

Getting to Know . . .

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Although I've been a GODORT member since 2016, the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing move to virtual events has meant that there's many of you I still haven't met in-person and there's plenty of new GODORT members I have yet to meet at all. I thought I would take this column to answer a few introductory questions from the ~~D~~itor. Feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any additional questions and I hope to see you all in-person or at a GODORT virtual event soon!

1. How/why did you become a government information/documents librarian?

Thank you for the GODORT Help! I'm an Accidental Government Information Librarian webinar series is for librarians like me! I didn't initially have plans to be a government information librarian, or even be a librarian. In undergrad at Carleton College, my work study job was working the circulation desk at the college's library and I enjoyed the atmosphere and environment so much that after graduating I went from getting my Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics to pursuing my MLIS degree at the University of Washington iSchool.

At UW, I got hired as a student reference specialist in the Suzzallo Library's Government Publications, Maps, -Microforms, & Newspapers (GMM) unit and the rest is history! In 2016, I became the Geography and Global Studies Librarian at UW in the GMM unit.

Even though my path to government information librarianship was more a result of a series of happy accidents than a predetermined career path, working as a government information librarian has been a natural fit for my lifelong interests in politics and history, and I even get to pryry atp(s)h7h(s)-5.30patp(s)h7.333 Td [(t)6-4125985(a)2 (t.3s)h7h(s)-9.9 ()h7.333 Tpri19 Tw 0g0.6 (5 (t f)-0.]TJ 0. C-1.337 0.034 (o)10.7 1d [(t)6-4125)s d5.8 (r-9.1 (a)-2)0.6 (437 0-23.8 (h)919 (o)9.3 (u)-14