format. The Library of Congress subject headings are liked well enough to be kept. Additional subject access was felt to be desirable, but most respondents were unsure as to the kind needed.

A special development reported was that librarians at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare had discovered that **MC** was giving 45% better coverage of HEW publications than their own

bibliographic tools. As a result, HEW has contracted with GPO for a mini-catalog of all HEW publications using the **MC** data base. This approach can serve as a model for other Federal agencies attempting bibliographic control of their material. The mini-catalog will become a depository document.

The Assistant Public Printer (Superintendent of Documents), Carl A. LaBarre, told of the excellent response of depository librarians to the **Publications Reference File**. As a result of the large non-depository interest in this microfiche tool, it is being made available on a subscription basis, for \$50.00 a year, with updates every other month. A new feature of **PRF** in 1978 will be a "New Publications" section containing titles added to the Sales Program since the previous edition. This feature will make **PRF** even more valuable to acquisition librarians.

Access to the **PRF** is now being provided by phone, (202)-783-3238, via the new **Storage and Information Retrieval System (STAIRS)**. Replies will be made at once during the hours 8:00 am-4:30 pm (District of Columbia time), or recorded during other time periods for reply the following working day. Future plans call for introducing **STAIRS** service to GPO bookstores.

Reporting on microform progress, John D. Livsey, Director of the Library and Statutory Distribution Service, stated that in implementing the authorization of the Joint Committee on Printing for microforms of non-GPO publications, some 350 General Accounting Office titles had been procured and converted into 398 pieces of microfiche. These would be distributed to depositories

shortly after the Council meeting.

In the process of conversion are other non-GPO materials which include: Great Lakes Regional Basin Framework studies, ERDA reports, Department of Transportation publications, Agricultural Research Service material, NASA technical publications, and nine series of the Joint Publications Research Service translations (excepting USSR material).

These are some "highlights" of a very busy Council meeting. A fuller coverage is being sent out to all depository libraries in the form of a summary by Council Secretary, Jaia Heymann. It will also be accompanied by the "Report of the Council Committee on Micrographics." Last action of the Council was the selection of a site for the Spring meeting. This will take place in New Orleans, with registration on Sunday, April 16th, and meetings on the 16th, 17th, and 18th.

Superintendent of Documents Wants to Hear From You!

Are you plagued by some persistent problem in connection with Government documents? Whether the matter is one connected with your library's purchase of Government documents, or with any aspect of the Depository Library Program, sit down and write a letter about it today.

The Superintendent of Documents will personally read each letter. These letters will help him identify problem areas in the operations of the Government Printing Office. He asks you to write so that he and the Public Printer can make 1978 the best year yet for GPO! Send your letters to:

Mr. Carl A. LaBarre
Superintendent of
Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C. 20402

Watch for Your Library's Biennial Questionnaire!

It's that time of year once again. In November depositories were sent questionnaires for the 14th "Biennial Report of Depository Libraries." These were sent out with regular shipments and appeared on Shipping List #10,332 (November 14, 1977).

Please try to have the forms completed and returned to the Library Division by January 16, 1978. If for any reason you have not received a form, drop a note to the Editor of **Highlights**.



From Our Mail Bag

Monthly Catalog Corner

Librarians who skip examining the preliminary pages in the **Monthly Catalog** are overlooking a very helpful tool which locates the publications of a specific agency: the "List of Government Authors." The "List" is constructed to provide direct access to the agency's publications provided in that edition of the **Monthly Catalog** by referring to the SuDocs classification number.

Arranged alphabetically, the "List" is not a comprehensive directory of Federal agencies, nor does it include agencies whose issuances do not appear in that edition. There have been suggestions made to include a page number after the listing: either as a substitute for the classification number, or in addition to it. Any comment on this or any other aspect of the "List of Government Authors" will be most welcome.

The Classification and Cataloging Branch of the Library Division earnestly solicits viewpoints on improving the scannability and access of the **Monthly Catalog**. Not all suggestions can be adopted; but they are invited and will receive careful consideration.

Send suggestions to:

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Dear Editor,

After reading "Another GPO Milestone" in the October, 1977, issue, I quickly checked our bound shipping lists and opened to #1. For the next few minutes our loyal and intrepid Library Assistant One/Shipping Clerk/Shelf-Lister and I gazed at the publications listed. Some are still old friends—Monthly Labor Review, Congressional Record, and Jag Journal.

Times have also changed for our depository since 1951. Our school has become a university, enrollment has doubled, we have a new library building and plans for expansion. Our first documents librarian retired three years ago, but our staff has grown to meet the needs of our ever-expanding documents collection.

For me the nicest change has been in our relationship with the Superintendent of Documents. You are no longer just a Government Agency, but people willing to respond to our needs. Thank you for making one Document Cataloger/Reference Librarian's job so much easier. We look forward to the next 10,000 shipping lists—just do not send them all in one year!

Thank you for your assistance,
Melody S. Kelly
Assistant Social Science
Librarian
North Texas State University

42 States Now Being Served By Regional Depositories!

A year ago, **Highlights'** front page feature was titled "Regional Libraries Are Still Needed." Since that time three additional libraries have taken up the responsibilities of regional depositories for their states. This brings the number of states with regionals to 40, and the number of states served by regionals to 42.

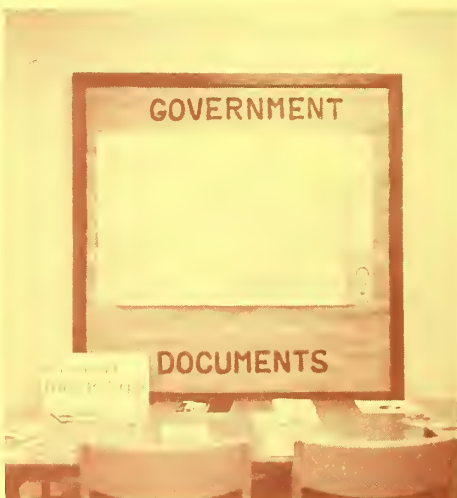
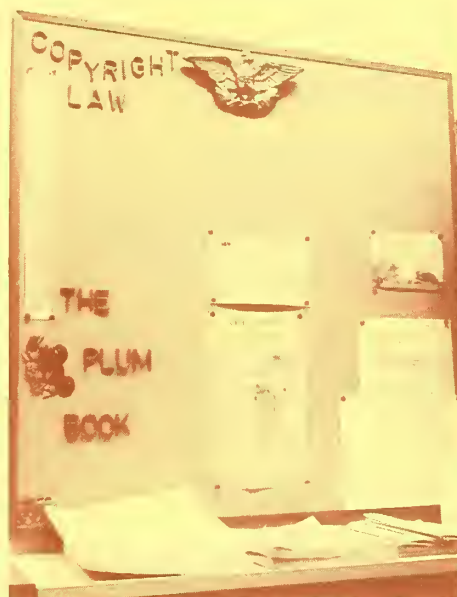
We extend a most hearty welcome

to the Libraries of the Universities of Georgia, Hawaii, and Nebraska, all depositories since 1907.

Now serving as regional depositories are 29 university libraries, 14 state libraries, 4 public libraries, 1 state library commission, and 1 state historical society.

Regionals are still needed to serve 8 states. We look forward to hearing the good news of regionals for: Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Missouri, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

Signs Of The Times



(Observed in Depository Libraries)

(10 extra copies of the December issue of HIGHLIGHTS will be sent to those libraries who recognize their display and drop a note to the Editor!)

Special Needs

If your depository library has some special needs of a general or specific nature, let us know. Below are some recent requests. If you can offer discards, write the requesting depository a letter (sending a copy to your regional). The library accepting the material agrees to pay any postage and packing costs that may be necessary.

Specific needs

Congressional Record, vol. 119, pt. 1.

Monthly Checklist of State Publications, vol. 66, no. 5.

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Monthly Catalog, 1961: June, July;
1969: June.

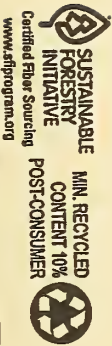
Somebody Taking Names

Is your library correctly listed with us? Please take a moment to look at your library's name as it appears in three places: (1) on the label of a box of documents; (2) in the publication titled, **List of Depository Libraries as of August 1, 1977**; (3) and in the Joint Committee Print titled, **Government Depository Libraries: The Present Law Governing Designated Depository Libraries (Revised April 1976)**. If your library has had a name change, or you have found any error, please drop a note to the Editor of HIGHLIGHTS.



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Monthly Catalog, 1955, 1958, 1959.

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Government Reports Annual Index
1975, Sections 1 & 2 (Subject
Indexes).

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Journal of Agricultural Research,
vols. 49 & 64.

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1975: vol. 10, nos. 3 & 4, Indexes.

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General, 1938 to date.

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Opinions of the Attorney General of
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U.S. Court of Claims Reports,
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U.S. Reports, vols. 414-416.

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Resources in Education, 1976:
Jan.-June.

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Administrative Decisions Under the
Immigration and Nationality Laws of
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Census of Population, Nebraska:
Final Report, 1970.

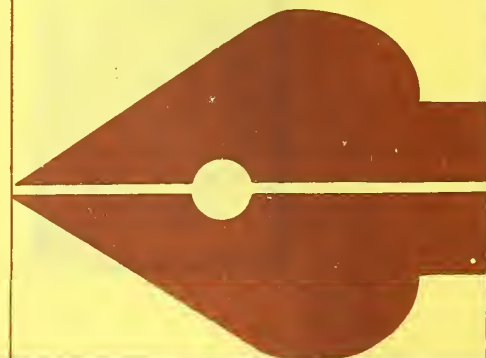
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Document Catalog, vols. 1-4,
6-8, 12-13.

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U.S. Reports, vols. 262, 277, 285-300, 302, 305, 308-310, 318, 330-335, 379, 383, 1920, 1921.

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Research in Education, vol. 3: 1 & 6;
vol. 4: 6; vol. 6: Annual Index;
vol. 8: Annual Index; vol. 9: Annual
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