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Publishing and Depository Services Directorate: Enhancing our services

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PDSD statistics

- Our collection includes records for more than 430,000 Government of Canada publications, and over 315,000 of these are freely downloadable.
- Approximately 2,300,000 visits on our website and more than 5,000,000 page views in 2017-2018.
- In 2017-2018, our team catalogued over 64,000 publications (including both monographs and serials).
- There were more than 1,500,000 downloads of our publications in 2017-2018.



Increasing Accessibility : Gov't Priority

PDSD is asking all government departments to provide HTML links alongside portable electronic copies of their publications, when available.

- Since 2017-2018, PSDS has added approx. 1,200 HTML links to the collection.

Cataloguing projects

- Statistics Canada (ongoing)
 - Includes approximately 145,000 publications dating from the late 19th century to the early 2000s
- Canadian General Standards Board (completed)
 - PDSD's collection now includes 177 freely available standards in electronic format
- PDSD has also added (or is in process of adding) a large number of digitized publications from the following departments:
 - Privy Council Office, Finance Canada and Public Health Agency of Canada (completed)
 - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Environment and Climate Change Canada Libraries and Canada Economic Council (ongoing)



Service improvements

- In 2017, PDSD introduced improvements to the [Weekly Acquisitions List](#) (WAL) to allow clients to filter their views and select individual MARC records for download.
- Our bibliographic records are now discoverable via Z39.50
 - This means other institutions will now be able to use their own library systems to search our database directly and download our bibliographic records, incorporating them into their own catalogue.



Website improvements

- On March 15, 2018 PDSD launched its new website as part of the Web Renewal Initiative (WRI), which is aimed at improving how Canadians access Government of Canada information and services online.
- Along with the new interface, improvements have been made to the bibliographic record view, including earlier/later editions for monographs and more complete title information.



Future improvements

- RDA and LCSH
- Metadata harvesting
- Search improvements
 - Advanced search interface
 - Filtering search results
 - Improved relevancy in search results

Other priority

- Repealing the *Publication of Statutes Regulations* to continue printing of the Annual Statutes of Canada (in the new format adopted by Justice Canada in January 2016).
 - The file is moving forward. PDSD is working with other government stakeholders to complete the process required to repeal the Regulations.
 - The *Annual Statutes 2016* should be printed in the [New Layout for Legislation](#) in 2018.

Outreach

- Infodep – A mailing list service to which any library can subscribe to get updates and participate in conversations related to Government of Canada publications.
- Library Advisory Committee – A committee established to collaborate with stakeholders to discuss operations, policies, practices, plans, direction and services.
- Meeting and conferences across the country to meet and discuss with Canadians and library stakeholders.



Questions, comments or ideas? Contact us!

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