

**GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SECTION REPORT
JULY 13, 2002**

MPLA/NDLA/SDLA 2000 Tri-Conference Programming

Three programs sponsored by the Government Documents Section have been scheduled for the MPLA/NDLA/SDLA 2000 Tri-Conference:

- 1) "How to Find the Census Data You Need" -- a half day Preconference, Wednesday, October 2, presented by Jerry O'Donnell of the U.S. Census Bureau Regional Office in Denver.
- 2) "Mapping a Nation: A History Portrayed Cartographically," Thursday, October 3, 12:00-1:30 p.m., an examination of some of the maps that accompany the development of our nation through the pages of the American State Papers and the U.S. Congressional Serial Set, presented by Donna Koepp, Head of Government Documents, Harvard (formerly Map Librarian, University of Kansas). Co-sponsored by the MPLA Academic Section and the Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section.
- 3) "Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights and Trade Secrets: Introductory Strategies for Reference Service," Friday, October 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m., by Nan Myers, Government Documents, Patents, and Trademarks Librarian, Wichita State University.

ByLaws Revision

The Government Documents Section Chair and Chair-Elect have drafted revised wording of the MPLA Bylaws for the Government Documents Section. We propose sending out to the section membership via MPLA-L at least 30 days prior to the 2002 Tri-Conference, then voting at the Tri-Conference GovDoc business meeting. If approved, the section will present the revisions at the 2nd Executive Board meeting at the Tri-Conference.

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Chair