



Newsletter

PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

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GPO Changes by Shirley Condit

This fall I attended the Mountain Planes Library Association (MPLA) conference in Nevada. Although there were many interesting sessions ranging from graphic novels to architectural design, I would like to tell you about the changes happening within the Government Printing Office (GPO) and how those changes will affect public libraries.

The GPO is currently going through a rapid transition. Subscription rates have dropped from 28,000 to 2,400 in a couple of years. As a result, the GPO has closed all of its bookstores except the main store in Washington D.C. Within five years or less 95% of all government documents will be in electronic format. Currently about 150,000 titles are available electronically with more being added every day. About a third of government documents are on fiche. This program is being phased out very quickly and GPO is exploring methods of digitizing these documents.

There are numerous problems associated with this transition. Many documents are being published online by each agency and are no longer going through the GPO. Agencies are publishing documents in different formats which complicates access and can cause confusion if a document is updated yet both are still available online. Because each agency is publishing their own documents, these documents are not being archived in a central location and access is becoming increasingly difficult. There has also been a dispute between the

GPO and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) over who controls government printing. The decision was made that the GPO would be responsible for government documents and, in conjunction with OMB, has recently instituted a policy requiring each agency to submit one electronic copy, two hard copies and one copy suitable for Print on Demand to the GPO. This ensures future access to the documents, as GPO will archive them, and uniformity of document formats for easier access by the public, libraries and other government agencies. The first test for this policy will be with the Department of Labor in 2004.

How does all of this affect public libraries? Traditionally designated institutions, such as the University of Arizona, have been depository libraries for government documents. Anyone doing research or needing in-depth information could obtain the documents and get reference help from librarians specializing in government documents at these institutions. Now, although some documents are available by subscription and will still need to be accessed at a depository library, many are now freely available online. As a result, public libraries are becoming access points for government documents.

In an effort to keep librarians informed of all these changes, the GPO is presenting sessions at all the national, regional and state library associations' conferences. They also recognize

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Blogging by Cheryl Conrad

I attended the Internet Librarian 2003 Conference in November. There were many informative programs. I would like to highlight the Information & Knowledge Exchange track on blogging. Web logs, or blogs, are a fairly new phenomenon on the web. In the first session, Darlene Fichter defined blogs as web pages containing brief entries arranged chronologically. Frequently they are like journals or diaries or they are short entries on current news. Usually, web logs are created with special tools that allow quick web publication without html or ftp knowledge. Looking at weblogs is the best way to understand what a web log is. For library related weblogs see <http://www.libdex.com/weblogs.html>. Several ways for libraries and individuals to use weblogs were highlighted. One obvious way, since web logs are in reverse chronological order, would be for news and events pages. (see <http://escondidolibrary.blogspot.com/>) The Roselle Library in Illinois has a unique weblog for their children's book club. (see <http://bloggerbookclub.blogspot.com/>) Some internal library uses of weblogs are for staff development, project management and workplace communication. For professional development, there are many weblogs on library issues that one could monitor. See <http://www.lisfeeds.com/> for a convenient way to access them. Another way to access several web logs from one screen is to use a news reader. (see <http://www.lights.com/weblogs/rss.html>) Many are programs you download to your computer, but there are some that you ac-

cess online. Bloglines (<http://www.bloglines.com>) is a popular example of a web-based reader. Finding blogs on library or other issues can be daunting, but there are search sites available. (see <http://www.lights.com/weblogs/searching.html>) Creating a weblog is easy with the various free and pay tools and hosting services. For blogging tools see: <http://www.lights.com/weblogs/tools.html>. Weblogs are a great way for people who have no experience creating web pages to publish on the web and can be an almost immediate way to exchange information. Their ease of use has led to an explosion of blogs, which in turn has led to the bane of blog reading: the abandoned blog. While abandoned and infrequently updated web pages have always been with us, the number of blogs combined with the time-sensitive nature of the form makes abandoned blogs a particular problem. Searching out favorite and reputable blogs and using a news reader solve most of the difficulties however, and weblogs can enhance your information gathering and exchange. For links to the IL2003 presentations see: <http://www.infotoday.com/il2003/presentations/default.htm>

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Around the County

APACHE JUNCTION

Happy New Year to All!

After a brief hiatus, Storytimes will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2004. No registration is required. Babytime continues weekly without a break on Thursdays from 10 to 10:20 a.m.

Family Place, the five-week Parent/Child Workshop will be held on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45a.m, beginning on January 12 and going through February 23. The program is free of charge but registration is required.

Teen Chat Cafe

This popular fun gathering for the teens will continue through the coming months in the library Program Room. Upcoming dates for the new year are Tuesday, January 20, and Tuesday, February 17, 2004.

Book Discussion

The popular adult book discussion groups continue to meet through the coming months in the Program Room. Just read the book and join us! On Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., Here and There Book Club participants will be reading and discussing : Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier on January 8 Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafisi on February 5 On Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., Dying for a Mystery Book Club participants will be reading and discussing : The Weaver's Inheritance by Kate Sedley on January 20 Turkey Stuffer by Mark Crockett on February 17

Computer Classes

The ever-popular basic three computer classes continue this season. The classes are Basic Internet, Basic E-mail, Basic Word.

ARIZONA CITY

The library will hold a Soup Supper fundraiser in January.

The annual meeting in February will include a celebration of Arizona City Community Library's tenth year. Please call the library at 520-466-5565 for more information.

CASA GRANDE

Technology Classes

To register for these classes or events, or for more information contact the Casa Grande Public Library at 421-8710 or via e-mail at cglibrary@ci.casa-grande.az.us. All classes are free of charge. You do not have to be a library card holder to participate. Registration for all classes begins at the first of each month.

Basic Email

February 2 at 5:30pm.
February 5 at 10am

Basic Word

February 3, February 17 at 5:30pm.
February 6, February 20 at 10am.

Basic Windows

February 9 at 5:30pm.
February 12, January 15 at 10am

Basic Internet

January 20, February 16 at 5:30pm. January 22, February 19 at 10am.

Computer Maintenance

January 13, February 10 at 10am.

What is a Mouse?

January 22, January 26, February 5, February 12 at 5:30pm.
January 28, February 4, February 18 at 10am.

Basic Excel

January 16, January 30 at 10am.

How to Build a Webpage

January 27, February 23 at 5:30pm.
January 29, February 26 at 10am

Basic Windows in Spanish

January 27, February 24 at 10am

Wednesday Night Out

Wednesday Night Out is a series of knowledgeable people who give presentations on various topics. To register for these presentations please contact the library at 421-8710 or email cglibrary@ci.casa-grande.az.us. All events are free to the public; you do not need a library card to participate.

Meet the Author @ Your Library:

Betty Webb Desert Wives/Desert Noir
January 21 at 6:30pm in the APS Community Room

Arizona Renaissance Festival Performers

The Local Yokels are a living history troupe based at the Arizona Renaissance Festival. <http://www.local-yokels.org/>
January 28 at 6:30pm in the APS Community Room

Astronomy Party

This presentation will offer a great view of Saturn. Doug Lombardi is with the Astronomy Department at Central Arizona College.
February 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the APS Community Room

Meet the Author @ Your Library:

Camelback Falls with Jon Talton
February 11 at 6:30pm in the APS Community Room

The African American Experience in Arizona: 500 Years of History with Dr. Mathew Whittaker of ASU
This presentation is sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council. It is also part of the 125th anniversary of the City of Casa Grande.

February 18 at 6:30pm in the APS Community Room

Meet the Author @ Your Library:

Cowboy Poems with Mountain Man MacKay
February 25 at 6:30pm in the APS Community Room

Book Discussions

Lunch Bunch Book Discussion
Brown Bag it to the library at

noon on the fourth Thursday of every month for the Lunch Bunch Book Discussions. The Library makes these books available for you to use.

Wings of the Dove by Henry James

Book Discussion January 22

Film Discussion January 29

Next Discussion February 26

Books to Film Book Discussion
Come talk about all the great books that are made into movies at 4 pm on the second Thursday of every month. The Library makes these books available for you to use.

Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand

Book Discussion January 16

Film Discussion January 22

Under the Tuscan Sun by Frances Mayes

Book Discussion February 12

Film Discussion February 19

Youth Programs

Family Storytime

All ages are welcome to join Youth Librarian Rose Bebris for a half-hour of stories, songs, and fingerplays. Every Wednesday morning at 10am starting January 14 and ending April 28.

School's Out Cinema

It's an early dismissal day and you have nothing to do? Come to one of the great movies in our family film series this Spring. Popcorn Provided!
Freaky Friday: Wednesday February 11 at 2pm

Super Saturday Crafts

Creative crafts for children of all ages. Parent/Caregivers are encouraged to assist younger children. Registration IS required, although walk-ins will be accepted on a space available basis.

Chinese New Year Dancing

Dragon: Saturday January 31 at 2pm

Marvelous Masks: Saturday

February 28 at 2pm

Wednesday Words

Join the library's book discussion group for teens 12-18 years

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old. January 28, February 25;
3:30-4:30pm

TAG: Casa Grande Public Library Teen Advisory Group
Teens aged 12-18 can become a TAG member today!
Wednesday February 4 at 4pm

Laura Ingalls Wilder Sociable
It's Laura's Birthday! The Library welcomes Diane de Roulhac, dressed in period costume, as we celebrate the life of one of America's most beloved authors. Crafts and a snack. February 7 at 2pm

The Balloon Lady
This program by Balloon Artist Extraordinaire, Bryce Aspen Stillwater, features the stories the Valentine Bears, How Spider Saved Valentine's Day, and Ask Mr. Bear. Each child will receive a Valentine heart balloon. Fun for children of all ages! Registration is requested for this program, although walk-ins will be accepted on a space available basis. February 10th at 7pm

The Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library Book-sale is on Thursday January 16th from 4-6pm.

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that government documents is a highly specialized area of librarianship and few librarians have expertise in this area. As a result, the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) is proposing regional training sessions to train librarians in the basics of government documents. They are also considering training a few librarians to become locally based consultants. All of this is still in the planning stages.

In the meantime, take a look at the GPO website which has a lot

of good information, freely available to the public. Go to <http://www.gpo.gov> and click on the "A-Z Resource List." For children there is Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government. Adults might be interested in the Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations website. To locate a depository library, click on "Locate a Federal Depository Library." At the bottom of their homepage look for GPO Access Resource by Topic. Select a topic such as Health and Safety and you'll find information on the new Medicare Prescription Drug Act.

Cataloging Corner

by Eileen Jaffe

When looking at a MARC record, there are a number of fields at the very top that are only codes. I am going to address the first of these fields this month. The leader is the 000 field. It is usually found at the very top of the record:

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000 nam1a
000 camKa
000 cim2a
000 cgm a
000 casKa
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In some systems, however, it can be found as part of the 008 field:

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008 031225s1995 nyua j 000 1 eng camka
008 031225s1995 nyua j 000 1 eng dcama
008 031225s1995 nyu 000 0 eng nam8a
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There are five spaces in the leader, and each letter or number that is found there has a meaning.

1. Record status
 - n - New
 - c - Corrected or revised
 - p - Increase in encoding level from pre-publication
2. Type of record
 - a - Language material
 - e - Cartographic material
 - g - Videos, filmstrips, etc.
 - i - Non-musical sound recordings
 - j - Musical sound recordings
 - o - Kit
 - r - Realia
3. Bibliographic level
 - m - Monograph
 - s - Serial
4. Encoding level
 - # - Blank, full level, the most complete MARC record
 - 1 - Full level, material not examined
 - 2 - Less than full level, material not examined
 - 3 - Abbreviated level
 - 4 - Core level
 - 5 - Partial (preliminary) level
 - 7 - Minimal level
 - 8 - Prepublication level
5. Descriptive cataloging form
 - # - Blank (does not follow International Standard

Bibliographic Description [ISBD] for punctuation and spacing)
a - Follows AACR 2 form
i - Follows ISBD form

I have not listed all the options, just those found most often. If you want to see more, go to the website: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/ecbdlldr.html#mrcblea>

To begin, Record status can be new 'n', corrected 'c' for an edited record, or, after adding the pagination and centimeters, 'p'. Since a record that does not have anything in the 300 field might have a leader that looks like this: **nam8a**, after adding pagination, etc., it will change to this: **pam a**, rather than using the 'c' for a corrected record.

The second letter, for Type of record, is very important since most catalogs use this letter for limiting in the public computers. If there is an 'a' it is written material, an 'i' it is a non-musical sound recording, a 'g', some sort of video recording, etc. This will not distinguish between a DVD and a VHS, or between a sound cassette and a sound disc. That information is found in the 007 field, a required field for all non-book materials.

The third letter tells us that it is either monographic or serial. This can be for all types of materials, not just books.

The fourth letter, the Encoding level, is the most complicated. Unless you are making an original record, you do not need to concern yourself with changing this, but it is interesting to see what the different numbers mean. Unfortunately, OCLC uses letters instead of numbers, so it can get rather confusing!

I - Full level, the most complete MARC record

K - Less than full level

Those are the two most used letters in OCLC records for the encoding level. If you are interested to see the OCLC information about this field, go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/bibformats/en/field/001/leader.htm>

The last space is for the Descriptive cataloging form, or whose rules are being followed for spacing and punctuation. Most of the newer records use the 'a' for AACR 2, but many old records will have an 'i' for ISBD or '#' (blank).

Obviously, the most important space is number 2 for the type of record. It can make a difference in the hits that a patron receives for a limited search on videos, sound recordings, etc. For the rest, most of you don't really need to change anything, but it is good to be aware of the non-book materials and that second space in the leader. I have noticed that some of the book vendors who sell MARC records do not have the correct letter in that space, which means that a patron might not find that item by limiting.

All of this is meant to show how important understanding the leader is, so that we can better serve our patrons by using the correct codes.

Don't forget, I will be happy to answer any questions or help with any problem records.

Remember, the MARC record is the engine that gives staff and patrons the tools needed to search the catalog.

Happy cataloging!

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Events Calendar

Pinal Co. Library Federation	January 23	San Manuel
Library Legislative Day	February 5	Phoenix
PLA	February 24-28	Seattle, WA
AzLA Executive Board	March 25	Lake Havasu
Regional Forum	March 26	Lake Havasu
OneBookAZ	April	Statewide
National Library Week	April 18-24	Nationwide