**Finding government information without getting lost in the links**

**Content Management:**

FDsys - <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/> replaces GPO Access as the Government Printing Office answer to provision of online resources. All documents are digitally signed and authenticated.

**Catalogs:**

Catalog of U.S. Government Publications - <http://catalog.gpo.gov/F> – Find older publications and connect with a Federal Depository Library for help with access.

Agricola <http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/> - from the Department of Agriculture

PubMed/Medline - <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/> - from the National Library of Biotechnology Information

**Portals/Search Engines:**

These are especially useful for pinpointing a government agency that has an interest in your topic

Benefits.gov <http://www.benefits.gov/> - eligibility for and links to government benefits

Science.gov - <http://www.science.gov> - Science

USA.gov - <http://www.usa.gov/> - General (Google-like search capability)

**Websites for Kids/Students: a treasure trove of patron resources for adults and children:**

Bens Guide<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/> the place to go to teach yourself and your child about democracy and government. This site will soon be refurbished and contains learning modules K-2/3-5/6-8/9-12 curriculum and interactive games.

Environmental Protection Agency EPA (for students & teachers) <http://www.epa.gov/students/index.html>

FREE (Federal Resources for Educational Excellence)<http://free.ed.gov/> - This is a great guide for home-schooling parents, teachers and librarians. Includes information on primary documents and an extensive topics list for all areas of study.

Kids.gov <http://kids.gov/>

NASA’s Kids Club <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html>

Science Lab<http://www.osti.gov/sciencelab/> **–** Highly interactive and fun for all.

**Browse Lists:**

American Memory– <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html> A wonderful collection of music, film, art, literature and history from the Library of Congress.

Browse Topics - <http://www.browsetopics.gov/> - Excellent general search site.

Center for Disease Control (CDC) <http://www.cdc.gov/> -

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)<http://www.fda.gov/>

Social Security Administration SSA <http://www.ssa.gov/>

**Data Sets:**

American Factfinder2 <http://factfinder2.census.gov/main.html> - This new Census site is tricky to navigate even for Government Documents librarians. If you want to try it, go to the tutorial page (<http://factfinder2.census.gov/legacy/aff2.html>) to get yourself started.

Data.gov <http://www.data.gov/> - a compilation of government data that continues to grow.

**Federated Searching:**

MetaLib - <http://metalib.gpo.gov/V?RN=436828842> – a federated search that accesses a wide range of collections and allows for targeted topic searching. Use the A-Z Resource list to pinpoint specific agencies and subjects.

**Research Guides to U.S Government Information:**

<http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/286-Government-Information> Valery King

<http://libguides.sou.edu/federal/> Dotty Ormes