Did you know that the U.S. Government is the largest publisher in the United States? And that the Government Printing Office (GPO) is one of the world’s largest printers?

Government documents provide a valuable resource to academic researchers and the general public alike. The Law Library is fortunate to participate in a cooperative program with the federal government, known as the Federal Depository Library Program.

The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) originated from Acts of the first twelve Congresses. The purpose of the depository library system is to make government publications available for the free use of the American public. There are nearly 1,350 Federal depository libraries in the nation, which include academic, state, federal, public, and special libraries. Depository libraries receive government information products free of cost, and promise to maintain and provide access services to this government property to any member of the public.

This Law Library was designated a Federal Depository Library in 1978, under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. § 1916. The Library participates in the FDLP in order to support the U.S. government legal information needs and interests of the faculty and students of the law school.

As a “selective” depository, the Law Library currently receives 19% of the materials distributed through the FDLP. A “regional” depository, such as the Indiana State Library, receives and retains 100% of at least one copy of all government publications.

The Law Library’s selected publications consist of:

- All primary legal sources
- Administrative decisions and annual reports of agencies and their inspectors general
- Commission reports
- A comprehensive collection of the legislative, judicial branch, and Department of Justice publications
- Research level collecting in civil rights and environmental materials

Our Government Documents collection is housed on the 4th floor of the library, arranged by the Superintendent of Documents classification system, and cataloged in IUCAT. In addition to print and microfiche documents, the Library provides a link to GPO Access (http://www.access.gpo.gov/gpoaccess/)
NEW BOOK:
A LYING IN THE HEARTLAND

A Lynching in the Heartland: Race and Memory in America, is a new book by Indiana University
history professor James Madison about the
infamous lynching of two African-American
 teenagers accused of murder and rape in Marion,
Indiana in August of 1930. In his introduction,
Professor Madison states that
“This is a book about race. It
masquerades as a book about a
lynching.”  [p. 1] Professor
Madison says that he began this in
1992 as a summer project to write
an article, but that the richness of
the sources and significance of the
story led him to write a book. He
points out that the Marion
lynching, contrary to the popularly held view, had
nothing to do with the Ku Klux Klan, which was
virtually dead in Indiana by 1930. Rather, it had
everything to do with the country’s struggle with
racism—“Race is both a constant and a changing part
of the American story.”  [p. 1] Interest in the
lynching had not faded for two reasons. The first
was a photograph that was taken of the two black
teenager’s bodies with a crowd of white men and
women below. The photographer was Lawrence
Beitler, a local professional photographer. His
photograph has become one of the most well known
and most frequently reproduced of a lynching in
American history. The second reason why this has
not faded was the survivor. James Cameron was the
third teenager charged with murder and rape. The
crowd was about to lynch him as well, but at the last
moment someone came to his rescue and was able to
persuade the mob to stop. In the 1970s and 1980s,
James Cameron began to speak out about the
lynching and that hot, terrible, Indiana August night.
His compelling story is one full of emotion, and
demands to be heard.

On November 8th, I attended a meeting of the History
Club where Professor Madison spoke about the
lynching and his research and writing of the book.
He did many interviews, spent much time in Grant
County, and even went to the Library of Congress for
some of his research (the NAACP records are kept in
the Library of Congress). If you ever have a chance
to hear Professor Madison speak, I highly
recommend it. The Walden Bookstore in Marion has
the book for sale, but they evidently are keeping it
behind the counter and customers must ask for it. As
an author, Professor Madison said he was proud that
he had written a book that a bookstore felt it must
hide.

The book, A Lynching in the Heartland: Race and
Memory in America by James H. Madison is held be
the Law Library. In addition, it is available at the
Main Library and the Monroe County Public Library.

Michael Maben
Cataloging Librarian

REMEMBER TO WATCH YOUR BELONGINGS!
(In lieu of the Suggestion Box this month, Associate
Director Linda Fariss presents this important reminder to all students)

As final exams and the holidays approach, we thought it would be a good time to remind you to be careful about leaving your personal
belongings unattended in the Library. Make sure that laptops are never left on a carrel or table without being secured. If you have not yet
purchased a security cable for your laptop, please do so now! We frequently have trouble with books being stolen near the end of the semester.
Make sure to put your name in each of your textbooks. If your name is in a stolen book and someone tries to sell it, the bookstore will return it
to you.
Of special note is the full text service provided by *China Law and Practice*. As part of its subscriptions, the Library is entitled to receive each month via fax up to three English language translations of statutes digested but not reprinted in the monthly editions. This could be a very useful service for researchers in need of recent legislation.

Other current English-language sources of Chinese law in the Library include the following: *The Laws of the People’s Republic of China* (KNQ13 1987a), a semi-official compilation of statutes published since 1972; *China Law Reports* (KNQ19 .A3), an authorized collection of court decisions; and *Doing Business in China* (KNQ 340.5 .D656), a two volume looseleaf treatise on Chinese commercial law prepared by the firm of Freshfields. Finally, the Library also has a nine volume looseleaf service (KQK .C5 C46), entitled *China Laws for Foreign Business*, which contains both Chinese and English language versions of statutes related to business regulation, taxation, customs, and regulations applicable in cities and special zones.

*Ralph Gaebler*
Foreign and International Librarian

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**THE ONION: GUARANTEED STRESS RELIEF**

*The Onion* is a great American success story. It began as a small, weekly humor paper in Madison, Wisconsin in 1989. Several years later, its distribution spread to Milwaukee and then to Chicago. By the late 1990s, it was sold at chain bookstores across the nation, and nowadays it’s available anywhere, via the internet (www.theonion.com). During the early 90s, when it was just a local Madison weekly, I was a law student at UW. I am certain that reading the *Onion* faithfully every week helped me to survive law school with my sanity intact. With final exams approaching here at IU, I thought I’d remind readers of its appeal and encourage those who’ve never read it to check it out. The articles, phantom headlines (with no article attached), man-on-the-street interviews, and graphs featured on the front page are almost always very funny. There’s nothing like a good laugh to help relieve the stress of final exams.

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**SILENT NIGHTS (AND DAYS TOO, PLEASE!)**

As we now head into the final weeks of the semester and exams, it is absolutely essential that noise be kept to a minimum in the Library. Please bear in mind that a majority of students preparing for exams require extra concentration while working in the Library, so please make an even greater effort to keep as quiet as possible. Please do not converse above a whisper at your carrels or in the stacks, and please do not hold the first floor door open while you are speaking to people in the lobby. Also remember that use of cell phones in stack areas is prohibited. Your fellow students will certainly appreciate your consideration!

Please feel free to contact a reference librarian if you wish to report noisy areas of the Library.

Keith Buckley
Collection Development Librarian
In addition to the humorous pieces for which it is most famous, the Onion features reliable, entertaining reviews of current movies, as well as new albums, videos, and books. These reviews can be found on the “A.V. Club” page; there is always a link to this page in the upper right-hand corner of the Onion’s front page. An upcoming special feature to look forward to is the A.V. Club’s annual listings of the “Ten Most Essential Albums of the Past Year” and the “Ten Least Essential Albums of the Past Year.” These lists usually appear in mid-December. In them, each Onion music reviewer writes his or her own list for each category and explains why each album deserves to be on its respective list. These lists, as well as the book and video reviews, could prove useful when you’re shopping for holiday gifts. And the current movie reviews might help you decide how to spend your free time over the winter break.

So for the sake of your mental health, go ahead, take a few minutes and check out the Onion.

Liz Larson
Reference Librarian

WORKING THE HALLS

Please join us in wishing the following people Happy Birthday!

Happy December Birthdays to:

• Prof. Craig Bradley on the 5th
• Assoc. Dean Lauren Robel on the 8th
• Barbara Cain on the 10th
• Diana Watts on the 12th
• Prof. Ann Gellis on the 22nd and
• Julie Wells on the 30th

Happy January Birthdays to:

• Beth Sullivan on the 3rd
• Prof. Hannah Buxbaum on the 9th
• Chris Zonkel on the 18th
• Prof. Roger Dworkin on the 19th
• Prof. Alex Tanford on the 23rd
• Library Director Colleen Pauwels on the 25th
• Betsy Ringrose on the 26th and
• Prof. Marshall Leaffer on the 31st

Law Library Final Exam Hours
December 1 - 14, 2001

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