

The Next Generation Depository Library

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Search the Criss Library catalog to view records for electronic government documents

Our catalog is at <http://catalog.lib.unomaha.edu>, or you can link to it from the library homepage at <http://library.unomaha.edu>. Start by clicking into the *Advanced Search* template.

These agency names may be entered as keyword searches without any qualification to retrieve records for recent electronic documents:

Institute of Peace

National Center for Education Statistics

Enter these agency names as author searches after setting the *Limit to Location* filter to *Internet*:

United States Government Accountability Office

United States Congressional Budget Office

Enter these topical keyword searches without any qualification to see results which place records for electronic government documents among other records:

(airline* or aviation or airport*) and (safety or security)

(tobacco or smoking) and health

Identify electronic documents which are recorded in OCLC WorldCat

U.S. Government Printing Office, *New Electronic Titles*

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/index.html

Look for *New Electronic Titles* under *Locator Tools and Services*.

In 2005 the Nebraska Library Commission discontinued microfiche distribution of state documents. The NLC now harvests or scans state documents, catalogs them in OCLC WorldCat, and mounts them on NLC servers. More information about the Nebraska program and lists of Nebraska electronic documents are available at:

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/epubs/epubs.html>

Learn about PURLs

OCLC provides a very good, basic definition: "PURL is a **P**ersistent **U**niform **R**esource **L**ocator. Functionally, a PURL is a URL. However, instead of pointing directly to the location of an Internet resource, a PURL points to an intermediate resolution service. The PURL resolution service associates the PURL with the actual URL and returns that URL to the client. The client can then complete the URL transaction in the normal fashion. In Web parlance, this is a standard HTTP *redirect*." More can be learned by visiting <http://purl.oclc.org>.

The Government Printing Office has committed itself to correcting broken URLs and updating its PURL resolution service. No system is perfect, but for the most part PURLs in GPO catalog records should prove very stable, and libraries should face minimal link maintenance.

Consider batchloading options

Marcive is a well-known and long-established vendor of services to libraries, and its *Documents without Shelves* program provides GPO records which can be loaded into a catalog without the need to edit and export them individually. Experiences will vary according to the workings of local catalogs, but contracting with Marcive has proven relatively inexpensive and effective. At the time of this writing, Marcive charges \$1525 for an annual subscription; more information is at:

<http://www.marcive.com/homepage/dwsl.pdf>

Batchloading carries a significant tradeoff in selection. When you work directly with GPO's *New Electronic Titles*, you select records for only those documents you think best match the parameters of your collections. When you batchload records, you will inevitably acquire records for documents which fall outside those parameters.

Batchloading may add 1200-1500 records each month to a library catalog. For smaller libraries, that could be a deluge which obscures records for books or other items.

