

# DANJ Newsletter

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## DANJ Fall Conference *Legal Reference in the Digital Age* Friday, Nov. 5, 2010

⇒ *Where?*

Rutgers Law Library, Center for Law and Justice.

⇒ *When?*

Nov. 5—8:30 am to 2:30 pm

⇒ *What?*

Keynote Speaker—John Jorgensen

Work shops:

Case Law

Statutes

Administrative Law

Tours (2:45 PM)

Rutgers Law Library

Jazz Library—Dana

⇒ *How?*

The Library is easily accessible via public transportation. Parking is available in Rutgers Lot 510.

Transportation and parking information:

<http://law.newark.rutgers.edu/about-school/visiting-us>

⇒ *What else?*

Continental Breakfast (begins at 8:30)

Lunch

DANJ awards and brief meeting

*Registration form attached and*

*Available online at:*

<http://www.danj.org/2010Conf.pdf>

## *DANJ Fall Conference Presenters*

- ⇒ **Hays Butler** is a Reference and Government Documents at Rutgers Law Library, Camden. Before becoming a librarian he practiced law for twenty years, most recently as in-house counsel for Delmarva Power & Light Company, Wilmington, Delaware. He is a past president of DANJ. Mr. Butler has published articles on the history of law librarianship and the International Criminal Court. He earned his J.D. degree from Boston College School of Law and his M.S.L.I.S. from Drexel University.
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- ⇒ **John Joergensen** is a Reference Librarian at Rutgers Law Library, Camden. He oversees the Camden digital legal materials program. Mr. Joergensen practiced law in Philadelphia, PA. and has published articles on the subject of legal information. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Fordham University. Mr. Joergensen also earned a J.D. from Temple University, and an M.S. in Information Science from Drexel University.
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# Document Doings

**Laura Saur, New Jersey regional documents librarian at Newark Public Library hosts *America by the Numbers: A Look at the Census Bureau*.** The several dozen documents on view, chosen from thousands, include maps, charts, historical documents, photographs and more. In addition to chronicling some interesting statistics about Newark, the exhibit also chronicles the changes in technology in census taking, “from parchment to printed books, then computer tapes, compact discs and eventually, the internet.” The exhibit is free to the public and will be on the third floor and of the Newark Public library until September 25th. Read more about the exhibit at [http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/08/newark\\_public\\_library\\_to\\_hold.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/08/newark_public_library_to_hold.html).

**Deborah Mercer, New Jersey Collections Librarian at New Jersey State Library** continues to monitor bills in the New Jersey legislation related to NJ documents. S1838 (<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S1838>) would require “Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, when feasible, any periodic report required by law to be submitted to the Governor, the Legislature, or a presiding officer or committee of the Legislature by a State department, agency, board, commission, authority or instrumentality shall be submitted to the Governor, the Legislature, or a presiding officer or committee of the Legislature electronically in lieu of providing those persons or entities with a printed copy of the report. A notice of the availability of such periodic report shall be transmitted electronically to the State Librarian.”

**Open Government Directive -** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/open/>

Issued by President Obama, this directive is designed to give open access to information generated by executive departments and agencies. Several federal agencies were asked to submit their plans outlining their open government compliance policies early this year. According to Robin Peek, the directive is centered on transparency of government operations, collaboration among government officials and the public, and participation by experts from outside Washington. Furthermore, as part of this directive, scholarly articles generated from federally funded research are supposed to be freely available to the general public. This will have a huge impact on libraries since we strive to provide free access to information. These could be scholarly articles in many areas, including, science, technology, and health.

Reference: Peek, Robin. “Open Government = Open Access.” Information Today Feb 2010: 15-16.

- ⇒ Open Government Initiative – Fact Sheet: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/open/documents/flagship-initiatives>
- ⇒ Access to federal data sets: <http://www.data.gov/open/raw>
- ⇒ U.S. Health and Human Services Plan: <http://www.hhs.gov/open/plan/opengovernmentplan/index.html>

To access other individual agencies’ plans: Go to the agency page and search under ‘open government.’ Also, follow the format: agency/department url/open. Example: [www.usda.gov/open](http://www.usda.gov/open) (for the Agriculture Dept.)

Thanks to Geetali Basu, current DANJ President for contributing this article.

# Twittering Docs

If you are new to Twitter, the “Twittersphere” can seem either overwhelming or underwhelming depending on whom you follow. Individual tweets can run the range from banal to enlightening, but with a little Twitter literacy, the documents librarian can add a valuable resource to the reference toolbox.

Below is a list of some Twitter pages recommended by DANJ’s 2011 President, Caitlyn Cook of Ocean County College Library. It is not an exhaustive list, but will hopefully serve as an easy introduction to the available resources. All address below begin <http://www.twitter.com> for example, NASA’s page (/NASA) will read as <http://www.twitter.com/NASA>.

- ⇒ Your first stop should be to the pages of fellow DANJ member **Laura Saurs** (/lsaurs). Laura provides links to documents and articles covering a variety of state and federal topics.
- ⇒ **GovGab** (/govgab) – The Twitter home for the popular GovGab blog, brought to you by the office of Citizen Services and Communications (GSA). GovGab is a general blog covering a wide variety of topics and the twitter version provides quick access to new posts.
- ⇒ **Homeland Security Journal** (/DHSJournal) – news updates from the Department of Homeland Security. The Journal often “Retweets” or reposts tweets from other agencies, such as FEMA, the Coast Guard, or the Border Patrol. This one journal can keep you up to date with a variety of related agencies.
- ⇒ **Law Library of Congress** (/LawLibCongress) – News updates from the Law Library’s blogs and programs. Recent tweets have linked to news items on both current and historic legislation, foreign and domestic.
- ⇒ **NASA** (/NASA) – NASA hosts hundreds of twitter accounts, from research divisions and centers to those of individual astronauts. Lately, I’ve been following:
  - /NASA/astronauts-in-space-now
  - /NASA/NASAhistory
  - /NASA\_GoddardPix - a photo gallery from the Goddard Space Flight Center.
- ⇒ **National Science Foundation** (/NSF) – posts cover a wide variety of subjects, and are divided into basic categories: news, events, discoveries, and “from the field.” A quick and easy way to stay on top of new research.
- ⇒ **Naval War College** (/NavalWarCollege) – not “just” a military blog, the Naval War College provides links to a host of articles and news items covering military and political science, international relations, diplomacy, and technology.
- ⇒ **Veterans Affairs** (/DeptVetAffairs) – News items and practical resources, such as links to forms or contact points for local VA offices.

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### *Upcoming DANJ meetings*

DANJ invites anyone interested in learning about depositories to our meetings, held the first Friday every other month. The location of meetings change; driving directions and parking instructions are always provided. Meetings for 2010/2011 are:

- ⇒ Oct 1
- ⇒ Dec 3
- ⇒ Feb 4
- ⇒ April 1
- ⇒ June 3
- ⇒ Aug 5
- ⇒ Oct 7
- ⇒ Dec 2

For more information about time and place of meetings, contact 2011DANJ President Caitlyn Cook [ccook@ocean.edu](mailto:ccook@ocean.edu).

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Patricia Reeling  
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- ⇒ **Did I miss you?** [epatters@drew.edu](mailto:epatters@drew.edu)
- ⇒ **Join DANJ** <http://www.danj.org/membform.htm>

### *Congratulations to Ryan Dement!*

Ryan Dement is this year's winner for the best student paper written for the SC&I class Government Information Resources. His paper "Identity theft: an annotated bibliography of government resources" is available online via the DANJ website under the Awards link:

<http://www.danj.org/awardp.html>