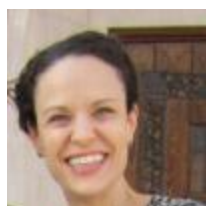




The Western States Government Information Virtual Conference is a biannual conference hosted by Government Information Librarians in the Western States. This online-only conference is free and open to all.

2016 Keynote



The conference committee was pleased to host this year's keynote speaker, [Dr. Katherine Skinner](#). Dr. Skinner is the Executive Director of [Educopia Institute](#), whose mission is to "build networks and collaborative communities to help cultural, scientific, and scholarly institutions to achieve greater impact". Click [here](#) to view her presentation.

Dr. Skinner received her Ph.D. from Emory University. She has co-edited three books and has authored and co-authored numerous reports and articles. She is currently Principal Investigator for research projects on continuing education (Nexus, Mapping the Landscapes), digital preservation (ETD plus, Chronicles in Preservation), and scholarly communication (Chrysalis). She regularly teaches graduate courses and workshops in digital librarianship and preservation topics, and provides consultation services to groups that are planning or implementing digital scholarship and digital preservation programs.

Conference Sessions & Recordings

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

10:00 am PDT (AZ, NV, OR)	Keynote: From the Collaborative Action to the Collective Impact
9:00 am MDT (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)	Speakers: Dr. Katherine Skinner (Eductopia)
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Government Document Safari: State and Federal Resources for the Classroom

Speakers:

Tom Adamich, Content Librarian / ICC Internship Program Manager, Mitinet Library Services and 2016 Co-Chair of the GODORT Government Information for Children (GIC) Committee.

Susanne Caro, Government Documents Librarian, Mansfield Library, University of Montana.

Kathy Edwards, Government Publications Librarian, Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records

Kris Kasianovitz, Government Information Librarian, International, State and Local Documents, Green Library, Stanford, California.

Learn how to explore the information landscape for wildly fun websites intended for students and educators. As school library budgets shrink and there is a push for more online content the free electronic tools from state field guides to NASA rockets can provide students and teachers with valuable materials.

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Downsizing your Depository: Tools and Ideas

Speakers:

Chris Brown, Government Documents Librarian/Reference Librarian, University of Denver
This talk from Chris Brown will focus on tools, techniques, and ideas for downsizing your documents collection. Various themes will be addressed, including: item deselection, weeding tools, offsite storage, DDM2, and



	<p>getting rid of “tonnage”. Chris will also introduce you to his own item selection/deselection tool. There will be time at the end for a lively Q&A about your own downsizing projects.</p> <p>View Slides</p> <p>View Presentation Recording</p>
<p>2:00pm PDT (AZ, NV, OR)</p> <p>3:00pm MDT (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)</p>	<p>Regional Discard Relief: A Discussion of the FDLP's new Regional Depository Policy</p> <p>Speakers: Arlene Weible, Oregon State Library Andy Bourgeois, State Library of Arizona Kate Tallman, University of Colorado-Boulder Susanne Caro, University of Montana Crystal Lentz, Washington State Library Rami Attebury, University of Idaho Monica Dorame, University of New Mexico Flora Shrode, Utah State University</p> <p>Regional Depository Coordinators from nine Western states will discuss their questions, concerns, and plans for the new Regional Discard Policy. The goal of this session is to inform conference participants about the new Regional Discard Policy and to discuss each State’s approach in order to better inform our decision-making as we move forward with this policy implementation.</p> <p>View Slides</p> <p>View Presentation Recording</p>



Thursday, August 25, 2016

<p>9:00am PDT (AZ, NV, OR)</p> <p>10:00am MDT (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)</p>	<p>International Statistics: How to find them even when they hide</p> <p>Speakers: Kate Holvoet, Associate Professor, Library and Learning Commons, Zayed University (United Arab Emirates)</p> <p>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 a 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.</p> <p>View Slides</p> <p>View Presentation Recording</p>
<p>10:30am PDT (AZ, NV, OR)</p> <p>11:30am MDT (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)</p>	<p>Patent & Trademark Basics</p> <p>Speakers: Peter Grant, Patent and Trademark Resource Center Librarian, Arizona State Library</p> <p>Learn patent and trademark basics from Patent and Trademark Resource Center Librarian Peter Grant. Topics covered will include the difference between patents and trademarks, search tools and resources for your patrons</p>



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<p>12:30pm PDT (AZ, NV, OR)</p> <p>1:30pm MDT (CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)</p>	<p>Partnerships Abound Around Libraries, State Parks, and Early Literacy in Colorado</p> <p>Speakers: Beth Crist, Youth & Family Services Consultant, Colorado State Library</p> <p>This interactive session will introduce two innovative, highly collaborative programs in Colorado. Check Out Colorado State Parks is a unique partnership between the Colorado State Library, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and 387 libraries (public, military and academic) across the state that provides free access to state parks to library patrons through circulating state park passes and nature backpacks. One Book 4 Colorado, a collaboration between the State Library, Lt. Governor’s Office, Denver Preschool Program, and all Colorado public and military libraries, provides a copy of the same free book to every 4 year old in the state (75,000 copies) through public libraries for 2 weeks each spring. We’ll discuss how these programs may be replicated, scaled, and improved, as well as similar programs in other states and your ideas for additional collaborations.</p> <p>View Slides</p> <p>View Presentation Recording</p>
<p>2:00pm PDT (AZ, NV, OR)</p> <p>3:00pm MDT</p>	<p>Back to the Past! (of Government Websites)</p> <p>Speakers:</p>



(CO, MT, NM, UT, WY)

Brad Vogus, Government Information Librarian, Arizona State University

Brad Vogus, Government Information Librarian at Arizona State University, will take you on a nostalgic trip back in time, looking at some of the first government information websites. In a session designed to be fun and informative, he will visit the old White House and THOMAS government web sites, and invite others to share their stories of their early web experience with government information.

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