Finding Government Publications

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Objectives

1. Finding Government Publications in the Library
2. Online Canadian Government Publications
3. Online UN Publications
Challenge!

- Find government publications on

  Child labour in developing countries
What did you do?

- What terms did you use?
- How do you know it’s a government publication?
- Why do we care about government publications?
Finding Print Government Publications

- Use the library catalogue
- Search by title/journal title
- Search by author
- Search by author/title keyword
- Search by subject keyword *(1995 to the present)*
- Search by keyword(s) anywhere
- Limit to government publications
Tips and Tricks

- Identify main concepts
  - child labour
  - Developing countries

- Think of synonyms (advanced search)
  - child or youth

- Phrase searching
  - “developing countries”
CODOC  Aspirations of Canadian youth for higher education

Country Code
CA = Canada
UK = United Kingdom
UN = United Nations
US = United States

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Year of Publication
2004

Title identifier
A71
CODOC

- Co-operative Documents (Project)
- 11 Academic libraries in the 1970s
- Classification system was developed specifically for government documents and allows them to be shelved alphabetically by country or organization, then by level of government (federal, provincial, municipal, etc.) and then by department, division and branch (Human Resources and Skills Development, Ministry of Labour)
Hint:

- It helps to know the structure of the government
- Ask yourself:
  - Which department might be responsible for this information?
- Careful! Department or Ministry names can change
  - Labour Department
  - Human Resources and Development Canada
  - Human Resources and Social Development
Save Time!

- Be sure to check
  - location
    - which library?
    - which collection?
    - use Book Location Guide to find the right floor
  - status
    - checked out
    - reserve
    - non-circulating
- Gov Pubs are sometimes non-circulating (check for barcode!)

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Online Government Information

How to Find page on library homepage
Online Government Information

- Guides
  - Finding gov pubs in Mills
  - Broader guide
- Hot Docs!
- Gov Pubs on the Web
  - Major Government Portals, not individual items
Online Canadian Gov Pubs

- McMaster Resources
  - Canadian Research Index
  - CBCA
  - CPI.Q
  - Lexis Nexis
- Statistics Canada – [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)
- Canadian Depository Program
  [http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/index-e.html](http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/index-e.html)
Statistics

- Statistics Canada [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)
- Estat – census and survey data
- Cansim – survey data
Using Search Engines to Find e-Gov Pubs

- Advanced Google/Google Scholar Search
  - Limit .gc.ca, .gov.on.ca, .gov, .mil

- Google Uncle Sam
McMaster’s Online UN Documents

- AccessUN

- SourceOECD

- Secondary Sources:
  - PAIS International
  - Columbia International Affairs Online
  - Social Sciences Index
AccessUN

- Contains official UN Documents
  - Sales publications
  - Periodicals
  - Mastheads
  - Official Records
  - Draft Resolutions
  - Meeting Records
  - UN Treaty Series

- Current and Retrospective Documents
  - 1946 - present
Searching AccessUN

Access on campus and from home using MacID

- Search by
  - Keywords
  - Subjects
  - Title
  - Number

- Limit by
  - Format
  - Year
  - Full Text
Help!

Lost? Check out the Help section for info on:

– Searching
– Subject headings
– UN Documentation Numbers
– Citing from AccessUN
Your Turn!

- Try to find documents on

  Discrimination of women in the workforce

  War on Terrorism

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Finding Docs from AccessUN

- Some available fulltext
- Write down UN Document Number
- All UN microfiche are on 2nd floor cabinets (JX 1977 .A2)
What do those numbers mean?

- First Part
  - The parent organ issuing the document or to which the document is submitted

- Second Part
  - The subsidiary body

- Last Part
  - Type of document and number
UN Document Number exs.

- A/59/597
  - A = General Assembly
  - 59 = Session Number (year)
  - 597 = Document number

- A/RES/59/194
  - A = General Assembly
  - RES = Resolution
  - 59 = Session number (year)
  - 194 = Document number

More Examples can be found in the UN Documentation Centre Research Guide
SourceOECD

- Publications of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

- Includes monographs and statistics

- Good for employment
UN Docs on the Web

- ILO
- UNBISNET
- ODS
- UN Documentation Centre
- UN Publications
- United Nations
- UN Pulse
Conclusion

➢ Questions?

➢ Remember
  – ask for help if you need it!

Library homepage - Need Help? Just Ask!