



Promoting the use of and access to government
publications in libraries in the NJ area

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Annual Report 2014 Documents Association of New Jersey

The purpose of the Documents Association is to promote the use of government information in libraries throughout New Jersey. The Association primarily focuses on:

- Promoting the use of government documents
- Providing a forum for discussion of problems and concerns
- Conducting training and other continuing education events
- Facilitating communication among documents librarians and administrators

The State Document Interest Group (SDIG)

The Interest Group, headed by Deborah Mercer (New Jersey State Library) apprised DANJ of the State Library's Dspace initiative, to store and preserve the State Library's online archival and current New Jersey documents collection. Visit Dspace at:

http://www.njstatelib.org/research_library/services_for/libraries/dspace/

Deborah also updated DANJ on legislative initiatives related to documents, such as Assembly bill 4405 the "New Jersey Open Data Initiative", an initiative to post raw data from the Department of Treasury and other State agencies.

The two State awards presented by DANJ this year were:

- Best Website: Department of Health <http://www.state.nj.us/health/>
- Best Document: *Consumer Assistance Handbook* from the Division of Rate Counsel http://www.state.nj.us/rpa/docs/CAH_2013.pdf

The Federal Documents Interest Group (FDIG)

The Federal Documents Interest Group, under the leadership of Laura Saur (Newark Public Library – Regional Depository library), continued to update DANJ on developments at GPO and FDLP. Issues covered in 2014 included:

- Serials that are going online only.
- GPO's historic shelflist <http://beta.fdlp.gov/all-newsletters/featured-articles/1086-gpo-historic-shelflist-transcription-digitization>
- The HathiTrust (<http://www.hathitrust.org/home>) initiative to create a registry of U.S. Federal Government Document http://www.hathitrust.org/usgovdocs_registry
- The Census Explorer Interactive Mapping Tool <http://www.census.gov/censusexplorer/>
- The National Plan for the future of the FDLP - <http://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository/outreach/events/depository-library-council-dlc-meetings/2014-meeting-proceedings/2462-national-plan-for-the-future-of-the-fdlp>

DANJ is pleased that two of its members have been/are involved in the FDLP Council.

- Susan Lyons (Rutgers Law Library, Newark) served from June 1, 2011 thru May 31, 2014.
- Teri Taylor, (The State Library) began her three year tenure on June 1, 2014.

Thank you Sue and Teri! Information about the FDLP Council can be found at <http://www.fdlp.gov/about-the-fdlp/depository-library-council>

International Documents Interest Group (IDIG)

Susan B. White (Princeton University), the chair of the IDIG, has provided numerous invaluable guides to UN Documents. These guides appeared in the DANJ Newsletters (2014 Winter, 2014 Spring, and 2014 Fall) located at <http://danj.org/pub.html>.

Mary George (Princeton University) also presented a session on European Union Documents to the DANJ Executive Board. Princeton University Library has been a depository for documents published by the European Union since 1964.

The Web Page

Susan Bucks (Monmouth University) continued to improve the look and content of DANJ's webpage. New in 2014:

- Videos and programs from DANJ Conferences: <http://danj.org/conf2013.html>
- Links to DANJ's Facebook page and the Documents Assoc NJ@DocsNJ (Twitter account) can be found at the DANJ website: <http://danj.org/>

The Newsletter

Elizabeth Patterson (Drew University) published three e-newsletters in 2014. These issues can be found online at: <http://danj.org/pub.html>

Continuing Education Committee

Linda Oppenheim (Princeton University) served as DANJ's liaison with Princeton University and was the main organizer of the Fall DANJ Conference, "Digging for Government Information in the Garden State". This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Clement Price, Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor of History at Rutgers University and Official Historian for the city of Newark. Joe Klett of the New Jersey State Archives, John Shaw from the New Jersey State Library, and Susan Lyons from Rutgers School of Law-Newark Library were presenters at this year's conference.

Membership

2014 membership: 66

The Government Documents Award/SCILS

Kate Bellody was awarded the DANJ/SCI award in 2014 for her paper entitled "Solitary Confinement in the United States: An Annotated Bibliography". The full text of her research paper is available at <http://www.danj.org/awards.html>

Treasurer's Report

Mary Fetzer (Rutgers University) audited the treasurer's account early this year.

Wen-Hua Ren (Rutgers University) served as the DANJ treasurer in 2014. Please refer to Wen's annual report for details.

It has been my pleasure to serve as DANJ president for 2014. DANJ is a wonderful professional organization and members of the Executive Board and the various Interest groups (<http://danj.org/executiv.html>) are dedicated and knowledgeable colleagues. Please consider greater involvement in DANJ.

Respectively submitted by: Elizabeth Patterson – DANJ President