2012 Six-State Virtual Government Information Conference

This conference will take place August 8-10, 2012. It will be a free confence open to all, but we ask that all attendees register for each session they would like to attend.

Conference Schedule

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Please join the session room as early as 15 minutes before the session begins. This will allow time for possible necessary troubleshooting and allow the session to start on time. Unless noted otherwise, all sessions last an hour.

Wednesday, August 8

9:30a.m. MDT / 8:30 PDT August 8 Regular Session	**In My Backyard (Part 1): Locally Grown: Federal Information Sources for your Neighborhood** – Jennie Gerke, Head of White Business Library; Lisa Nickum, Government Publications Library, Colorado School of Mines; Barbara Whalen, Collection Specialists, Denver Public Library Federal agencies have always collected data at the local level but recent developments in organizing and disseminating information improved access dramatically. We will look at federal web sites that allow citizens and researchers to zero in on local facts and issues in such diverse areas as climate, environment, energy and demographics. **Powerpoint Slides** **Handout with Links from Presentation** **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**
11a.m. MDT / 10 PDT August 8 Regular Session	**Exploring American FactFinder 2** – William Cuthbertson, Education and Outreach Librarian for Government Information, CU Boulder The U.S. Census Bureau's upgrade of American FactFinder 2 has left some librarians struggling to find information that seemed essential in previous versions of site. This session will review the most significant changes to the FactFinder and share tips and tricks to finding current information, using the new system tools, and discovering work arounds to finding you old favorites. **Powerpoint Slides** **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**

12:30 PM MDT / 11:30 PDT August 8 Lunch & Learn	**In My Backyard (Part 2): Local Information Sources (State Focus)** – Facilitated by Samantha Hager, Library Consultant at the Colorado State Publications Library Not many people know that state agencies can be a good source for information at the local level. Learn how to mine interesting facts about your vicinity from Environmental Impact Statements; discover cool and interesting places to visit through the geological survey; and check on air and water quality in your neighborhood using state government resources. **Powerpoint Slides** **Handout** **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**
2:00 PM MDT / 1:00 PDT August 8 Regular Session	**FDsys and Congress: New Ways to Track Legislation and Zeitgeist** – Dan Stanton, Government Information Librarian - Arizona State University Libraries FDsys is the Government Printing Office's flagship medium for free online access to official publications from all three branches of the Federal Government. In addition to expanded search results filters, FDsys incorporates enhanced metadata and field searching capabilities that allow the user to approach congressional publications in various ways. We will look what the legislative process looks like in FDsys, and we will also explore 'hot topics' that Congress chooses to identify, investigate, and comment on. **Powerpoint Slides** **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**

Thursday, August 9

9:30 AM MDT / 8:30 PDT August 9 Regular Session	**Searching U.S. Patents, Foreign Patents, and Trademarks** – Dave Morrison, Associate Librarian, Federal Government Information, Patent and Trademark Librarian Free online resources for U.S. and foreign patent searching are more accessible and comprehensive than ever! Learn how to search the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Web Patent and Trademarks databases, and the European Patent Office ESP@CENET database. Search tips for beginning and advanced searchers will be shared, including how to search in specific areas of technology; find foreign patents granted for technologies described in U.S. patents; obtain electronic copies of U.S. and foreign patents for free; translate foreign patent documents into English; and identify suitable companies for marketing and licensing outreach. **Powerpoint Slides** **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**

11:00 AM MDT / 10:00 PDT August 9 Keynote	**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Malcolm Byrne**, Deputy Director and Director of Research for the National Security Archive Dr. Byrne will discuss the origin of the archive, current and future challenges, and highlight some of the significant collections developed by the archive. **Powerpoint Slides** **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**
12:30 PM MDT / 11:30 PDT August 9 Lunch & Learn	**Idea Sharing: Outreach, Instruction, and Community Involvement**
2:00 PM MDT / 1:00 PDT August 9 Regular Session	**International Statistics** – Kate Holvoet, Head of Online Services, University of Utah This presentation will cover 20 of the most common international statistical sources and discuss strategies for finding international statistical data for patrons and researchers. **Powerpoint Slides** **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**

Friday, August 10

9:30 AM MDT / 8:30 PDT August 10 Regular Session	**National Geologic Map Database (NGMD)** – Dave Soller, Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey The USGS and the Association of American State Geologists are mandated by Congress to provide a National Geologic Map Database (NGMDB, http://ngmdb.usgs.gov/) of standardized, spatial geoscience information. In this partnership, collaboration occurs with the libraries, universities, the private sector, and geological survey agencies in other countries. At the NGMDB website, users can browse and query the U.S. Geologic Names Lexicon (GEOLEX) and the Geoscience Map Catalog (containing citations and links to >89,000 publications by >630 publishers, many containing GIS data and map images), and obtain access to the source information wherever it resides. The NGMDB project is now redesigning the underlying database and the Web interface in order to improve access to a wider array of geoscience information. A significant part of this effort is focused on creating, managing, and delivering (via a modern map interface) many thousand scanned and georeferenced images of geologic maps; some of this material is from the 19th century, and represents a fascinating and informative resource for future scientific studies. **Powerpoint Slides** **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**

11:00 AM MDT / 10:00 PDT August 10 Regular Session	**Regional Updates for Six States-**-Janet Fisher, Arizona State Library, and Peggy Jobe, University of Colorado at Boulder, Pat Ragains, University of Nevada Reno, Jill Moriearty, University of Utah **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**
12:30 PM MDT / 11:30 PDT August 10 Lunch & Learn	**Gov's Greatest Hits Online** – Sandy Rizzo, Librarian III/Gov Info Librarian, Mesa Public Library, Mesa, AZ In a reference setting, nearly any question can touch upon government information. Which government websites are the favorite "go to" places for busy librarians? Where do you turn to help your customers find what they need? An experienced government information librarian will introduce some "diamonds in the rough," sharing tried-and-true resources you may already know about, and many that will be new to you. **Powerpoint Slides** **Handout** **Recorded Archive of the Presentation**

2012 Six-State Virtual Government Information Conference: People Who Made It Happen

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