

INTRODUCTION

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Linda R. Zellmer provides government information on the environment and natural sciences. With the move to migrate from print to electronic publishing a wealth of government publications are now available free on the Internet. Any library can learn how to add electronic government documents to their online catalog and/or download and enhance a Web page template of basic government documents resources using the start-up kit in this issue. This issue also includes articles by Andrea Singer on locating foreign documents and Daina Bohr on the processing of federal documents.

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