Federal Depository Library Conference & Depository Library Council Meeting
Sunday, October 20, 2002 to Wednesday, October 23, 2002
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Unfortunately the conference coincided with the appearance of the snipers and was held in Washington, which cut down somewhat on sightseeing. The snipers were caught the day after we left Washington.

Highlights—

--**Sunday**—attended orientation session, attended first meeting of Depository Library Council which advises the program (18 librarians?)

--attended address by Senator Mark Dayton, Chairman of the Joint Commission on Printing (JCP)

Monday—attended address by Francis J. Buckley, still current Superintendent of Documents (didn't know when he would be formally replaced)

--He discussed the OMB memorandum encouraging federal agencies to opt out of printing through GPO. Congress had placed language prohibiting OMB from promulgating any rule counter to Title 44 in the 4 Continuing Resolutions that allowed the Government to temporarily operate without signed appropriations bills.

--attended demonstration of new promotional campaign for FDLP**; "*U.S. Government Information: Make the Connection at a Federal Depository Library."*

—new, official GPO listserv for making announcements; to be called GPO-FDLP-L;
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/tools/asklpsin.html
--to subscribe go to http://listserv.access.gpo.gov/
--click on <Online Mailing List Archives>; Click on <GPO-FDLP-L>; Click on <Join or Leave List> and follow instructions

--Depository Libraries will have access to USA Trade Online
 http://www.stat-usa.gov/usatrade.nsf
--temporary log-in procedure: USER ID: fdl007; PASSWORD: nibor

NTIS will provide paper copies of NAICS 2002 (North American Industry Classification System, PREX 2.6/2:IN 27/2002) for distribution to depository libraries. (Ref Desk xHF 1042.N6 1997)

Monday Afternoon: tour of National Air & Space Museum Library

--Depository Reference session:

Tuesday morning: Attended Finding Historical Documents on the Web; also Discovering and Managing Older Online Documents: The University of Denver Experience

--Then attended "Pursuing the Past: Genealogy Resources in Depository Libraries; Library of Michigan and University of Houston; Clear Lake". (fascinating session)

Afternoon: Went on Department of Justice Tour: great, beautiful library; U.S. reports and other sets going back to first volumes; gorgeous huge murals from the WPA programs of the 1930's; statues hidden by curtains, etc.

--then came back for "How to Use Searching Tools; Adobe Acrobat and Searching Techniques" and "Documents Data Miner 2" (Nan Myers, Wichita State) (also excellent).

Wednesday morning: attended agency updates—dept. of education, CDC; and HUD

--Other sessions and highlights of the 3-day conference included discussions on:

--doing electronic reference

--genealogy resources in depository libraries (extremely interesting)

--development of electronic competencies standards

--Government sites for kids: Ben's Guide

--partnerships between academic and public libraries to improve service and public access to Federal information.

--presentations by the Census Bureau**,** Patent & Trademark Office, Centers for Disease Control, and the Food and Drug Administration were just a few of the many agencies that presented updates on their public information activities and products.

--remote storage options

--creation of training models for library staff.

--cyber cemetery which is preserving old web pages (govt.)

--DVD's

--reports from Library Services Program people

--tours of the **Department of Justice Library**, Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology, **National Air & Space Museum Library**, the U.S. Senate Library, and Library Programs Service at the Government Printing Office.

--Prior to the formal conference, librarians from the Nation's regional depositories attended an all-day session on Sunday, October 20.

--nightly meetings of Depository Library Council and Recommendations (very hard working and quite interesting to see in action)

--still have 1296 Depository libraries (19 left) but there has been a slight increase in drop-outs (according to them mostly small academic law libraries and private libraries)—GPO wants to standardize the termination process

--In FY 2002, GPO distributed nearly 5 million copies of over 14,000 tangible products in print, microform, and CD-ROM formats to depository libraries. In addition, virtually every depository library and everyone with Internet capability also has access to the vast range of information made available online via *GPO Access*. In FY 2002, over 10,000 online titles and about another 10,000 links to agency titles were added to *GPO Access*, for a total of over 20,000 new online titles that year alone.

--guaranteeing permanent public access for online electronic files

--new ILS (Integrated Library System)

--have had some difficulty filling cataloging positions at GPO

--31 monthly retrievals from GPO Access

--building mirror site in Pueblo Colorado

--launched electronic shelflist using Microsoft Access