State Databases: Mining the Deep Web

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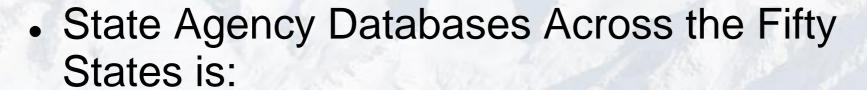
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Learning Objectives

- By the time we're done, you should:
 - Know what the State Agency Databases project is.
 - Understand several things that this project makes possible or easier.
 - How you can help the project
 - Not with financial donations!

What is it?



- A librarian led effort to identify and consolidate all publicly accessible databases produced by state government agencies around the country.
- Sponsored by ALA GODORT SLDTF

Interlude: Why Librarians?

- We don't charge users
- We respect users privacy
- We're into sharing and reuse, not:
- 5. Restrictions and Prohibitions on Use.

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What is it? Continued

- State Agency Databases Across the Fifty States is:
 - Part of the ALA GODORT Wiki
 - Available at
 - http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/State
 - Curated by documents librarians and other subject experts
 - Has listings of databases by state, then by agency.
 - Has some listings of databases by subject

Demonstrations

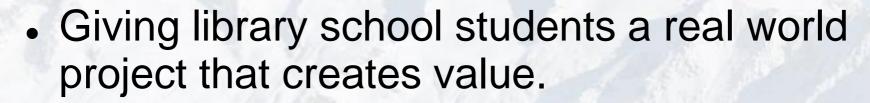
North Carolina

- North Carolina Builders & Architects: A Biographical Dictionary
- Alaska
 - Daily K-9 Lesson Plan Database
- Missouri
 - Missouri Fish and Wildlife Information System

What Does This Project Enable?

- Easy creation of subject based database lists such as prisoner locators.
- Easy cross state searching. Try
- Illustration of how different states handle similar data in different ways.
- Provision of examples to state agencies contemplating creating a database.

What Does This Project Enable?



unprotect

history



Oklahoma

GODORT: Oklahoma Database Sites

discussion

Note from Daniel Comwall: This page is the result of a project from a Government Publications class at the University of Oklahoma SLIS. I'm very grateful for their work and encourage other LIS institutions to adopt vacant state pages.

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 - 6.1.5 Oklahoma Department of Libraries

Other Ways Librarians Use Project

- Comments from a survey of project volunteers:
 - "I have used it for reference in finding state agency websites. I teach classes on SC agency databases, websites, publications, etc and several people have said the page was useful to find other state information."
 - "We used the Michigan Department of Community Health statistical databases to help a patron."

How You Can Help!

 Adopt a state. Build a subject collection. Publicize the project. Join our Facebook page.

Adopt a State or Subject Page!

- States Without Someone to Care For Them:
 - Rhode Island
 - Texas
- Any of our subject pages
- Interested? Read the Volunteer Guide and contact me!

Build a Subject Collection

- Create your own or use one of these Ideas:
 - Campaign Finance / Lobbyist Information
 - Curriculum Guides and materials Produced by many state education departments.
 - Environmental Databases Perhaps broken down by type (spills, tanks, habitat, etc)
 - Healthcare practitioners databases A number of states maintain online directories of doctors and other health care professionals.

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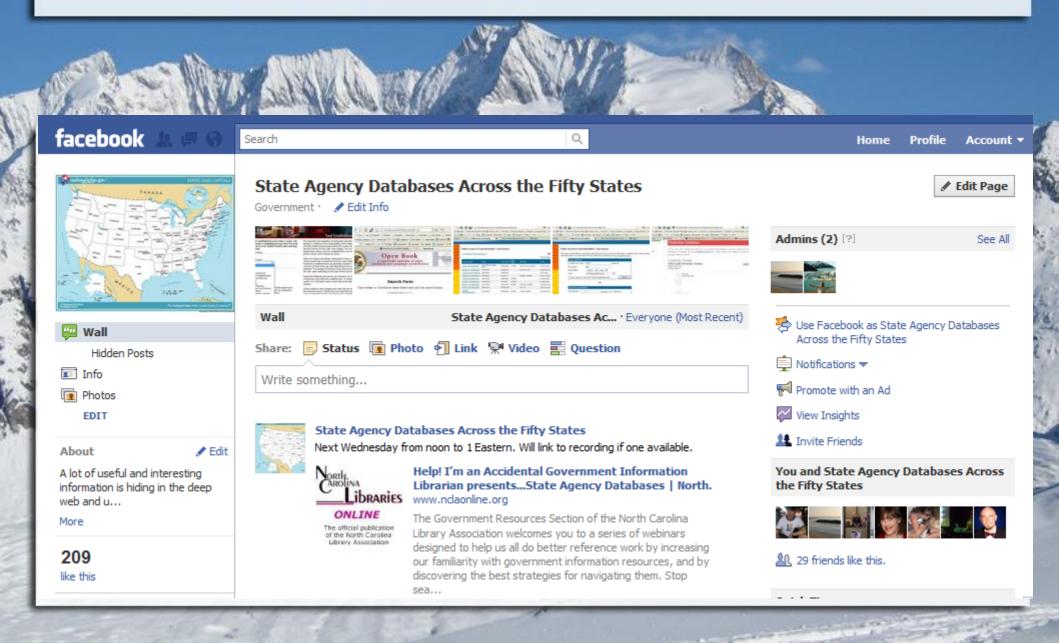
Ideas, Continued:

- Road Conditions Many states have databases that track road conditions and construction activities. Some come with webcams.
- School Directories Many states produce extensive information on schools.
- Tourism databases Some states have databases of tourist activity, top attractions, economic impact, etc.

Publicize the Project

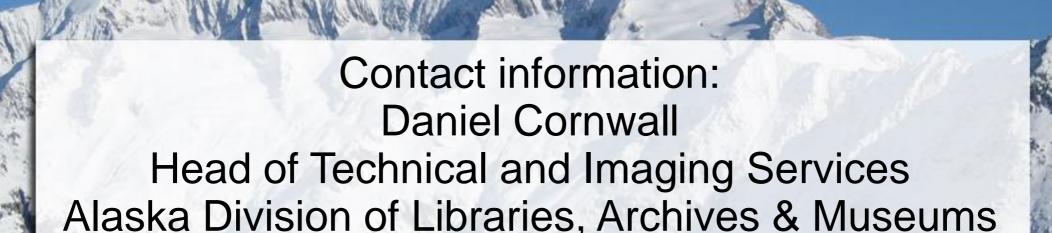
- Tell your friends.
- Blog about pages or databases from the project.
- Link to the project from your website.
- Use your online social networks to share our pages.

Join Our Facebook Page!



Who Will Ask the 1st Question?

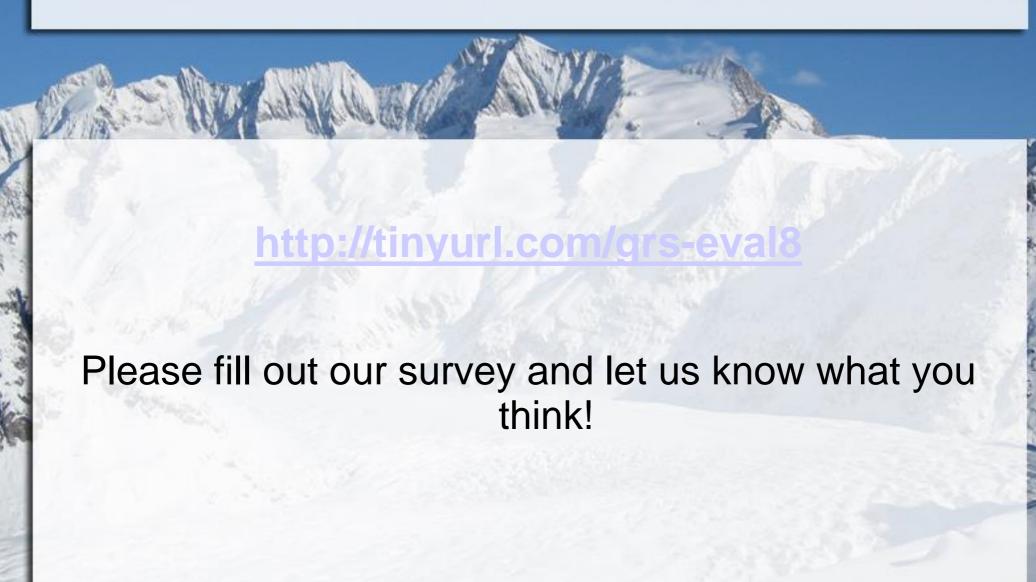




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