Curating Federal Document Collections for Arizona Memory Project

Introduction

The State of Arizona Research Library maintains a collection of government publications on the Arizona Memory Project (AMP) digital platform.

The collection, entitled Arizona Related Federal Publications, contains over 1,500 federal materials. Within the collection, some records are missing metadata or contain inaccurate metadata that are not consistent with Dublin Core and Arizona Memory Project metadata standards.

Due to the large size, lack of organization, and missing or inaccurate metadata, the Arizona Related Federal Publications collection is difficult to browse and access.



Goal: To increase the accessibility of the State of Arizona Research Library's collection of federal publications on the Arizona Memory Project digital platform by curating collection topics, revising metadata, and digitizing federal publications.

Process

Assess	Select	Research	Revise	Write
Reviewed existing collection and identified relevant topics for two new collections	Chose materials from existing collection to shift to new curated collections	Located additional federal materials in library catalog and digitized them	Edited collection metadata in CONTENTdm to meet Dublin Core and AMP standards	Drafted collection descriptions and identified collection images

Outcomes

- The project added two new curated collections to the Arizona Memory Project: Arizona Census – Federal Materials and Arizona Watersheds – Federal Materials.
- The project digitized over 50 federal publications for the new collections and added accompanying metadata.
- The project edited over 1,300 metadata records in the Arizona Related Federal Publications collection and in the two new collections to meet Dublin Core and AMP standards.
- The project made two new collections and the revised Arizona Related Federal Publications collection accessible to the public on the Arizona Memory Project platform.









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