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Message from the Chair

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As she prepares for her retirement in June, it is with much regret that DIGOR members will soon be saying their goodbyes to Oregon's Regional Depository Librarian, Gwen Newborg. Gwen recently told me that one of the things she is doing to prepare for her departure is to "write down everything that is in her head". Since I suspect 30 years of knowledge will be awfully difficult to get down on paper, I think it is important for DIGOR to undertake a project that will help us to document what we know about the government information collections in the state of Oregon. After all, Gwen won't want us interrupting the tranquility of her retired life with questions about who has historical volumes of the U.S. Serial Set!

In many ways, Oregon libraries have done an admirable job in improving the accessibility of their government information collections. As Dena Hutto found in her recent OLA Quarterly article, "Government Documents Cataloging in Oregon: the State of the State", the majority of Oregon libraries catalog at least some portion of their government information collections. Cataloging is a key component to improving access not only to our users, but to our colleagues at other libraries who now have access to our library catalogs. Another promising initiative is the ORBIS Government Documents Task Force, which will be identifying and prioritizing collections to catalog along with other projects to help improve access.

Despite the improvements to access offered by cataloging, it will be some time before all government information collections will be brought under complete bibliographic control. There is still a need for libraries to share information about the scope and content of these collections, and DIGOR should be actively seeking ways to facilitate this activity. This is why we have created a subcommittee to begin work on a survey that would question libraries about their government information

collections as a first step toward creating a conspectus of the collections in the state. Myself, Ted Smith, Carrie Ottow, and Gwen have agreed to work on the subcommittee, and hopefully sometime this summer, we will have a survey ready to distribute. Please assist the subcommittee by providing suggestions for the content of the survey, and by giving the survey your attention when it arrives in your library. This work will help to ensure that the information about Oregon's government information collections will be documented and can be passed along to others. And, hopefully, make sure we don't have to bother Gwen after she retires!

I look forward to seeing everyone at DIGOR's upcoming program and meeting at the OLA conference, and I hope you will all be able to attend the dinner honoring Gwen in the evening. It will be an excellent opportunity to thank Gwen for her long service to the Oregon documents community, as well as pick up a few tidbits from all that knowledge "in her head"!

NEXT DIGOR MEETING

April 1, 1999

OLA Annual Conference
Seaside Convention Center
Seaside, Oregon

1:30-3:00 pm - Program - *Oregon's Indian Tribes:
Documenting Their History*
5:00-6:00 pm - Business meeting
6:30 pm - Dinner
See page 5-6 for further details!

OLA Conference Information
<http://www.olaweb.org/conference/>

LIBRARY PROFILE

Oregon State University

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Oregon State University has been a Federal Depository library since 1907 and a State of Oregon depository since 1980, but it has only been in the past decade that an attempt has been made to centralize the government materials into a single collection. For years, the most useful government publications were cataloged in LC and incorporated into the library's main collection. For this reason you will be able to find many historic government documents through the library's OPAC (oasis.orst.edu) or card catalog. The rest of the documents remained uncataloged in a closed-stack SuDoc collection. Beginning in the early 1990's a decision was made to keep all newly received documents in SuDoc or OrDoc classification, and to build up the Government Publications collection as a place for specialized help in using government information. In 1998, The Government Publications Department merged with the Map Room collection, and we now provide reference help for both government information and maps, as well as microforms.

Major collections include:

- The U.S. Serial Set, 1789-1978
- Congressional committee hearings and prints 1925-1980 in paper, 1981-present in microfiche
- U.S. Census reports 1790 - present
- NTIS microforms. Includes scientific and technical reports from agencies such as EPA, Dept. of Energy, NASA and dozens of National Laboratories.
- ERIC documents in microfiche 1955 - present
- NOAA nautical charts
- US Geological Survey topographic maps for the entire U.S.
- Army Map Service (AMS) Maps. Historic maps covering most of the world, including "captured maps" liberated from German, Italian and Japanese forces in WWII.
- NIMA (National Imagery and Mapping Agency, formerly Defense Mapping Agency) maps and charts

- Small historic collection of aerial photographs for Oregon counties west of the Cascades.

The Government Publications, Maps and Microforms Department is located on the 3rd floor of the Valley Library. Carrie Ottow and Valery King are the Documents Librarians and can be contacted at 541-737-2761. Our homepage is at <http://osu.orst.edu/dept/library/govpubs.htm>

Internet Resources Review

Country Commercial Guides

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If you have not yet discovered the wealth of information available through *Country Commercial Guides*, you will want to explore this often overlooked web resource. *Country Commercial Guides* are not just for business people; anyone interested in country information can benefit from this wonderful resource. Available for free from the Department of State web site, http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/business/com_guides/index.html, *Country Commercial Guides* contain information on the business and economic situation of foreign countries and the political climate as it affects U.S. business. CCGs are also available by subscription through STAT-USA, <http://www.stat-usa.gov/>.

Country Commercial Guides are published annually by U.S. embassies with the assistance of various U.S. government agencies. They were created by recommendation of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC) a multi-agency task force to consolidate various reporting documents. In the mid 1990's Country Commercial Guides were created to replace the following government reports: *Commercial Activities Reports*, *Country Marketing Plans*, *Foreign Economic Trends*, and *Special Topic Reports*.

Arranged chronologically, the CCG web site covers the years 1996 to 1999. The 1999 CCG is organized by geographic region and is divided into the following areas: 1) Africa; 2) East Asian and the Pacific; 3) Europe, Russia, and the New Independent States; 4) Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada; 5) Middle East and North Africa; and 6) South Asia.

A typical Country Commercial Guide includes the following chapters:

- Executive Summary
- Economic Trends and Outlook
- Political Environment
- Marketing U.S. Products and Services
- Leading Sectors for U.S. Exports and Investments
- Trade Regulations and Standards
- Investment Climate
- Trade and Project Financing
- Business Travel
- Appendices

While most of the chapter titles are self explanatory, this is not true of the information found under Business Travel. Depending on the country it can include information about business customs, what information to put on a business card, communication facilities, business holidays, infrastructure, electric current, official languages, housing, taxes, and visas needed.

The information contained in the appendices is similar to information one can find in the *World Fact Book*. The appendices may include the following information: country data, domestic economy information, trade statistics, investment statistics, US and country contacts, market research and a trade event schedule. So not only can one find information about how to do business in a country, one can also get population data, information about religions, and GDP figures. Some appendices even include a list of major trade and business journals.

As with all statistical information, there is a lag time between the gathering of the data and the dissemination of the information. Also because the country reports are produced by different country agencies, there is a lack of consistency in the amount of information contained within the reports. And because there is no cumulative list of CCGs published, researchers may have to search around a bit before they locate their country. Under the 1999 link there were only 69 countries listed. Among some of the countries missing for 1999 were Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. However both countries did appear in the 1998 listings. Even with these limitations, researchers will find the information contained within the *Country Commercial Guides* to be helpful.



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ORDOCS WEB PAGE

<http://www.osl.state.or.us/techserv/ordocs.html>

New features include:

A shipping list archive, going back as far as shipping list 98-22 (Oct. 28, 1998). We will add older shipping lists if there is sufficient interest.

Links to core Ordocs. The Core Oregon Documents list now includes links to electronic versions of Core titles. The State Library's new webPAC (<http://webpac.osl.state.or.us/>) also includes links to electronic versions of some Oregon documents, as well as links to some federal documents. For examples, see the records for the *Oregon Blue Book* or *Commerce Business Daily*.

By popular demand: A table listing current state agencies and boards, plus quasi- and joint-entities, with their corresponding Ordocs classification stems has been added to the web page. The table is the result of major work by Cataloging Coordinator Dee Iltis and Assistant Cataloger Deanne Gingerich. Dee explains that it's a work-in-progress, so notification of errors and omissions are welcome. The list is long, but not exhaustive; e.g., some (but not all) agency divisions are included, based on the extent of their publishing. Most boards and commissions are included, but the many agricultural product commissions are omitted. Because the corporate names are inverted to the first significant word, this resource is not intended as a list of authorized state agency names. The Library of Congress authority file on OCLC is the best source for authorized name headings, since the University of Oregon is actively adding records, and the State Library has added or changed nearly 500 name authority records for Oregon

state agencies in the past 3 years through the NACO Project.

DEPOSITORY NEWS

OrDocs depositories undoubtedly noticed a recent trend towards large, frequent shipments. We received 93 new OrDocs titles in January; the average new titles per month for the previous 12 months was 44. So we've been doing what one colleague refers to as "moving the rabbit through the boa constrictor".

We are planning to do a survey of OrDocs depositories this spring to check up on how we're doing and compile questions and concerns. Other priorities, caused by renovation, reorganization, and personnel changes, have delayed the survey, but we hope to have it out by the end of April. In the mean time, please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions about the depository program.

And speaking of personnel changes: Nanc Ripperda, who joined Technical Services in September, will be leaving the State Library in mid-March in order to spend more time with her children. Many of you met Nanc at the DIGOR meeting in December. She has been an enthusiastic, skilled addition to the OrDocs program, and we will miss her. Fortunately for us, she will be working for us part time for several more months.

**Minutes of the last DIGOR Meeting
December 4, 1998
Oregon State University
Corvallis, OR**

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Present:

R. Bennett, M.E. Gilbertson, D. Hollens, V.J. Howe, D. Hutto, D. Iltis, S. McKnight, G. Newborg, C. Ottow, J. Perry, N. Ripperda, L. Rowlison, K. Skogseth, T. Smith, D. Spidal, T. Stave, J. Wann, A. Weible

Preliminaries:

Chair Arlene Weible, impressed with the great attendance, called the business meeting to order at approximately 11:00 am, after which each person introduced themselves.

The minutes from September 18, 1998 meeting were approved as published in the DocumentOr, vol. 18, no.3 (November 1998).

Regional Depository Librarian's Report:

Gwen Newborg, Portland State University and regional depository librarian for Oregon, reported on the October Depository Library Council Meeting held in San Diego: the Spring meeting will be in Bethesda MD, and starting in Fall 2000, the big meeting will be in October in Washington, D.C.; the Senate bill to re-organize the GPO "died;" at the Regional meeting, Sheila McGarr asked to form a group which would review the Self-Study questions and re-write as necessary.

Further, Ms. Newborg reported that Gail Snyder, the GPO inspector who came after the Self-Studies were done, focused her visits on law schools this time. Those libraries which were not visited will not receive reports for several more months. Ms. Snyder will not be doing telephone follow-up with libraries. Ms. Newborg might consider bringing up the issue of inspection process and purpose with Ms. McGarr at the time the Self-Study questions are reviewed.

Lastly, Gwen reported that she has every intention of retiring in June. She does not believe she will be on the search committee for her successor, but she may serve as a consultant.

Old Business:

Oregon Library Association Conference Program: Tom Stave, University of Oregon, announced that the program will be 1:30 Thursday, April 1st. His co-presenter will be George Wasson who is an elder of the Coquille Indian Tribe, and Director of the Southwest Oregon Research Project. Because of our favorable financial situation, DIGOR was able to offer Mr. Wasson an honorarium. The Tribes need some library help (cataloging, etc.) and Tom suggested that those librarians located nearby might want to offer volunteer services.

Oregon GILS (Government Information Locator Service): Jay Wann, Oregon State Library, reported that the "Find it Washington" website (for state, county and local information) is very good (<http://find-it.state.wa.us/compass>). Washington received a grant to work with other states to develop similar GILS and Oregon will be the first to benefit. At this time they're bringing up hardware and starting to spider state servers. They will eventually want feedback and input when usability testing is started. They're looking for a good name for the product and may consider being consistent with Washington's and call it "Find it Oregon." A test site may be available in late February or early March.

DIGOR Webpage: Arlene Weible, Willamette University, said that future site development might include adding links to libraries which already have arranged pages (e.g. document bibliographies) to the existing "Oregon State Information Links" and the "Federal Information Links" pages. Volunteers to do updating of the site would be appreciated, as would the identification of URLs that should be added. Other ideas (on design, etc.) are always welcome. One question that has come up is whether we want to move the DIGOR web pages to the OLA web server. If so, we may also have to edit the DIGOR pages to conform to the OLA standards and style. The issue was not decided.

New Business:

Back Issues of Electronic Government Serials: There was a discussion about the difficulty in accessing back issues of electronic government serials when no list or "table of contents" webpage is available. Ted Smith (University of Oregon) spoke with one government webmaster to discuss the problem. The person said there are no plans to make back issue lists or table of contents pages available. Arlene Weible suggested telling GPO that they should work with agencies to remedy the problem.

CIS Masterfile: Kelley Skogseth, the new regional representative from CIS, was at the meeting to introduce herself. There will be no more CD-ROMs published for Statistical Masterfile. All information will now be available on Statistical Universe and all information will be archived "forever." She said she'd be willing to do a demonstration of Statistical Universe and talk about pricing at a future meeting.

Cooperative Collection Development Projects: Arlene Weible briefed the group on the existence and purpose of the ORBIS Government Documents Task Force (GDTF, which had its first meeting preceding the DIGOR meeting). There may be some collection development projects which DIGOR should offer assistance with, or which DIGOR should spearhead. Dena Hutto, Reed College, (and chair of GDTF) reviewed the projects which GDTF considered embarking upon: cataloging of underrepresented collections (e.g. pre-1978 Oregon documents, foreign documents, etc.); cataloging of electronic government resources; cooperative development and management of collections; creating a state-wide finding aid for historical collections and a conspectus of all the Oregon depository libraries. It was felt that the last two projects would be good DIGOR projects. A subcommittee of: Gwen Newborg, Ted Smith, Arlene Weible, and Carrie Ottow, was put together to begin work on a survey which would question libraries about the holdings of their documents

collections as a first step toward the creation of a conspectus.

Announcements:

Dee Iltis, Oregon State Library, announced that the Library brought up their new web catalog Dec. 3, 1999.

Jey Wann, Oregon State Library, formally introduced Nancy Ripperda who will be responsible for State depository claims at the Library.

A tour of the beautifully remodeled and enhanced Oregon State University Valley Library was scheduled for after lunch.

A tour of the Linus Pauling archives in the OSU special collections was scheduled for 3 pm.

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Documents of Oregon's Native Peoples: an OLA Program not to be missed!

By
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Indian tribes in Oregon are unique legal entities, whose sovereignty predates that of the United States government, and who exercise significant self-governing powers. Documents of the tribal and federal governments offer insights into major themes in the history of native peoples in Oregon: first contact with Europeans, the complex and evolving relationship with the federal and state governments, and the struggles for self-determination and cultural preservation. Contemporary documents offer alternative perspectives on pressing issues of land use, natural resources, energy, and cultural diversity. In form they are quite varied. They include--among other things--treaties, constitutions, laws, state-tribal compacts, Congressional hearings, land use plans, environmental studies, and even government archives. But until recently, in Oregon libraries these documents have received scant attention.

DIGOR's 1999 OLA program will focus our attention on two very distinct parts of this body of documentation: current tribal documents and federal archives. Tom Stave will discuss the UO Library's efforts to acquire recent publications of the nine tribal governments in Oregon. Our main speaker, George Wasson, will introduce us to an ongoing project to bring to light the historical records of Oregon's tribes that have been

discovered in the Smithsonian Institution and the National Archives. Mr. Wasson, a Coquille tribal elder and Ph.D. candidate in the UO's Department of Anthropology, is also the founding director of the Southwest Oregon Research Project (SWORP). The original project, SWORP I, concentrated its focus on the tribes of SW Oregon. SWORP I staff examined and copied archival materials, chiefly in these two categories: ethnographers' field notebooks, and primary documents of the U.S. Army, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other federal agencies. SWORP II, the second phase, broadened the scope of the project to include other Oregon tribes in a longer historical time frame. The materials SWORP researchers identified have been brought back to Oregon and are in the process of being cataloged and made available for research purposes.

The motive that propelled the SWORP project--a desire to recapture the history of Oregon's Indian tribes through their documents--is one DIGOR members can identify with. There may, in fact, be a collaborative role for documents librarians in facilitating use of these collections. We should explore what potential contributions we have to make to the preservation and use of tribal information.

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**Please join the
Documents Interest Group of Oregon
as we honor**

**Gwen Newborg
Oregon's Regional Depository Librarian**

On the occasion of her upcoming retirement

**No Host Dinner
April 1, 1999
6:30 pm (following the DIGOR business meeting)**

**Breakers Restaurant
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Seaside, OR**

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