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U.S. Federal Government Documents Program Update

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Background

◆ 2011: Constitutional Convention, Ballot Measure

"facilitate collective action to create a comprehensive digital corpus of U.S. federal publications including those issued by GPO and other federal agencies"

◆ 2014: Program Steering Committee, Government Documents Initiative Planning and Advisory Working Group, Status Report and Recommendations

"…substantive and sustained action"

◆ 2016: U.S. Federal Government Documents Program

759,884 US federal government documents ->

U.S. Federal Government Documents Program

Expand & enhance digital access to U.S. federal publications in HathiTrust

- ◆ **Build a comprehensive HathiTrust digital collection** of federal documents that are distributed in print format as part of the Federal Depository Library Program.

- ◆ Ensure that the HathiTrust federal documents collection and services participate in and benefit from HathiTrust initiatives including i**mproved quality, shared print collection management, collection development, enhanced resource discovery, and broader access to scholarly materials.**

- ◆ **Solve shared problems related to identifying, cataloging, digitizing, organizing, preserving, hosting, and providing access** to all U.S. federal documents, not only those currently represented in HathiTrust.

https://www.hathitrust.org/usdocs_registry

HATHI TRUST Digital Library

United States Federal Government Documents Registry

Search...   All Fields   **Search** 🔍

Refine Results

HathiTrust Catalog
Full View (740,640)
Limited (90,626)
Not In HathiTrust (4,535,239)

Format
Print (4,119,575)
Book (3,106,858)
Journal/Newspaper (1,772,657)
Online (1,489,290)
Microform (730,189)
more formats ↓

Publication Date
1789 - 1799 (10,442)
1800 - 1809 (8,956)
1810 - 1819 (67,854)

United States Government Documents Registry

This is a beta release of the HathiTrust US Federal Government Documents Registry. The Registry is intended to include item-level metadata for the comprehensive corpus of U.S. federal documents produced from 1789 to the present. For more detailed background information, see Creating a Registry of US Federal Government Documents. This is not a record of what can be found in the HathiTrust Digital Library - the scope is broader and includes materials in all formats.

This is a work in progress and we know that there are things that still need to be worked on, but we would appreciate your feedback.

Please focus your feedback on:

Search results:

- Was the display of results what you were expecting?
- Was the content of the results what you were expecting?
- Are there any obvious gaps in content you noticed?
- Any obvious duplicate records?

Record display:

- Was there any information you were expecting that wasn't available?
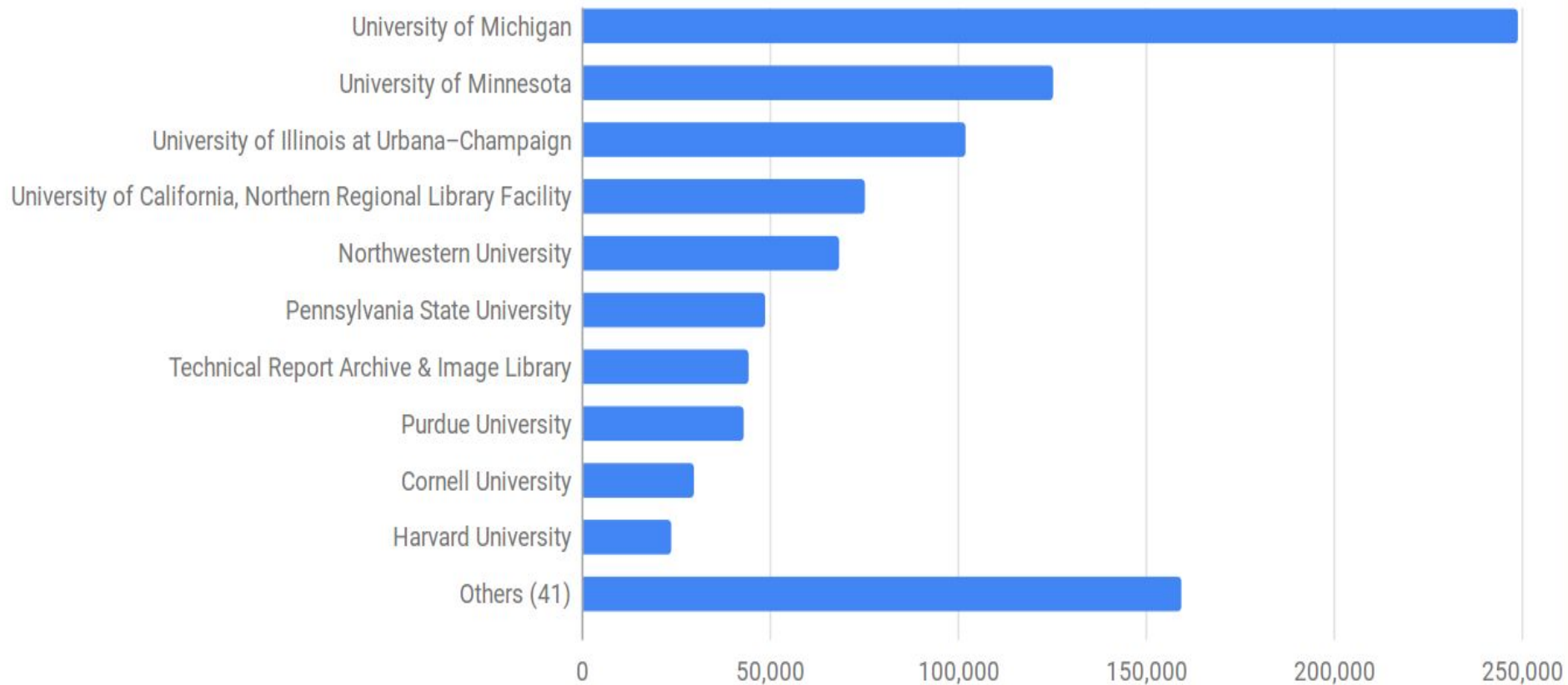- Were there any confusing labels?

Overall:

- Is there any functionality you consider necessary that is currently unavailable?

Collection profile

◆ Produce an initial internal profile report to be distributed to partners/stakeholders

◆ Establish baseline metrics

◆ Enable HathiTrust staff to identify opportunities for collaborative collection building and refinement

◆ Gain experience towards figuring out the best method for providing ongoing regular updates of the descriptive analysis of collections
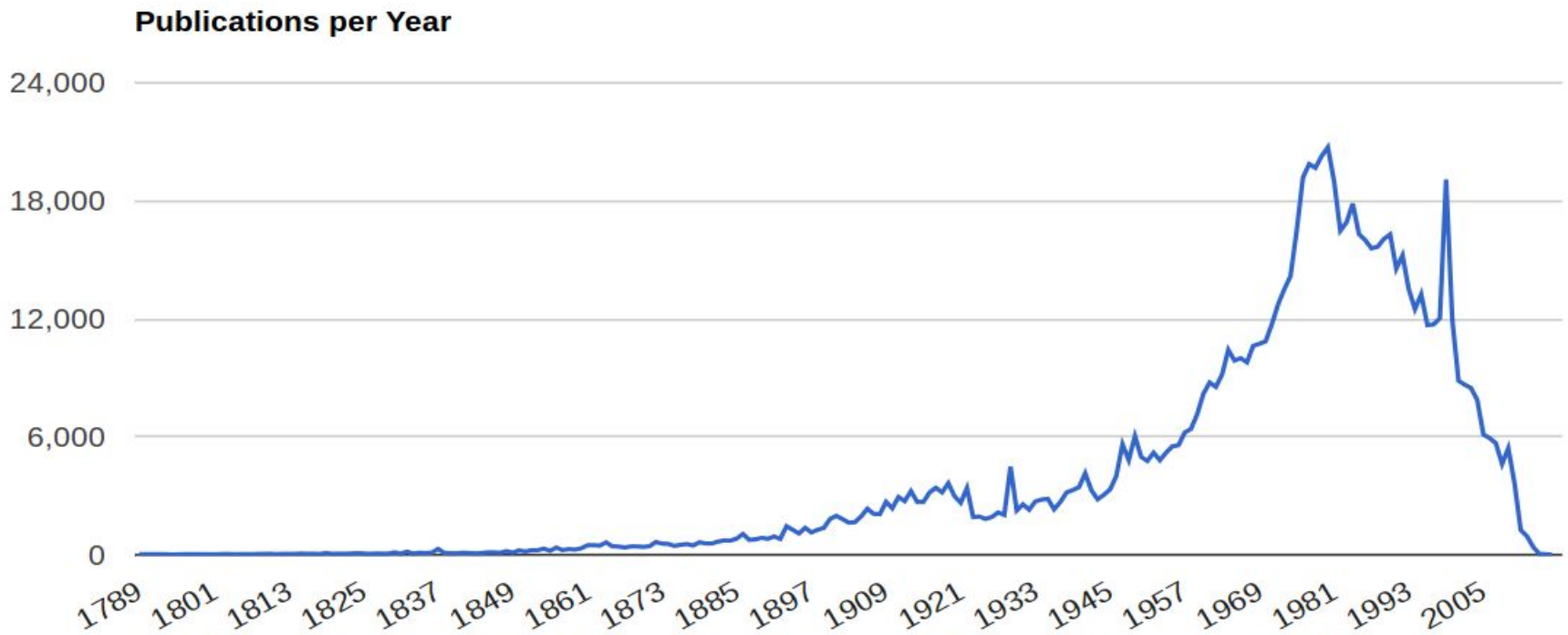
Contributors of federal documents

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Volumes by SuDoc Number

SuDoc	Agency	Vols
Y 4	Congress	78756
Y 3	Congress	20933
A 13	Agriculture	12546
NAS 1	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	9892
I 28	Interior Department	9277
Y 1	Congress	9136
C 3	Commerce Department	6947
HE 20	Health and Human Services Department	5942
GA 1	Government Accountability Office	5874
I 19	Interior Department	4848
D 101	Defense Department	4793
S 1	State Department	4335
A 1	Agriculture	4270
C 13	Commerce Department	3882
ED 1	Education Department	2765

Publications by year

Publications per Year

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Comprehensive?

	Series	# Items in HT	# Items in Registry	% Comprehensiveness
1	Congressional Record	28	11,266	0.25
2	Statistical Abstract	133	230	57.83
3	United States Reports	1,136	2,517	45.13
4	Foreign Relations	1,020	6,830	14.93
5	Congressional Serial Set	15,992	81,431	19.64
6	Civil Rights Commission	870	3,078	28.27
7	Economic Report Of The President	30	144	20.83

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U.S. Federal Government Documents Program Plan

◆ Build the collection
- Establish collection development framework
- Assess current state of the collection and establish reporting
- Coordinate digitization and develop collaborative digitization projects
- Address already digitized and born digital documents

◆ Improve discovery & access
- Open up more documents via improved bibliographic data and rights review
- Shared print commitments for monographs
- Improve user experience
- Ensure quality
- Build specific collections using Collection Builder
- Explore possibilities for engagement with Research Center

◆ Communications & community
- Establish strategic communications
- Develop projects to engage the community

Thank You

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