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Kirstin Krumsee
promoted to
Government Information
Library Consultant



The State Library of Ohio is pleased to announce that Kirstin Krumsee has been promoted to Government Information Library Consultant. Kirstin will coordinate and maintain all aspects of the Government Documents program.

Contact **Kirstin Krumsee** to make arrangements to preserve your agency, board, or commission publications.

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Government Documents on Display at Statehouse

Picture the U. S. Air Force's [Roswell Report](#), a box containing soil samples in a variety of colors, brochures introducing the members of the 130th General Assembly, a compact disc of a spoken Native American language, pages from an e-book on baseball, a set of civics flash cards, a book of fun Ohio excursions for families, a comic book called [Sprocket Man](#), the story of Smokey the Bear in Spanish, a World War II poster, or a map of the moon.

These are just some of the colorful and noteworthy items on display in the Ohio Statehouse's Map Room until May 28. A collaboration of the Government Documents Round Table of Ohio and the State Library of Ohio, the exhibit demonstrates the world of government information in a variety of formats.

Throughout the month up to 20,000 school children will visit the Statehouse and have the opportunity to view the Government display and learn about the scope of the Federal and Ohio government and the way this information is disseminated to the public.

The items in the display come from the State Library and include both federal and State of Ohio publications. Public access to the government documents collection is guaranteed by public law (Title 44 United States Code). Information produced (electronic and physical) by federal agencies is disseminated nationwide as part of the Federal

Depository Library Program. The State Library is a Congressionally designated depository for U.S. Government Documents. The State Library's collection of federal publications includes items of historical significance going back more than two centuries.

We receive State of Ohio government publications too. The documents are cataloged and archived so that they are available to meet current and future needs. These documents are often used by state employees for researching the history of an agency, tracking changes in a regulation through the years, creating biographical sketches, or reviewing facts and figures from annual reports.

Thanks to Ohio Revised Code section [149.11](#), all state departments, divisions, bureaus, boards and commissions are required to [provide](#) the State Library with copies of print or electronic handbooks, reports, budgets, maps, compilations of laws and regulations, speeches, calendars, statistics, and many other types of material, so that it is easily available to all Ohio citizens. This important collection is a record of Ohio's government since statehood in 1803.

With your help, the State Library will continue to collect state agency publications in print and electronic form for current and future generations.

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Ask a Librarian

May I check out a book from the State Library of Ohio's Rare Book Room?

Answer:

Items in the Rare Book Room are available for viewing in the library only. Patrons are welcome to visit the State Library during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8am—5pm, to view items from the Rare Book Room. Contact the Research Services desk and ask the librarian to search for and retrieve requested Rare Book Room materials. Scans, photocopies and photos may be made depending on the condition of each item. Patrons must adhere to copyright laws.

I'm clearing out brush and cleaning up winter debris in my yard. Are there any regulations against burning them?

Answer:

Yes – the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry has guidelines to follow when burning brush and trash. This link has more information go to: www.forestry.ohiodnr.gov/burninglaws.

eBooks related to legal forms in The Ohio Digital Library

