

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION DAY

Friday November 1, 2013 | 8:30 am–5 pm | Ground Floor*, OISE Library | 252 Bloor Street West | Toronto, ON



Government Information and Libraries: Moving Forward in the Digital Age

The delivery of government information services in libraries has undergone a remarkable and rapid transformation in the past two decades. The dramatic shift from print to born-digital has major implications for Canadian libraries charged with the responsibility to provide access to the current and historical record of our time. How can we best continue our stewardship role by participating in preservation, resource discovery and permanent public access to government information?

The University of Toronto Libraries invite you to join us at this all day event as we explore themes and solutions related to the accessibility and preservation of electronic government information.

** To accommodate people on the waiting list there will be a webcast of the day's events in Room 3311 in the OISE building*

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Day-at-a-Glance

All events take place in the OISE Library (main floor and room 3311):

- 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON

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9:10–10:30	Session 1: The Changing Landscape of Canadian Government Information
10:30–10:50	Break
10:50–12:20	Session 2: Open Access
12:20–1:20	Lunch
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2:10–3:25	Session 4: Provincial and International Perspectives
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Wrap-up

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	Announcements
5:00–5:30	Tour of the Reference Department and Government Documents Collection at Robarts Library
5:15 onward	No Host Gathering: L'Espresso Bar Mercurio, 321 Bloor Street West (RSVP christina.tooulias@utoronto.ca if you plan to attend.)

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Sessions-at-a-Glance

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- 9:25–9:45 **Introducing the CGI-PLN: Using the LOCKSS Program to Preserve DSP Content in a Changing Environment** | Amanda Wakaruk, Government Information Librarian, University of Alberta Libraries
- 9:45–10:20 **Web Harvesting the GoC: A Collaborative Effort** | Sam-chin Li, Government Publications & Reference Librarian, University of Toronto Libraries, Tom Smyth, A/Manager, Validation & Monitoring, Library and Archives Canada and Amanda Wakaruk, Government Information Librarian, University of Alberta Libraries
- 10:20–10:30 **Questions**

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- 10:50–11:20 **Open Data and Libraries** | Marcel Fortin, Head, Map and Data Library, University of Toronto Libraries and Berenica Vejvoda, Research Data Librarian, Map and Data Library, University of Toronto Libraries
- 11:20–11:35 **FOI in Canada: The Changing Role of the Government Information Librarian** | Amanda Wakaruk, Government Information Librarian, University of Alberta Libraries
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Session 4: Provincial and International Perspectives

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(Moderator – Mike McCaffrey)

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Session 1: The Changing Landscape of Canadian Government Information

🕒 **9:10–9:25**

📌 **What's Up Docs? A View from Canada**

Sherry Smugler, Government Publications & Reference Librarian, University of Toronto Libraries

ABSTRACT Over the past two decades the explosion in internet access has transformed the way libraries provide services for government information. At the same time, librarians have been confronted with a bewildering range of government information and access policies. Canada's Depository Services Program (DSP) and Library & Archives (LAC) currently face major challenges in fulfilling their mandates to facilitate current and future access to government information. Meanwhile, Canadian libraries are struggling to operate within the confines of severe budget cuts. In the course of this brief overview, I will discuss the impact of these events on our ability to support public access to government information.

BIOGRAPHY Sherry Smugler has been a Government Publications & Reference Librarian at the University of Toronto's Robarts Library since 1991. She has developed a keen interest in the evolution of government information services in libraries during this period of remarkable change. Sherry is the author of *What's Up Docs? A Perspective on Government Document Services in Canadian Academic Libraries in the Internet Age*. GODORT Occasional Papers. Chicago, Government Documents Round Table, American Library Association, (forthcoming).

🕒 **9:25–9:45**

📌 **Introducing the CGI-PLN: Using the LOCKSS Program to Preserve DSP Content in a Changing Environment**

Amanda Wakaruk, Government Information Librarian, University of Alberta Libraries

ABSTRACT The vast majority of federal government information is digital and susceptible to both technological obsolescence and changes in information policy. In the past, content on government web sites has been lost to both factors. Concern about the lack of comprehensive digital preservation activities within federal government agencies motivated a group of information professionals at twelve institutions to form the Canadian Government Information Private LOCKSS Network (CGI-PLN) in August of 2012. This session will introduce the CGI-PLN and its work with the Depository Services Program (DSP) in a changing environment.

BIOGRAPHY Amanda Wakaruk (MLIS, MES) is the Government Information Librarian at the University of Alberta. Having worked with government information in libraries since 1998, she is well versed in the precarious publishing patterns of our governance agencies. A former coordinator of the CLA Government Information Network (formerly AGIIG), she now chairs the ALA Government Documents Roundtable International Documents Taskforce. Amanda is also a member of the Depository Services Program Library Advisory Committee and the current chair of the CGI-PLN Steering Committee. She is also a repeat instructor at the Winter Institute on Statistical Literacy for Librarians. Her current interests include exploring the evolving role of libraries and librarians as stewards of government information.

🕒 **9:45–10:20**

📌 **Web Harvesting the GoC: A Collaborative Effort**

Sam-chin Li, Government Publications & Reference Librarian, University of Toronto Libraries, Tom Smyth, A/Manager, Validation & Monitoring, Library and Archives Canada and Amanda Wakaruk, Government Information Librarian, University of Alberta Libraries

ABSTRACT Government of Canada web content is being harvested by The University of Alberta Libraries, University of Toronto Libraries, some COPPUL members, and Library and Archives of Canada. Who is doing what, why, and how? This session will provide panelists with an opportunity to share past practices, current results, and future plans around capturing and preserving Government of Canada web content.

BIOGRAPHY Sam-chin Li has been the Government Information Librarian and Reference Librarian at the University of Toronto Library since 1998. She has been involved in many digitization projects and is a member of the OCUL-IR Government Information Working Group and the CGI-PLN Steering Committee.

Tom Smyth is a managing librarian at Library and Archives Canada (LAC). He primarily works on legal deposit and digital library policy, and develops several of LAC's digital library special collections and the associated library systems. Tom is the also the business lead of LAC's web harvesting program.

🕒 **10:20–10:30**

📌 **Questions**

10:30–10:50: Break

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Session 2: Open Access

🕒 10:50–11:20

📖 Open Data and Libraries

Marcel Fortin, Head, Map and Data Library, University of Toronto Libraries and Berenica Vějvoda, Research Data Librarian, Map and Data Library, University of Toronto Libraries

ABSTRACT Countless government bodies in Canada and throughout the world have opened up their data holdings to the public in the last few years. Government datasets long desired by researchers and long paid for by libraries have been made available for use by all and at no cost. Datasets that once cost thousands of dollars are now available for free for all to use and manipulate.

The obvious effect of free data on libraries has been at the budget level. Money once dedicated to paying for government datasets can now be spread out to pay for other “for a fee” datasets. This presentation will examine other less evident, but no less important, effects the opening up of data have had on library collections and public services.

BIOGRAPHY Marcel Fortin has been a librarian for 20 years. He has been the GIS and Map librarian at the University of Toronto since 1999.

Berenica Vějvoda has worked as a research data librarian at the University of Toronto Libraries since 2010 and prior to this worked as a Data Librarian at the University of California, San Diego campus. Berenica assists researchers with local and international data generated by governments, proprietary organizations, as well as original research data produced by faculty and students.

🕒 11:20–11:35

📖 FOI in Canada: The Changing Role of the Government Information Librarian

Amanda Wakaruk, Government Information Librarian, University of Alberta Libraries

ABSTRACT Freedom of Information (FOI) and Access to Information (ATI) requests are an important source of information about our governing bodies. This session will explore why government information librarians need to be familiar with this framework and how it can inform our reference, liaison, and collection activities.

🕒 11:35–11:50

📖 Digitization of Government Publications: Preserving the Cultural Record of the Past while Innovating for the Future

Sam-chin Li, Government Publications & Reference Librarian, University of Toronto Libraries and Andrea Mills, Collections Specialist, Internet Archive Canada

ABSTRACT Digitization projects expand our ability to provide faculty, students and the public with access to government information and support our mission of innovating for the future. Internet Archive has

been involved with the digitization of government publications since 2004 and is extending its commitment to resource discovery.

BIOGRAPHY Andrea Mills is the Collection Specialist at Internet Archive Canada. She is a teacher by trade and has spent the better part of the last decade working and learning with libraries and institutions across Canada to digitize their text collections. With a focus on metadata, organization and discovery, Andrea has worked with the Ontario Publications Roundtable, the Ontario Council of University Libraries and the Ontario Digitization Initiative to preserve and provide access to government publications and our shared intellectual heritage.

🕒 11:50–12:10

📖 Strategies for Digital Stewardship - Sustainable Open Access: A Funding Model for Documentary Heritage

Ulrich Werneburg, Partnerships Manager, Canadiana.org

ABSTRACT Canadiana.org is a not-for-profit digital library governed by Canada’s major memory institutions and associations. For 35 years Canadiana has provided access to Canada’s documentary heritage, initially on microform and since the mid-1990s as digital repositories and discovery portals. Approximately 15% of books and journals have been digitized compared to less than 1% of archival materials. The challenge is to deliver a lot more digital content, a lot faster. Canadiana, working with its stakeholders, has adopted a self-sufficient funding model to deliver high volumes of digital content to researchers and the public.

BIOGRAPHY Ulrich Werneburg is the Partnerships Manager at Canadiana.org, a non-profit charitable organization with a mandate to promote digitization, preservation and access to Canada’s published heritage. He has had considerable experience in the information technology industry as a senior manager in both government and private organizations.

🕒 12:10–12:20

📖 Questions

12:20–1:20: Lunch (60 min.)

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Session 3: Digital Repositories

🕒 1:20–1:35

🗣️ **Towards a Trusted Digital Repository for Government Information**

Steve Marks, Digital Preservation Policy Librarian, Scholars Portal

ABSTRACT Critical in the preservation of government information is the concept of a place to hold the content. What this place needs to be has evolved along with government information librarianship, but we are currently at a critical juncture. Many of the established ways we used to collect and hold government information are facing challenges brought about by changes in technology and government mandates. How do we get back to a point where we feel secure about our ability to collect and preserve government information? In this talk, I will discuss the requirements for trustworthy digital repositories, and how these requirements can help us think about the next era in government information librarianship.

BIOGRAPHY Steve Marks is the Digital Preservation Librarian at Scholars Portal. His recent projects have included the certification of Scholars Portal as a Trustworthy Digital Repository, and helping in the establishment of the Canadian Polar Data Network: an inter-sectoral partnership to preserve data generated by Canadian research in the arctic. His other research interests include modeling of information systems and the preservation of new media, including video games.

🕒 1:35–2:00

🗣️ **Teamwork in Digital Stewardship: How Canadian Sessional Papers Moved from Paper to Discovery in the Government Information Repository**

Sam-chin Li, Government Publications & Reference Librarian, University of Toronto Libraries, Graham Stewart, Network and Storage Services Manager, Information Technology Services, University of Toronto Libraries and Andrea Mills, Collections Specialist, Internet Archive Canada

ABSTRACT Sessional Papers contains important government documents from the early years in Canada. Taking advantage of leading-edge technologies and the expertise of librarians, technicians, and IT professionals, the U of T Libraries and the Internet Archive are working together to make each of the Sessional Papers discoverable via an Islandora-based web site.

BIOGRAPHY Graham Stewart has worked in Library Information Technology for eighteen years and is the Network and Storage Services Manager at the University of Toronto Libraries. His interests include: planning large scale, automated computing systems; maximizing reliability and availability for online services; open source operating systems and applications; the creative use of technology in the academic environment; improving users' experiences of technology.

🕒 2:00–2:10

🗣️ **Questions**

Session 4: Provincial and International Perspectives

🕒 2:10–2:30

🗣️ **Stepping Out: Roles for Information Professionals Outside of the Library**

Vicki Whitmell, Executive Director, Information Technology & Services Division and Legislative Librarian, Legislative Assembly of Ontario

ABSTRACT This presentation considers the increasing convergence and importance of library skills and knowledge in areas such records and knowledge management, information technology and information management. This is demonstrated through a case study at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario where opportunities abound for librarians outside of their traditional roles and mandates.

BIOGRAPHY Vicki Whitmell is Executive Director of the Information and Technology Services Division (the iDivision) at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario where she is responsible for, among other things, the library and research service, information management, information technology, web development and design, and records management.

🕒 2:30–2:45

🗣️ **GALLOP–Collaboration in the Digital Age**

Peter Ellinger, Manager, Library Technology Applications, Legislative Assembly of Ontario

ABSTRACT This presentation describes the development of GALLOP (Government and Legislative Library Online Publications) Portal by the Association of Parliamentary Libraries in Canada (APLIC). First suggested as a means for provincial Legislative libraries to reduce their collection activities outside their own boundaries, the portal has developed into a discovery tool allowing full-text access to over 360,000 government documents collected across 11 Canadian jurisdictions.

BIOGRAPHY Currently IM/IT portfolio Manager for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Peter's previous role as Manager, Library Technology Applications involved him in numerous collaborative and in-house technology and digitization projects. As the technology lead for GALLOP, Peter has overseen the development and implementation of this collaborative index / portal from an idea to a widely used discovery tool for Canadian government documents.

🕒 2:45–3:00

🗣️ **Current Issues in the Access to & Delivery of EU Information**

Hélène LeBlanc, Government Information Librarian, Wilfrid Laurier University Library

ABSTRACT A brief overview of some of the recent initiatives, issues and concerns surrounding the "official" information output of the European Union and its Commission, and the players at stake.

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BIOGRAPHY Hélène LeBlanc has been the Government Information Librarian at Wilfrid Laurier University since 1995. While still remaining in that role, she has recently begun a new position as “Head, User Services”. This talk is based on her three-month sabbatical internship at the Central Library of the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium, in the Spring of 2012.

🕒 **3:00–3:15**

🗣️ **A View from Abroad**

Mike McCaffrey, Lecturer, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto

ABSTRACT An overview of selected foreign and international (IGO) approaches to the preservation and presentation of government information and the provision of access to it.

BIOGRAPHY Mike McCaffrey is a lecturer at the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Information where he teaches courses on Government Information Librarianship, Data Librarianship and Reference Work. He is a former International Documents Librarian and has written extensively on international information.

🕒 **3:15–3:25**

🗣️ **Questions**

3:25–3:40 Break

Roundtable: Next Steps

(Moderator–Mike McCaffrey)

🕒 **3:40–3:50**

🗣️ **Meanwhile in Canada ...**

Mike McCaffrey

ABSTRACT A comparison of Canadian to foreign and international initiatives along with some cautions and recommendations.

🕒 **3:50–4:50**

🗣️ **Roundtable–Speakers**

Wrap-up

🕒 **4:50–5:00**

🗣️ **Presentation to speakers, acknowledgements and announcements**

Julie Hannaford, Associate Librarian for the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Toronto Libraries

🕒 **5:00–5:30**

🗣️ **Tour of the Reference Department and Government Documents Collection at the Robarts Library**

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🗣️ **No Host Gathering: let’s continue the conversation.**

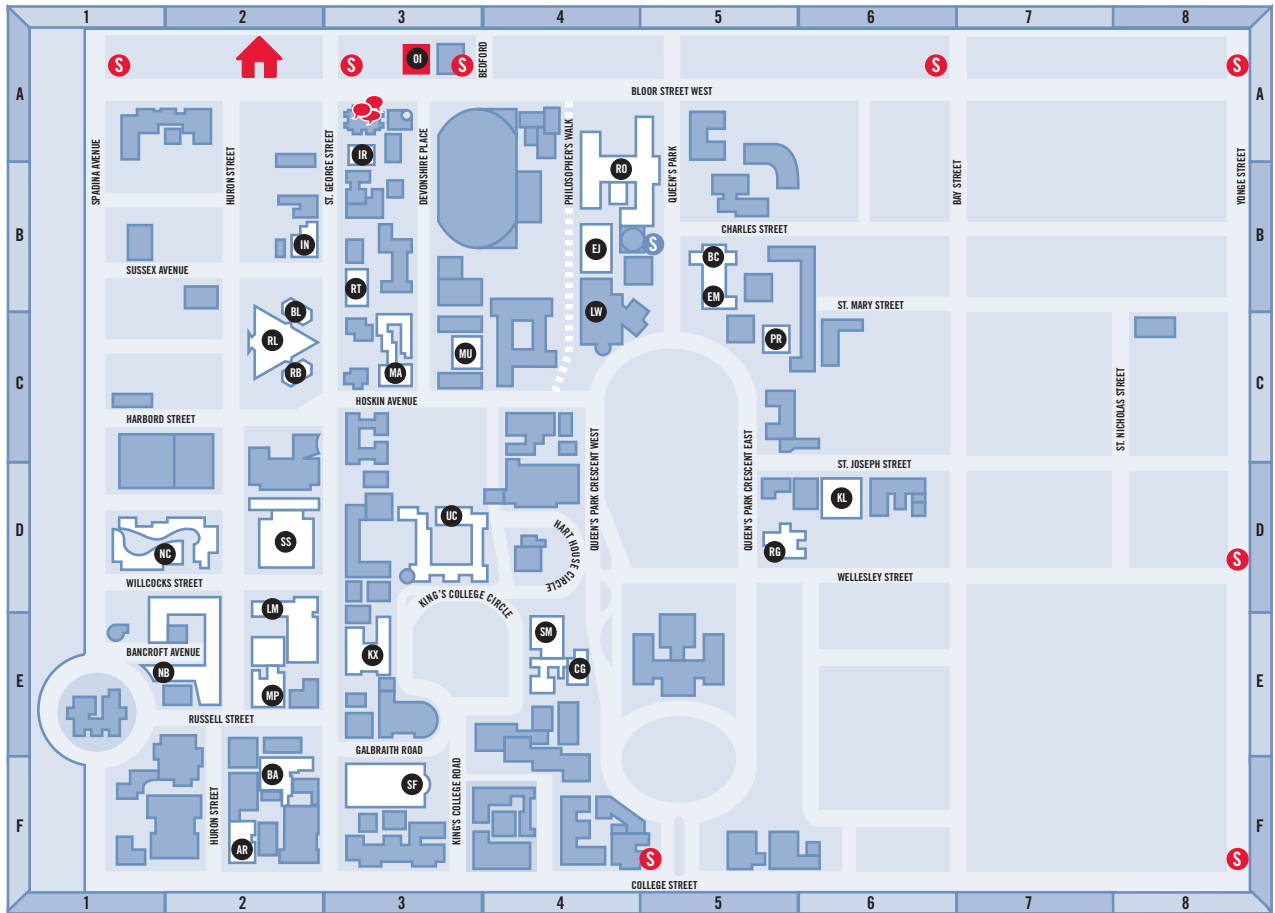
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