The New Marketplace for Government Information: Perspective of a Government Information Librarian

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Changes in the Last Five Years: In Our Libraries

- Move to more focused collections – local needs
- Focused collections are the antithesis of the "Regional" depository library model
- Responses by the depository community
  - Consortia based projects
    - Shared collections to improve access and resources
      - GWLA's TRAIL (Technical Reports and Image Library) project,
        - www.technicalreports.org
      - CIC digitization/Hathi Trust
        - www.hathitrust.org
      - ASERL's Cooperative Federal Depository Program
        - http://www.aserl.org/programs/gov-doc/
      - LOCKKS - http://www.lockss.org/

Changes in the Last Five Years: Government Agencies and Publishing - Gains

- Agreements between GPO and NARA on archiving born-digital information - http://www.gpo.gov/help/naramemofinal.pdf
- GPO's attempts to improve and expand Fdsys (formerly GPO Access)
- LC's redesign of Thomas.gov now congress.gov
- OSTI's science.gov and NASA's Technical Reports Server (NTRS)
- NTIS experimenting with digitization on demand and marketing World News Connect (WNC)
- NIH Public Access Policy - http://publicaccess.nih.gov/
- American Factfinder and American Community Survey (ACS)
    - More current demographic information
- FRED (Federal Reserve Economic Data) - http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/

Changes in the Last Five Years: Government Agencies and Publishing - Losses

- National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII)
  - USGS Core Science Data Clearing House – http://mercury-ops2.ornl.gov/clearinghouse/
- Census Bureau's Compendium Branch
  - Statistical Abstract and companion titles
- Digital mapping – archiving of changes
  - NOAA's nautical and navigational charts
- American Factfinder – loss of 1990 data
  - http://factfinder2.census.gov/
- Web only ephemeral information
  - Health information
  - Consumer Product and Food Safety information

Current and future issues

- Big data – statistics and large data sets
  - Heath care and health care economics
  - Weather and climate
  - Economic and business data
- 21st century national information policy
  - Authenticity/Authoritative/Reliable
  - Accessible/User friendly
  - Across all branches

Questions for the Panel

- Does vendor supplied government information have the same authority/authenticity as information distributed through GPO or a government agency?
- What is timely distribution – does receiving a tangible copy of a 2008 congressional hearing from GPO in 2013 timely?
- Can there be a complete collection of federal government information or should libraries concentrate of developing focused collections and create a complete collection through a shared process?
  - What role can vendors play in this process?
  - How many copies are enough to insure access locally or globally?
- Do vendors have a responsibility to share the burden to preserve government information? What is the future of Title 44?