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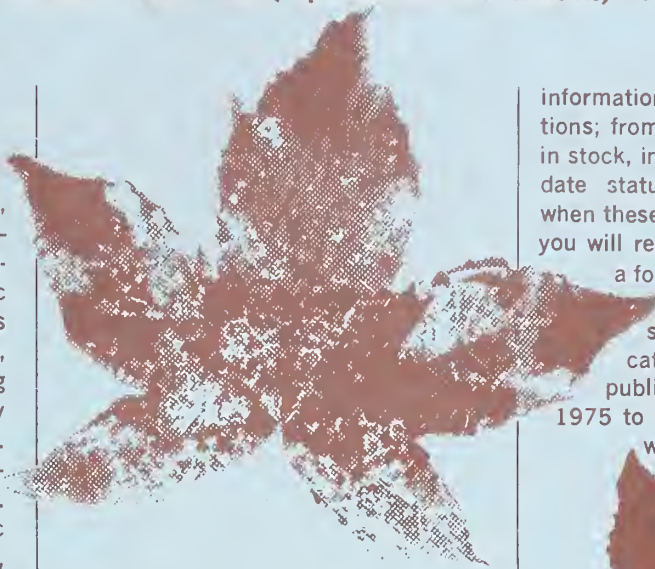
Fall Depository Library Council a Success

Meeting in picturesque Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia, on September 28–October 1, were members of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. In attendance were documents librarians from Maine to California, along with Samuel L. Saylor (Acting Public Printer), Robert J. McKendry (Acting Deputy Public Printer), Carl A. LaBarre (Assistant Public Printer, Superintendent of Documents), William G. Barrett (Deputy Assistant Public Printer, Superintendent of Documents), J. D. Young (Director, Library and Statutory Distribution Service), staff members from the Government Printing Office, the Staff Director and Deputy Staff Director of the Joint Committee on Printing, G. Andrew McKay, and Faye Padgett, respectively, and a representative of OCLC, Inc., Christine Grabenstatter.

Leading off GPO's presentations was Mr. LaBarre, who told the audience: "GPO customers will soon be able to order Government documents by utilizing the Lockheed Dialorder Online Ordering System. Subscribers to the Dialog Search Service will be able to automatically transmit their order to us for shipment, provided that they hold a Master Charge, VISA, or GPO Deposit Account. In order to provide this service, we felt access to the Publications Reference File was a necessary prerequisite. Lockheed has now agreed to make the PRF one of their regular databases available for online searching. The PRF database is an expanded version of the microfiche you now receive. The file will be updated every two weeks giving you more complete and up-to-date information.

"As of yesterday, 1,342 libraries held depository status with four designations pending. Included in the total count are 49 regionals and 107 newly designated law libraries.

"We presently offer 4,127 active item selections, not counting about 400 additional items, which we are surveying as part of the 1980 Census.



"You may be interested in knowing that the average number of libraries selecting a particular item is 427, while the total number of items selected by individual libraries is 1,242.

"You can expect to see some new enhancements soon on our Publications Reference File. By November, the fiche will contain: an expanded price field, foreign as well as domestic; a binding field for binding code and cover material; a special field for subject bibliographies; separate fields for imprint

information—date, pagination, illustrations; from 10 to 23 status codes (i.e.: in stock, in warehouse, in fiche format, date status determined, etc.). And, when these enhancements are in place, you will receive a new user's guide, in a format consistent with the PRF micro fiche size. PRF's spinoff, the Exhausted Publications Reference File, covers publications no longer sold, from 1975 to December 31, 1978. There will be yearly adds to this file and cumulations.



WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS! The Superintendent of Documents, Carl A. LaBarre, and Acting Deputy Public Printer, Robert J. McKendry, welcome incoming members of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. Left to right: Mr. LaBarre, Mr. Richard Leacy, Ms. Ann Bregent, Ms. Dona Larson, Ms. Ann Watts, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, and Mr. McKendry.

The 1980 cumulation is for three years and should be retained."

With the assistance of Mr. Barrett, Mr. LaBarre went on to give a detailed response to the resolutions passed during the Spring Council. These appear in the minutes sent out to the depositories.

Ms. Faye Padgett, Deputy Staff Director, Joint Committee on Printing, spoke of the excellent response to their public meetings for participants in the Federal Printing and Distribution Program. She said: "The response of the whole initiative is to bring together people who are participants in the Federal Printing and Distribution Program in order to give them some idea what the Joint Committee on Printing is all about: what kind of policies we have to inform them more on, some of the operational policies and procedures of the Government Printing Office, and, most importantly, give these people a chance to tell us how the system is working.

"Our ultimate goal is that we hope in a year or so to have regulations that are called, *Government Printing, Binding, and Distribution Regulations*. Really, very little has been written on paper about what the Joint Committee on Printing policies and regulations are concerning public access and distribution of publications. And, we would like to invite all of you in one of the areas that we are going to visit to come and share a day with us and give your ideas."

Mr. McKay added: "The Joint Committee's philosophy, or policy, is that as much information as possible should be made available to the public—the depository library community, both from the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch."

Discussing progress in cataloging, Mr. Stuart Greenberg, Chief of the Classification and Cataloging Branch of GPO, observed: "At the next Council meeting, the announcement can be made that the Government Printing Office has assumed responsibility for original cataloging of Federal documents from the Library of Congress. And, three years of discussions with the Descriptive Cataloging Division will be culminated on January 2, 1981, when

GPO begins providing descriptive cataloging for Federal documents to the Library of Congress. The experiment was a complete success!"

Speaking on steps taken in automation was Jan Erickson, Systems Analyst, who noted the implementation of RODIS (Reconciliation of Depository Item Selections). She said it encompassed four automated files: "(1) The Item Number File, containing active item numbers only; (2) The Depository Item Number File, containing the address information which appears on the lists of item selections; (3) The Selection File, which contains selecting depository library numbers for each item; and, (4) The Bin Location File, which contains coordinates for each depository bin in the distribution area.

"RODIS was developed as an interim system to maintain selection information until the Depository Distribution and Information System (DDIS) is ready for implementation. DDIS will assume all functions presently performed by the RODIS system.

"In conclusion, I would like to say that we are making progress in automation, and we are looking forward to another busy and exciting year."

Looking at the move to microfiche was Mr. Ray Gulick, Micropublishing Specialist, LSDS, who pointed out that: "In the past year, GPO has converted over 24,000 publications to microfiche, and distributed over 8,000,000 diazo microfiche. In the past three years since the program started over 47,000 titles and 16,500,000 fiche have been distributed to you, the depository librarians.

"For Fiscal Year 1981, GPO anticipates converting 25,000 to 30,000 publications, plus the special programs from other agencies that you heard about. These projections are for what we call non-GPO documents."

Speaking on the Depository Library Inspection Program was Ms. Carol Watts, Depository Library Inspector, who noted: "The current year has surged with activity for the three inspectors. We have visited approximately 325 depositories across the United States. We have produced the Biennial Survey, *Public Documents Highlights*, the desiderata lists "Needs and Offers," and have delivered a dozen speeches to library associations and documents groups throughout the country."

Mr. Saylor, the Acting Public Printer commented: "I have been following the progress of what you have been doing here; and, as usual, I am astonished at the amount of work this group can generate. And I am truly amazed at the interest that you people put into this program. It is one of the most gratifying things that I have seen since I have been with the Government Printing Office."

These are only a few of the many "highlights" of a very full Council meeting. A more comprehensive coverage has been sent out to Depository Libraries in the form of a summary by the Council Secretary, Ms. Roberta Scull. Council will meet again during the Spring in San Antonio, Texas, at the El Tropicana Hotel on the River, with registration and Regional Depository Library session on Sunday, April 12th, and meetings on the 13th, 14th, and 15th.

Questions and Answers



Q. Some depository librarians believe they have discovered Federal Government publications that GPO may not be aware of, and ask what procedures to follow?

A. As most depository librarians know, Government agencies are obligated by law to send two copies of each new publication, and notice thereof, to the Library and Statutory Distribution Service. An evaluation is then made as to possible inclusion in the Depository Library Program. Regrettably, some agencies overlook their obligation and a document gets published without being seen and evaluated by us.

However, many alert depository librarians throughout America recognize their shared responsibility with us to try to obtain such documents. They manage to find the publication or information of its existence. Now, they want to know what is the best procedure to follow.

Perhaps the easiest course exists in states having a regional library. The regional can be advised of the discovery of such a document and a check made to verify that it is indeed a fugitive Federal Government publication. At that point either the regional or the depository should get in touch with the Library and Statutory Distribution Service, preferably in writing.

Ideally, we would like to receive two copies, but one will suffice. We would prefer not to have to return the publication, but will do so if necessary, and if



told beforehand. If copies cannot be secured, but it is possible to photocopy the cover, title page, table of contents, and note the number of pages, this will help.

Invaluable information for us (sometimes found in the document) is the name and address of the issuing agency, with a phone number, and, if at all possible, the name of the publications officer. If the document has been seen by the librarian, but not obtained, the agency information alone can give us a fighting chance to secure the document for listing in *Monthly Catalog* and possible depository distribution in

printed or microfiche versions.

We solicit your assistance in helping to round up such fugitive publications. You can aid the entire Depository Library Program by bringing them to our attention. Do not hesitate to write to us.

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Monthly Catalog Corner

The Government Printing Office is cataloging maps according to the standards of AACR 2 and the provisions of the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Cartographic Materials, ISBD(CM). We are in close contact with the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division; and GPO personnel trained for AACR 2 map cataloging with LC staff in November. GPO has access to LC map records on OCLC and on LC's MUMS data base. Under AACR 2, all personal and corporate entries are processed through the Name Authorities Cooperative Project. Geographic names used in subject headings are established in conformance with LC practice. Geography and Map Division personnel and the Board of Geographic Names serve as a resource for GPO on questions regarding the proper form of place names.

GPO-LC relations in the map area are following the pattern set by the rest of the Library Division: that is, we are pursuing the goal of LC acceptance of GPO descriptive cataloging for Federally issued cartographic materials. We have received a draft manual produced by the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials, and LC and GPO have agreed to adhere to the policies and examples in the manual. This serves as a starting point for AACR 2 map cataloging, pending the issuance of rule interpretations by either agency.

GPO receives many publications whose type is questionable: is it a map, or is it a pamphlet? A large number of National Park Service publications fall into this gray area. We have been coordinating the cataloging and classification processes for these documents to insure that those items placed in a map class will get map cataloging, and that the pamphlets will be cataloged as monographs. We plan to alter this process somewhat, however, by first determining the nature of the document, and then assigning it to the appropriate class. This decision is based on the presence of certain key cartographic elements: such as scale, orientation or relief, and also the relative importance

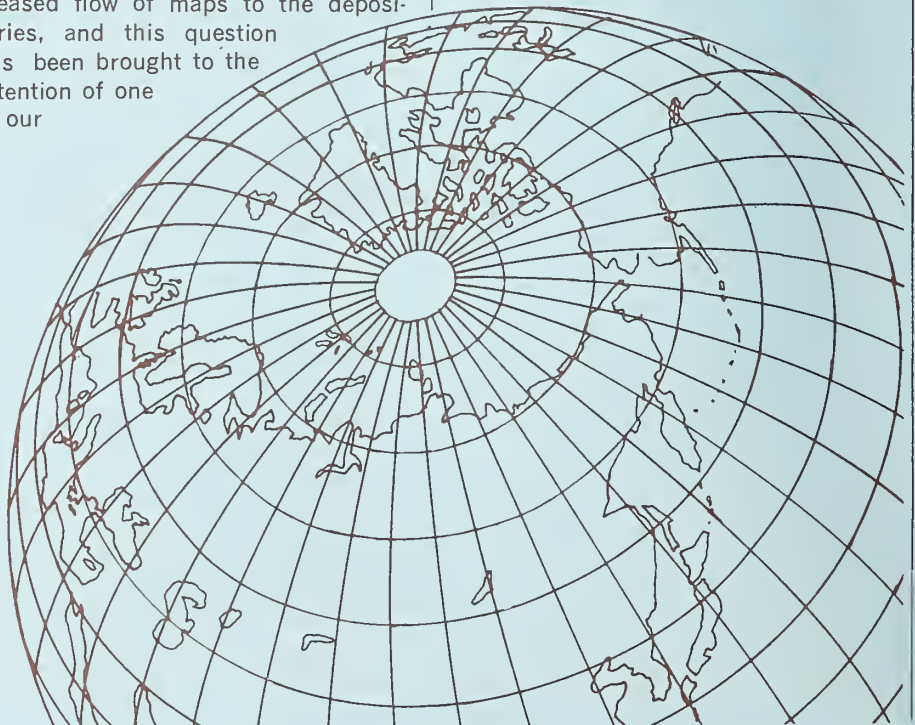
of the map to the overall item. Is the map the fundamental information content of the piece, or does it merely serve as an illustration? This decision process is, of necessity, somewhat arbitrary at times. Maps that are issued as accompanying materials to a document, as in the environmental impact statements, or soil surveys, will continue to be included in the cataloging for the monograph; and separate records will be provided only in unusual circumstances.

In response to requests from the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, GPO is attempting to capture more maps into the Depository Program. Preliminary meetings have been held with personnel from the Joint Committee on Printing and the Defense Mapping Agency regarding possible future GPO distribution of DMA maps and charts. GPO is engaged in a study to determine the degree of overlap among the libraries receiving maps from the various Federal agency depository programs. We are comparing the libraries served by the depository programs of GPO, the Defense Mapping Agency, the National Ocean Survey, and the Geological Survey. We are trying to anticipate the impact of an increased flow of maps to the depositories, and this question has been brought to the attention of one of our

Depository Library Inspectors (herself a former map and documents librarian). We will be looking for possible problems in meeting the present *Guidelines for the Depository Library System* in regard to the specialized needs of storing, handling, and accessing maps.

Some people have inquired about the Soil Conservation Service's *Important Farmlands* maps. At the request of the Joint Committee on Printing, we will be doing a survey in the near future to determine the extent of interest in these. It is possible that we may distribute them.

In the professional sphere, GPO will be represented on the Executive Committee of ALA's new Map and Geography Round Table, MAGERT. We are also in contact with the newly formed Cartographic Users Advisory Council, which will serve to channel the needs and requests of the nation's map librarians and users to the Superintendent of Documents. It is anticipated that these involvements will provide a two-way avenue of communication between GPO and the community of map users. Any questions related to the processing of maps may be directed to the Library Division, attention of Mr. Gil Baldwin, phone: (703)-557-9014.



Workshops Popular

[Our Library and Statutory Distribution Workshops are still as popular as ever, and enhanced these days by Depository Library Council Chairperson, Barbara Smith, Government Documents Librarian of Skidmore College, who is spending a six month sabbatical helping us. Witness the following letter to our Director.]

Dear Mr. Young,

I am writing to commend you, Barbara Smith, and the staff of the Library and Statutory Distribution Service on the quality and content of the September workshop for depository librarians, which I had the pleasure to attend. For a depository librarian, it is invaluable to be able to see how the various branches of the Library Service actually operate. I was particularly pleased that time was allotted for interaction between librarians and staff members on an informal basis. This allowed the librarians to get answers to their special questions, and staff members (most of whom apparently have never been depository librarians) to ask questions of their own.

We were encouraged to send you suggestions on how service to depositories could be improved; and I will be taking advantage of this offer in a later letter. For now, simply let me indicate that I took away from the workshop a stronger feeling of partnership with the staff at the Library Service than was the case when I came.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Reynolds
Government Publications Librarian
University of Rhode Island Library
Kingston, Rhode Island



SUMMER & FALL PARTICIPANTS IN GPO'S Library and Statutory Distribution Workshops.

Document Review

[HIGHLIGHTS received the following note and document review from Sandra M. Mohl, Business and Law Librarian, Florida Atlantic University.]

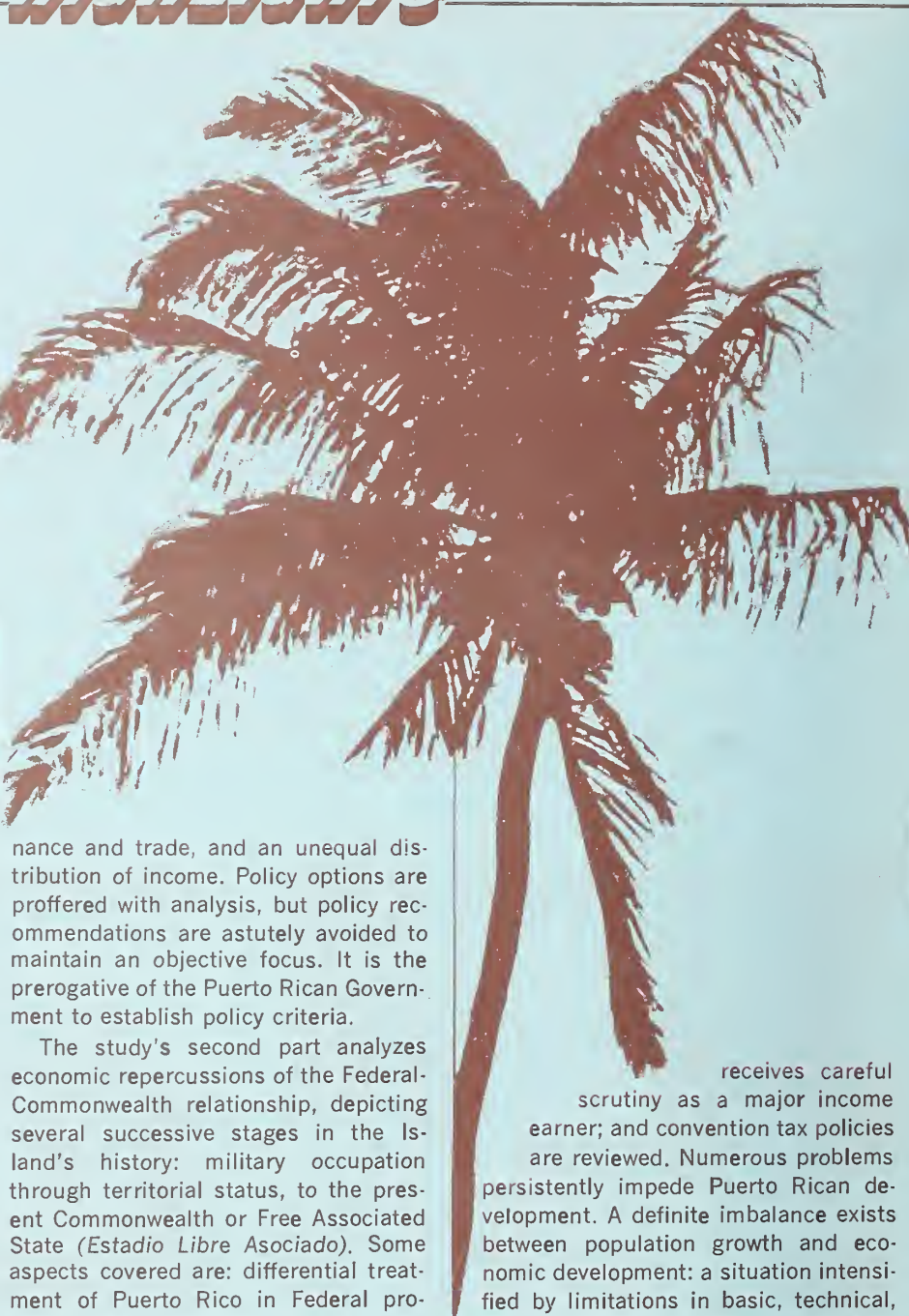
"In my position as Business and Law Librarian, I often use Government documents to assist students and faculty in researching a particular topic. More than fifty percent of our students matriculate in the College of Business and often utilize the documents collection. In my research methodology lectures, much emphasis is placed on these materials and how they relate to policy, papers, market surveys and other business concerns.

"Government documents remain one of my most valuable tools as a librarian and lecturer. The quality and availability of data enables me to instruct large numbers of students in a most beneficial way. Thus, I am enclosing a review for consideration in HIGHLIGHTS. This particular document has proved of great benefit to our International Business students."

Please keep your reviews coming! Just send them double spaced to the Editor.]

Economic Study of Puerto Rico: Report to the President. [also known as the "Juanita Kreps Report to the President on Puerto Rico"] By the Interagency Task Force Coordinated by the Department of Commerce. (Washington, D.C.: Commerce Department, 1979.) 2 vols. Pp. 1097 Paper. \$19.00 the set. C 1.2: Ec 7/11/v.1-2. (Available through GPO Bookstores, Stock Number 003-009-00328-8.)

Government documents provide a plethora of business data concerning income, employment, production, external and internal trade, inflation, investment, and the role of Government. The *Economic Study of Puerto Rico: Report to the President*, delineates major issues confronting the Puerto Rican economy. This broad analytical study encompasses the period 1947 to 1977. Part one addresses the four interdependent basic issues: sustaining a high rate of real growth, reduction of unemployment, reliance on United States fi-



nance and trade, and an unequal distribution of income. Policy options are proffered with analysis, but policy recommendations are astutely avoided to maintain an objective focus. It is the prerogative of the Puerto Rican Government to establish policy criteria.

The study's second part analyzes economic repercussions of the Federal-Commonwealth relationship, depicting several successive stages in the Island's history: military occupation through territorial status, to the present Commonwealth or Free Associated State (*Estado Libre Asociado*). Some aspects covered are: differential treatment of Puerto Rico in Federal programs, effects of Federal expenditures, correlation of assistance to economic needs, and Federal regulatory and administrative issues. Island officials express concern over an inadequate statistical system which has been accentuated by rapid economic change since 1973. Full coverage extension of Federal statistical programs to Puerto Rico and modification of existing ones are suggested remedies. An important consideration in Federal programming is to provide implementation timetables which do not hinder the Island's economy.

The nine sector studies of part three encompass volume two and provide extremely valuable data for the industrial sector which is the leading contributor of income and employment. Tourism

receives careful scrutiny as a major income earner; and convention tax policies are reviewed. Numerous problems persistently impede Puerto Rican development. A definite imbalance exists between population growth and economic development: a situation intensified by limitations in basic, technical, and vocational education. Limited financing for health care and human development services, accompanied by low income and high unemployment, lowers the standard of living. Contributing to barriers in economic growth are the Island's limited natural resources, unskilled labor, legislated rise in the minimum wage, inability to set monetary and trade policies, along with high shipping costs.

These barriers are confronted in this valuable, comprehensive analysis of the Puerto Rican economy. The researcher will find statistical data presented in a highly intelligible format. This voluminous study provides qualitative insight into the very important Island of Puerto Rico, and is highly recommended.

Highlights Special Offer!

Although stock of some back issues of HIGHLIGHTS has been exhausted, varying quantities of many issues are on hand. If your depository needs certain issues, or could use a quantity of a particular issue, drop a line to the Editor. While supplies last, we will gladly send what is available.

White House Conference Final Report Now Ready

One of the weightiest paperback publications of the Government Printing Office is the 4 pound 14 ounce, *White House Conference on Library Information, Information for the 1980's, Final Report*. It has 808 pages, measures 8½" x 11", and is two inches thick! Its SuDoc number is: Y 3.W58/20:2 L61/979/final; stock number 052-003-00764-9; price \$14.00. HIGHLIGHTS will welcome a document review from anyone brave enough to read all 808 pages!


Highlights Goes Fiche!

By the time you are reading this issue, your depository library will have on hand PUBLIC DOCUMENTS HIGHLIGHTS, MICROFICHE CUMULATION, MAY 1973-DECEMBER 1979. This should meet the needs of libraries which have lost, or worn out, issues. It will also assist the increasing number of depositories which retain serials backfiles only in a microform version. Hopefully, at five year intervals similar cumulations will follow.



Our Best Effort!

[Depository Library Inspectors frequently see attractive brochures created by depository libraries. A very fine example of such a brochure (suitable for many depositories) was designed by the good people of Langenheim Memorial Library at Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania. When Documents Librarian Lida Mason approached the local Chamber of Commerce, they were so impressed that they distributed the brochure throughout the Greenville business community! Keep those "Best Efforts" coming for HIGHLIGHTS' readers!]

<p>Each U.S. government depository library maintains a basic reference collection available for immediate use:</p> <p>Budget of the United States Government Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Census Bureau Catalog Census of Housing Census of Population Code of Federal Regulations Congressional Directory Congressional District Data Book Congressional Record County-City Data Book Federal Register Historical Statistics of the United States Monthly Catalog of U.S. Govt. Publications Numerical Lists and Schedule of Volumes Publications Reference File Slip Laws Statistical Abstract Statutes at Large Subject Bibliographies Supreme Court Reports United States Code United States Government Manual Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents</p>	<p>THIEL COLLEGE AT A GLANCE</p> <p>Thiel College is a four-year, coeducational, liberal arts college granting the Associate of Arts degree and the Bachelor of Arts degree. Founded in 1866, Thiel is the college of the Western Pennsylvania West Virginia Synod, Lutheran Church in America. The college is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It is also approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to prepare elementary and secondary teachers.</p> <p>THIEL COLLEGE LIBRARY Greenville, Pennsylvania</p> <p>A United States Government Depository</p>	<p>Welcome to the</p> <p>U.S. GOVERNMENT DEPOSITORY in the THIEL COLLEGE LIBRARY</p>  <p><i>"Public access to Government Documents is essential to the successful operation of a democracy."</i></p> <p>Documents Department LANGENHEIM MEMORIAL LIBRARY Thiel College Greenville, Pennsylvania</p> <p>(412) 588-7700, Ext. 234</p>
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<p>MISSION Title 44 of the U.S. Code provides that copies of all government publications for public use must be distributed to federal depository libraries. The nearest depository housing U.S. government documents is located on the first floor of the Thiel College Library, Greenville, Pennsylvania.</p> <p>USERS The public is welcome to use government documents free of charge. Arrangements can be made to check out documents for a four week period.</p> <p>HOURS Access to the U.S. depository library is available during Thiel College Library hours:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Monday - Thursday</td> <td>8 a.m. - 10 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>2 p.m. - 10 p.m.</td> </tr> </table> <p>During the summer and holidays, please call the library for hours open to the public.</p> <p>DEPOSITORY SERVICES A reference librarian is available to help you at all times. The librarian will locate information for you in the documents collection and will assist you in the use of the depository library. Telephone reference service is also provided. Telephone (412) 588-7700, Thiel College Library, Documents Department. Lectures and tours are provided on request.</p>	Monday - Thursday	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Friday	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Saturday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Sunday	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.	<p>HOW U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CAN SERVE YOU</p> <p>Government publications can provide you with up-to-date, specific information on many subjects</p> <p>For Business and Industry vital descriptive and numerical information on domestic business, economic affairs, overseas trade, applied technology, and authoritative comments by the U.S. Department of Commerce on current national and international business problems.</p> <p>For the Education Profession lesson plans and supplemental texts on many subjects, colorful audiovisual aids, new teaching techniques, statistical information from the U. S. Department of Education, current federal funding, inventory manuals, career education.</p> <p>For the Medical Profession research documents on anatomy and physiology, disease and injury, pharmacology, basic medical procedures, hospital administration, vital statistics, nursing, important medical bibliographies</p> <p>For Small Business readings in organization and operation of small business, decision-making, marketing management, accounting, cost control and financial analysis, advertising and selling techniques, personnel communications.</p> <p>For the Environmentalist standards for abatement and control of water and air pollution, pesticides, solid waste, radiation, noise etc., accurate data to measure pollution levels, effective control techniques from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, effects of environment on health and ecology</p> <p>For the Retired Person guidebooks for planning retirement, selected pension plans and policies, social security handbooks, legal rights.</p> <p>For the Homemaker food and nutrition handbooks, recipes, home repair, budget planners, income tax information, consumer manuals, infant and child care guides.</p> <p>For the Student U.S. legislative branch materials, publications of the Presidency, department and agency publications on many subjects for research papers, special projects, extracurricular activities</p> <p>And much, much more! Remember, take advantage of this government service. Read government documents and be an informed citizen.</p>
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