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Annual Report of the Documents Association of New Jersey (DANJ) – 2013

DANJ executive committee met bi-monthly this year to engage actively in activities to fulfill its missions. The committee has updated its Operational Guidelines which is helpful for the executive committee in managing the Association affairs. DANJ Website and Newsletter are redesigned with a new logo.

Two special awards were given to Mary Fetzer of Rutgers University and Susan White of Princeton University during DANJ Conference on Nov. 1 for their long-term commitment and contributions to the Federal, NJ state, and international documents.

Federal Documents Interest Group (FDIG)

In the beginning of the year, Laura Saur led the Federal Documents Interest Group work on action items from the State Focused Action Plan we adopted last year. In the second part of the year we paused in those tasks to prepare to help the public with the Affordable Care Act and the unexpected government shutdown.

State Documents Interest Group (SDIG)

With over 17,000 digital state publications Deborah Mercer reports that the New Jersey State Publications Digital Library (<https://dspace.njstatelib.org>) continues to grow and improve. This year has seen the addition of Annual Report of the Department of Education 1846-1930, the Annual Report of the Division of Taxation 1945-1991, the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Roads 1894-1916, the Uniform Crime Reports 1968-2011, and the Annual Report of the Division of Local Government Services 1947-1994 along with many other additional hearings, minutes and reports. In preparation for the 350th anniversary of New Jersey the New Jersey Historical Series was digitized and made available at <https://dspace.njstatelib.org/xmlui/handle/10929/27358> .

Two NJ documents won this year's Best Documents Awards:

Best Document: *Next Stop Metuchen: Three Railroads Shape a Crossroads Community*. The New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Best Website: *NJ Sandy Transparency Accountability*. Integrity. Oversight. Office of the State Comptroller. <http://nj.gov/comptroller/sandytransparency/index.shtml>

International Documents Interest Group (IDIG)

The IDIG did not meet this year. DANJ can use new members to reenergize this group. Please let us know if you are interested.

Membership

DANJ membership stood at 63 in 2013, thanks largely to the popular 2012 Conference on the U.S. Census. Conference attendance includes membership to DANJ for the following calendar year. Nonconference memberships are still available for \$15 per calendar year.

Website

In 2013 the DANJ website got an updated look with enhanced content. The redesign incorporates the new DANJ logo, designed by Tiffany Hsieh, as well as a color scheme based on the New Jersey state flag. New elements have also been added to the site. The “News” page keeps members informed of DANJ activities, and recent developments concerning state, federal, and international documents. Thanks to a grant by LibraryLinkNJ, video recordings of the 2012 DANJ Conference are available on the “Conference” page. An internal page was created to allow executive committee members to share documents and information. Overall, the site has been streamlined to allow for more efficient and timely revisions, much thanks for the dedicated work of the Webmaster Susan Bucks.

School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University (SC&I)

Susan Bucks took over as liaison to the Rutgers School of Communication and Information. She attended the MLIS Program Associates meeting communicating news and updates to the executive committee. The award for best government documents student paper was not given this year since Rutgers did not offer the government documents class during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Continuing Education

The 2013 DANJ Conference on international documents is held at Princeton U. Much thanks to the Continuing Education Chair Linda Oppenheim for inviting excellent speakers near and far, hosting the Conference, and for her outstanding organizational skills. The keynote speaker is Iain Watt, Director of United Nations Dag Hammarskjold Library. Other presenters are Susan Kurtas (Dag Hammarskjold Library) on United Nations documents, Jim Church (U. C. Berkeley) on nongovernmental documents, and Jeremy Darrington (Princeton U.) on web searching for foreign government information. The program also includes a panel (Emily Riley, Princeton U. graduate student, Carlos Yordan, Drew U. political science professor, and Beth Patterson, Drew U. government documents librarian) on using international documents in teaching, moderated by Mary Fetzter (Rutgers U.) Tours after the conference are of the Mudd Manuscripts Library international documents collections and Firestone Library, League of Nations collection. Thanks to the grant of LibraryLinkNJ, the recording of the 2013 Conference will be available on the DANJ Website.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Fetzter audited the treasurer's account early this year. Treasurer Wen-Hua Ren is on sabbatical leave this fall. Treasurer's annual report will be emailed to the members at a later date. The current DANJ account balance is \$5615.82, and the balance of the bank CD is \$4321.16.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as DANJ president this year. I am grateful for the wisdom and wonderful support of the dedicated board members mentioned above, and the services of the Vice President/President-elect Elizabeth Patterson, the past President Linda Oppenheim, and Secretary Mei Ling Chow. We welcome more new members to participate in organizing future DANJ affairs.

Respectfully submitted by Ma Lei Hsieh - DANJ President, revised on Nov. 4, 2013.

UNITED NATIONS

UNESCO's 180-degree Turnaround—Submitted by Mary Fetzer Deputy AUL-RIS, Rutgers University Libraries

Acquiring access to UNESCO's materials, especially its documentation, has often been exasperating. The international agency began publishing its *UNESCO List of Documents and Publications* in 1972, but just try obtaining many of the items listed! And, to add to the frustration, among the specialized agencies of the United Nations, UNESCO's domain has always been education, science, and culture, and UNESCO has always been THE organization one most looks towards for activities of an international information nature. So, in 1981, the International Documents Task Force (IDTF) of the Government Documents Association of New Jersey (GDANJ, DANJ's original name) and ALA/GODORT/IDTF's Work Group on Bibliographic Control of IGO Documentation, both of which I chaired, worked with ALA to pass a resolution that urged that UNESCO, "as rapidly as possible, deposit within its designated depository libraries a complete collection of those documents available on microfiche and indexed in the *UNESCO List of Documents and Publications*." No complete deposit set existed at that time within the United States. Correspondence went directly to UNESCO as well as to two U.S. "ambassadors" to IFLA's Official Publications Section to help carry the resolution forward. The resolution fell, however, on deaf ears at UNESCO.

Fast forward to the 21st century and one still finds that among the specialized agency's Internationally Agreed Development Goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, a number of overarching objectives exist, among which is "building inclusive knowledge societies through information and communication." * Now, at long last, UNESCO has done a 180-degree turn-about and has announced, in a press release dated May 14, 2013, "UNESCO to make its publications available free of charge as part of a new Open Access policy." The press release says "UNESCO will make its digital publications available to millions of people around the world free-of-charge with an open license. ... UNESCO has become the first member of the United Nations to adopt such an Open Access policy for its publications. The new policy means that anyone will be able to download, translate, adapt, distribute and re-share the UNESCO publications and data without paying." The policy is effective starting July 2013. To read the full

the policy and to understand how this relates to resources published by external or co-publishers and view comments on open access to retroactive publications, see UNESCO's website at www.unesco.org. *www.unesco.org/en/strategic-planning

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Electronic Publications from the European Union . At present, many are free from the EU Bookstore on the open Internet. A EU Depository Librarian is working on the permanence - or not - of this group as an online archive. In the following email, he is asking other EU Librarians for input. Mary George, who manages the EU Depository Collection at Princeton University, may be able to report in the future on this initiative. In the meanwhile, any of us can access these EU publications on the net. (<https://bookshop.europa.eu/en/home/>)

UN Advances Conversion of Older Documents to Electronic Format.

The UN is making progress in converting older parliamentary documents to electronic format, all the way back to 1945. They simply appear in the ODS datafile, <http://ods.un.org/> A complex report detailing what has - and has not - been converted, is found at Digitization Update, updated about once a month. <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/deplib/digitization_program.htm>

Nations Positions on the World. Member states of the United Nations address many issues in speeches before the UN. These can be identified through the *UN Member States On the Record*, <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/unms/> Note that not all speeches are hot linked here, and must be found by taking the document symbol and searching ODS for that speech.

Affordable Care Act Web Resources

- ⇒ **Helping patrons with the Affordable Care Act (NWPL)**
<http://nplwebguides.pbworks.com/affordablecare>
- ⇒ **Health Care Reform (Rider Research Guide)**
http://guides.rider.edu/healthcare_reform
- ⇒ **Health Insurance Premium Credits in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) (Congressional Research Service)**
<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41137.pdf>
- ⇒ **Potential Employer Penalties Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**
<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41159.pdf>
- ⇒ **Health Insurance Exchanges Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)**
<http://www.ncsl.org/documents/health/CRS-ExchgRpt81512.pdf>
- ⇒ **ACA Resource Links to Information (NJ State Library)**
http://lll.njstatelib.org/news/2013/sep/17/aca_resource_links_to_information
- ⇒ **State Market Place Statistics (Kaiser Family Foundation)** <http://kff.org/health-reform/state-indicator/state-marketplace-statistics-2/>

News from the Census

CENSUS EXPLORER INTERACTIVE MAPPING TOOL

<http://www.census.gov/censusexplorer/>

The new application allows users to map out different social, economic and housing characteristics of their state, county or census tract, and to see how these areas have changed since the 1990 and 2000 censuses. The mapping tool uses updated statistics from the 2008-2012 American Community Survey (ACS). Statistics presented in Census Explorer for the total population are derived from the 2008-2012 American Community Survey.

These five-year statistics are survey estimates and not official estimates of population size. Official estimates of population size for states and counties are released annually and can be found at <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.html>.

"Census Explorer is another useful tool, like the dwellr and America's Economy mobile apps, that the Census Bureau has developed to disseminate statistics faster and make them easier to access," Census Bureau Director John H. Thompson added. "This interactive map helps users to learn more about the social, economic and housing characteristics of their communities - the same characteristics that drive decision-making from the local to the national level."

The tool allows users to look at the following eight statistics from the American Community Survey:

- * Total population
- * Percent 65 and older
- * Foreign-born population percentage
- * Percent of the population with a high school degree or higher
- * Percent with a bachelor's degree or higher
- * Labor force participation rate
- * Home ownership rate
- * Median household income

In addition to these characteristics, more than 40 social, economic and housing topics are now available through the American Community Survey statistics for all communities in the nation, regardless of size, down to the block group level. For example, health insurance coverage statistics are now available for the first time at the neighborhood level.

A variety of other Census Bureau data tools have been updated with today's new numbers, including the Census Bureau's application programming interface <http://www.census.gov/developers/> , Easy Stats <http://www.census.gov/easystats/> and American FactFinder http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/navigation/1.0/en/d_dataset:ACS_12_5YR. In addition to the updated exploration tools, the Census Bureau is releasing narrative profiles http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2012_narrative_profiles/ which allow users to explore a graphical and narrative presentation of the statistics from the American Community Survey.

See additional **DATA ACCESS TOOLS** at <http://www.census.gov/main/www/access.html>

NJ Documents/Federal Documents News

- ⇒ Assembly bill 4405 “New Jersey Open Data Initiative.” This is an initiative to post raw data from the Department of the Treasury and other NJ departments. DANJ supports this legislation. <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp>
- ⇒ The NJ DEP Bulletin for the years 1967 through 1998 will be digitized, with support from private funds, and added to the State Library’s Dspace <https://dspace.njstatelib.org/xmlui/handle/10929/9>. NJ DEP Bulletin is archived from 1998 onward at the DEP’s website: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin/archive.html>.
- ⇒ Rowan University celebrates its 50th year as a Government Depository. <http://libguides.rowan.edu/content.php?pid=811> .
Congratulations Rowan!
- ⇒ Numerous publications have been cancelled in print or altogether due to the sequester and budget cuts. The *Social Security Bulletin*, the *Statistical Supplement*, and other publications will be discontinued in print. The Bureau of Economic Analysis announced that there will be a reduction in statistical detail in the Local Area Personal Income (LAPI) tables. **Discontinued items/titles can be searched using FDLP’s WebTech Notes:** <http://www.fdlp.gov/collections/collection-maintenance/webtech-notes>. Type “discontinued” in the keyword field and hit search. On the results page, use the **primary sort** option and select “last modified” and “Des” (in descending order).
- ⇒ GPO is putting its historic shelflist in CGP. <http://beta.fdlp.gov/all-newsletters/featured-articles/1086-gpo-historic-selflist-transcription-digitization>
- ⇒ The HathiTrust (<http://www.hathitrust.org/home>) seeks to create a registry of U.S. Federal Government Document http://www.hathitrust.org/usgovdocs_registry