Thank You for Attending the 2014 Western States Government Information Virtual Conference!

Government Information librarians in 8 states (AZ, CO, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, and WY) joined together to offer programs of interest to libraries in the Western states -- and to others who link to this conference from around the country and the world. This was a great opportunity to bring back what we have learned from other conferences and training events and share them with our colleagues.

Below you will find the Conference Schedule with PowerPoint presentations and recordings of the proceedings

Conference Schedule and Archive (See Below)

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A big thanks to those who helped put this conference together!

2014 Keynote: Rich Harwood

Want to learn more about the Libraries Transforming Communities initiative? Check out the next Public Innovators Lab on October 8-10, 2014 in Atlanta, GA

Rich Harwood is founder and president of The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, a national nonprofit organization that helps people and organizations address community challenges, improve their own effectiveness, and do their work in a way that makes communities stronger. The Harwood Institute has partnered with some of the world's largest nonprofits including United Way Worldwide, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the American Library Association, and AARP.

The Harwood Institute is currently partnering with the ALA on its Libraries Transforming Communities initiative that seeks to strengthen librarians' roles as core community leaders and change-agents. This initiative addresses a critical need within the library field by developing and distributing new tools, resources, and support for librarians to engage with their communities in new ways.

Rich has devoted his life to transforming communities and changing our public discourse by teaching and coaching people and organizations across the country to solve pressing problems and change how communities work together. Beginning his career as a political operative on local, national and presidential campaigns, he soon recognized the need for leaders and organizations to operate differently to make our communities stronger. At age 27, he founded The Harwood Institute to respond to the growing sense that people had retreated from the public square and that organizations and leaders were no longer connected to the communities they served.

Rich's work has included helping communities work through issues related to the environment, healthcare, improving public education, and healing from disasters. Recently, he led the community process in Newtown, Connecticut, to determine the fate of the Sandy Hook School, where 26 students and teachers were tragically murdered in December 2012. He has authored a number of books and articles on the state of politics and public life and has spoken extensively on these subjects over the course of his career.

Conference Schedule and Archive

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Wednesday, August 6

8:30 a.m. **PDT** (AZ, NV, OR) **9:30 a.m.MDT** (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	**Federal Depository Basics** **Speakers:** Susanne Caro (University of Montana) Flora Shrode (Utah State University) 1 hour session for newbies or the new at heart **PowerPoint** **Conference Recording**
10 a.m. PDT (AZ, NV, OR) **11 a.m. MDT** (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	**Welcome and Keynote** **Speaker:** Rich Harwood: The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation Libraries Transforming Communities **PowerPoint** **Conference Recording**
12:30 p.m. PDT (AZ, NV, OR) **1:30 p.m. MDT** (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	**Services to the Community** **Speakers:** Michael Webb (Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration) Christine Pool (Community Relations Officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) A discussion of current projects with federal agencies connecting to libraries

PowerPoint (Social Security Administration)

PowerPoint (USCIS)

Conference Recording

Thursday, August 7

8:30 a.m. PDT (AZ, NV, OR) **9:30 a.m. MDT** (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	**International Sources and Statistics: How to Find Them Even When They Hide** **Speaker:** Kate Holvoet, Zayed University (United Arab Emirates) Many liberal arts majors shy away from the word 'statistics', imagining that they are boring and hard to deal with. As government documents librarians we are hardy souls and know that the reality is more interesting and often easier to manage than many fear. With little training and some twisted thinking, you too can find the numerical data that your patrons need to illuminate their research projects with data from around the world. US government, international agency, and individual country statistics will be covered as well as database and Google tips and tricks **Handout**: Schema for Answering Numerical Data Research Related Questions **PowerPoint** **Conference Recording**
10:00 a.m. PDT (AZ, NV, OR) **11:00 a.m. MDT** (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	**GPO National Plan** **Speakers:** Arlene Weible + Regional Depository Librarians **PowerPoint** **Conference Recording**

12:00 p.m. PDT (AZ, NV, OR) **1:00 p.m. MDT** (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	**Lightning Talks** **Speaker**: Erik Beck, William A. Wise Law Library, University of Colorado **Title:** The Bespoke Digital Collection Digitizing government information and making it available on the Internet isn't enough. Digital collections need to be targeted to specific user groups and publicized within the proper venues. In this presentation, Erik Beck of the William A. Wise Law Library at the University of Colorado will explain his library's efforts to promote its online collection of Supreme Court case documents in the Arizona v. California Digital Collection. **PowerPoint** **Speaker**: Barbara Whalen, Denver Public Library **Title:** Dust Off your Documents for National History Day! NHD offers an opportunity for librarians to establish and strengthen relationships with students and schools and to show off their collections. Challenges we have addressed at Denver Public Library include publicizing our services, identifying appropriate historical documents, and helping students to understand and work with primary sources. **PowerPoint** **Speaker**: Chris Brown, University of Denver **Title:** The Darkening of Government Information As library discovery tools evolve, we are discovering that government information is being less represented than under older technologies. This will be a thought-provoking few minutes considering how government information is not adequately represented in so-called "web-scale discovery" systems. There will be live searching to demonstrate this issue. **PowerPoint** **Conference Recording**
2:00 p.m. PDT (AZ, NV, OR)	**Expanding Outreach and Access for Your [digital] Collections: Creating Access for All** **Speakers:** Anna Neatrour, Mountain West Digital Library

3:00 p.m. MDT (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	Richard Prouty, Arizona Memory Project (DPLA affiliate) Jennifer Birnel, Montana Memory Project (DPLA affiliate) The Digital Public Library of America brings together the riches of America's libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world. In September 2012, DPLA began the first effort to establish a national network of more than 40 state or regional digital collaboratives, numerous large content repositories, and other promising digital initiatives currently in operation throughout the US. [from the DPLA website, http://dp.la/info/about] This session will feature a discussion about the ways two statewide digital initiatives work with local institutions, large and small, to develop and publish online collections, which are then harvested by a DPLA hub and eventually available via the Digital Public Library of America **PowerPoint** **Conference Recording**

Friday, August 8

8:30 a.m. PDT (AZ, NV, OR) **9:30 a.m. MDT** (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	**State Government Resources: Wildfires, Flooding, Landslides, Oh My!** **Speaker:** Samantha Hager, Colorado State Library Disaster resources from state government agencies. Whether you live in the mountains or on the plains, natural disasters are a fact of life. Learn what information can be found using state government publications. Join us while we compare and contrast resources from all 8 states. **PowerPoint** **Conference Recording**
10:00 a.m. PDT (AZ, NV, OR) **11:00 a.m. MDT** (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	**Alternate Views: Outside Comments and Reviews of the FDLP (2012-2014) Group Discussion** To ensure a lively discussion, we encourage participants to take some time to review these readings

	Born-Digital US Federal Government Information: Preservation and Access James A. Jacobs, Leviathan April 24-25, 2014 ALA Committee on Legislation, Federal Depository Library Program Task Force, Final Report and Recommendations Federal Depository Library Program Task Force, June 23, 2014 Rebooting the Government Printing Office: Keeping America Informed in the Digital Age National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA), January 2013 Federal Depository Library Program: Issues for Congress R. Eric Petersen, Jennifer E Manning and ChristinaM. Bailey, Congressional Research Service, March 29, 2012 **PowerPoint** **Conference Recording**
10:45 a.m. PDT (AZ, NV, OR) **11:45 a.m. MDT** (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	**Round-Up and Sharing of Ideas from the Alternate Views Discussion** Farewells and End of Conference (See the "Alternate Views" Conference Recording above)

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