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Introduction

This poster illustrates our practice and process of using the Internet Archive (IA) as a repository for digitized government publications. It shows how libraries without an institutional repository, or those that have an IR but lack support for uploading depository content, can still participate in digitization and preservation programs. By doing so, the library can highlight the value of its depository collection.

Problem: Is This You?

- No money
- No staff
- No institutional repository
- You have an IR but lack support for putting government publications on it.
- You have to weed but want to retain at least a digital copy--if only you had someplace to put the digital file.

Solution: Internet Archive

- Free
- High SEO - contents discoverable via Google
- Automatically OCRs text uploads
- Unrestricted views and downloads in various accessible formats.
- Committed to Open Access (no snippet views or fees)
- Safe and stable - established in 1996
- High profile supporters:



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The Process

1.



Sign up for an account
www.archive.org/signup

2. Upload

Robust metadata is crucial to making your items findable. Data entry is not always intuitive. Use these tips to move from a catalog or Worldcat record to Internet Archive entry to display on IA.

Hard labor :
history and archaeology at the Old Louisiana State Penitentiary, Baton Rouge, Louisiana /
United States. General Services Administration.
1991
English # Book 44 pages : illustrations, maps, plans ; 23 cm
Fort Worth, Tex. (819 Taylor St., Fort Worth) : General Services Administration,
1991.

Availability: **FirstSearch indicates your institution owns the item.**
• Libraries worldwide that own this item: 218
• ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIV
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Find Items About: **Hard labor** (4); United States. (10,549,972)

Title: **Hard labor : history and archaeology at the Old Louisiana State Penitentiary, Baton Rouge, Louisiana /**

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Publication: Fort Worth, Tex. (819 Taylor St., Fort Worth) : General Services Administration.
Year: 1991
Description: 44 pages : illustrations, maps, plans ; 23 cm
Language: English

Descriptor: Archaeology and history -- Louisiana -- Baton Rouge.
Convict labor -- Louisiana -- Baton Rouge -- History.
Prison administration -- Louisiana -- Baton Rouge -- History.
Prisoners -- Louisiana -- Baton Rouge -- History.
Government publications -- United States.
Government publications.
Archaeology and history.
Convict labor.
Prison administration.
Prisoners.

Genre/Form: History.

Geographic: United States.
Louisiana -- Baton Rouge.

Note(s): Shipping list no.: 93-0145-P/ Includes bibliographical references (pages 42-44).

Class Descriptors: GovDoc: GS 1.2.L 11; GPO Item No: 0559; LC: HV2475.L22; Dewey: 976.3

Other Titles: **History and archaeology at the Old Louisiana State Penitentiary, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Responsibility: by General Services Administration ...

Material Type: Government publication (gpb); National government publication (ngp)

Screenshot: WorldCat Bib. Record

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Page URL * <https://archive.org/details/HardLabor> ✓

Description * "This booklet relates the history and archaeology of the old penitentiary, a complex of buildings occupying an area of three city blocks. The story combines the rich archival records available for the penitentiary with the finds of the modern archaeological investigations. This combination provides intriguing insights into a little-studied component of Louisiana history." p. 1 ✓

Subject Tags * Archaeology and history -- Louisiana -- Baton Rouge. Convict labor -- Louisiana -- Baton Rouge -- History. Prison administration -- Louisiana -- Baton Rouge -- History. Prisoners -- Louisiana -- Baton Rouge -- History. Government publications -- United States. Government publications. Archaeology and history. Convict labor. Prison administration. Prisoners. ✓

Creator * United States. General Services Administration. ✓

Date 1991 ✓

Collection * Community texts ✓

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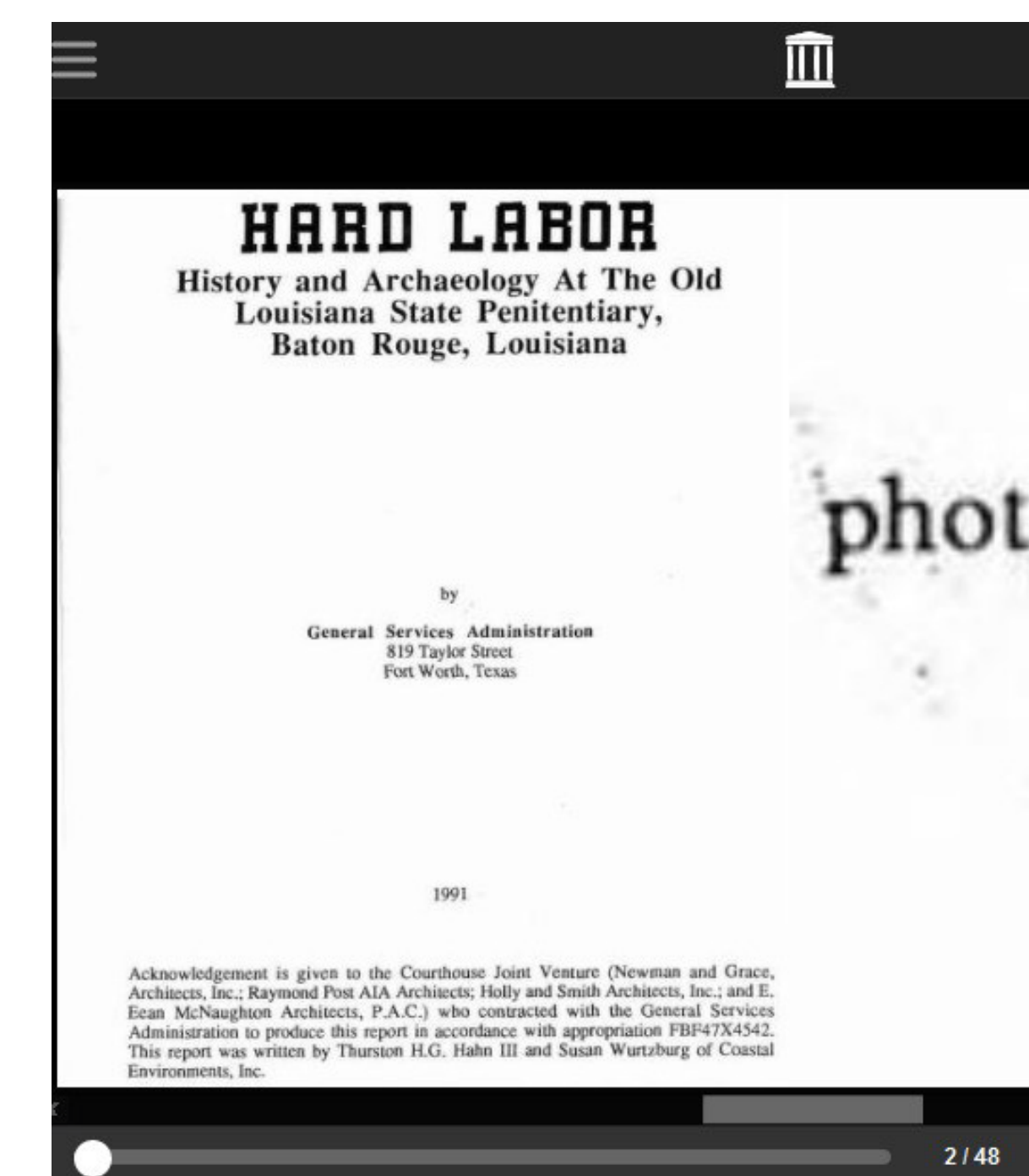
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Screenshot: Data Entry on Internet Archive



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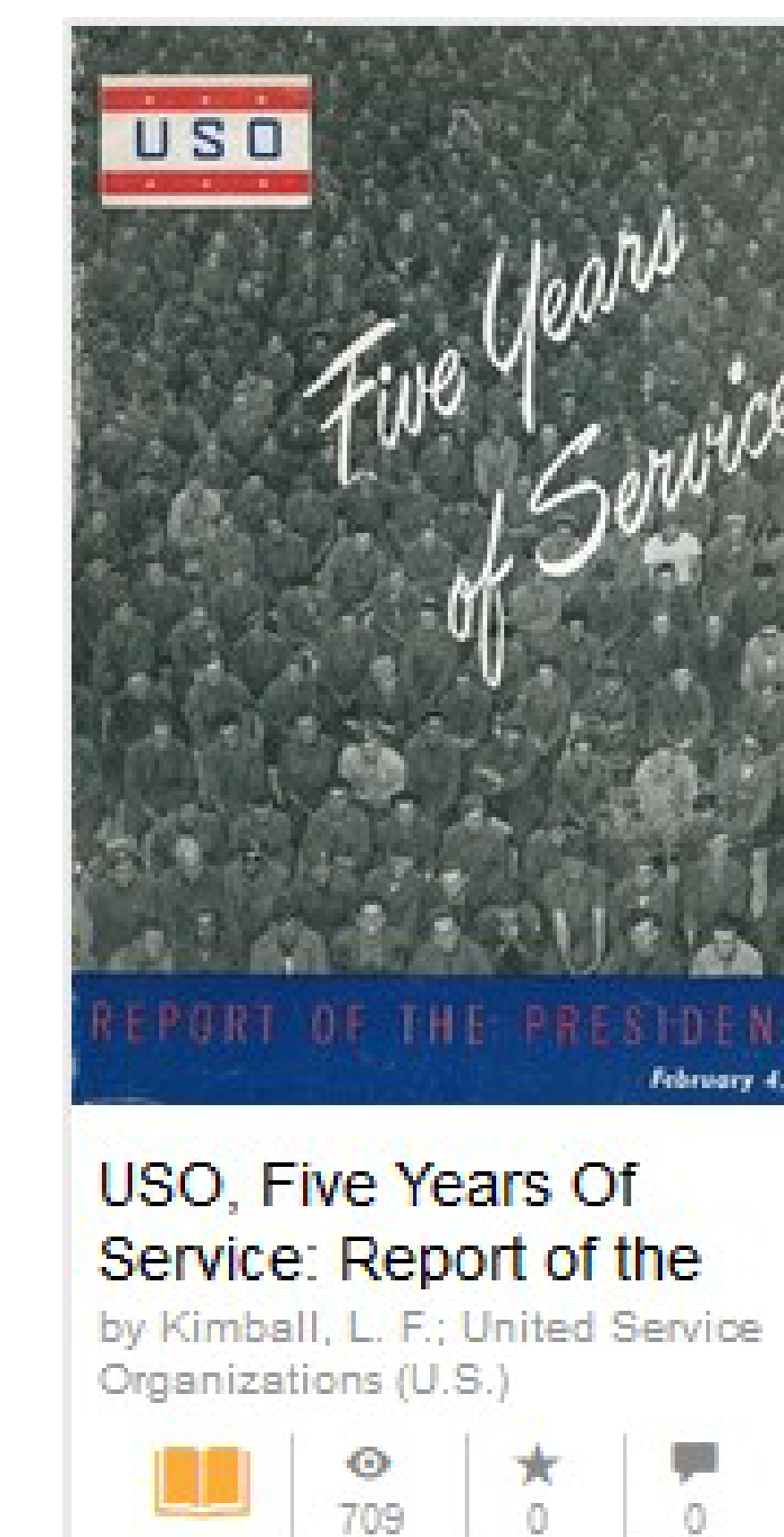
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Screenshot: Public View Internet Archive

Tips

- Scan at 300-600 dpi and save as pdf.
- Scan entire document including front and back covers and blank pages to preserve the book experience.
- Make liberal use of metadata fields.
- After uploading at least 50 items, request your own branded library collection to further promote your library.



Results & Conclusions

Titles that were weeded due to low use in our on-site collection were some of the most accessed items in our Internet Archive collection.

Popular topics: historical, military, WWII, etc.

Excellent solution for "digitization on-demand" titles.

Download counts are a good way to show the value of your collection beyond what traditional circulation counts show.

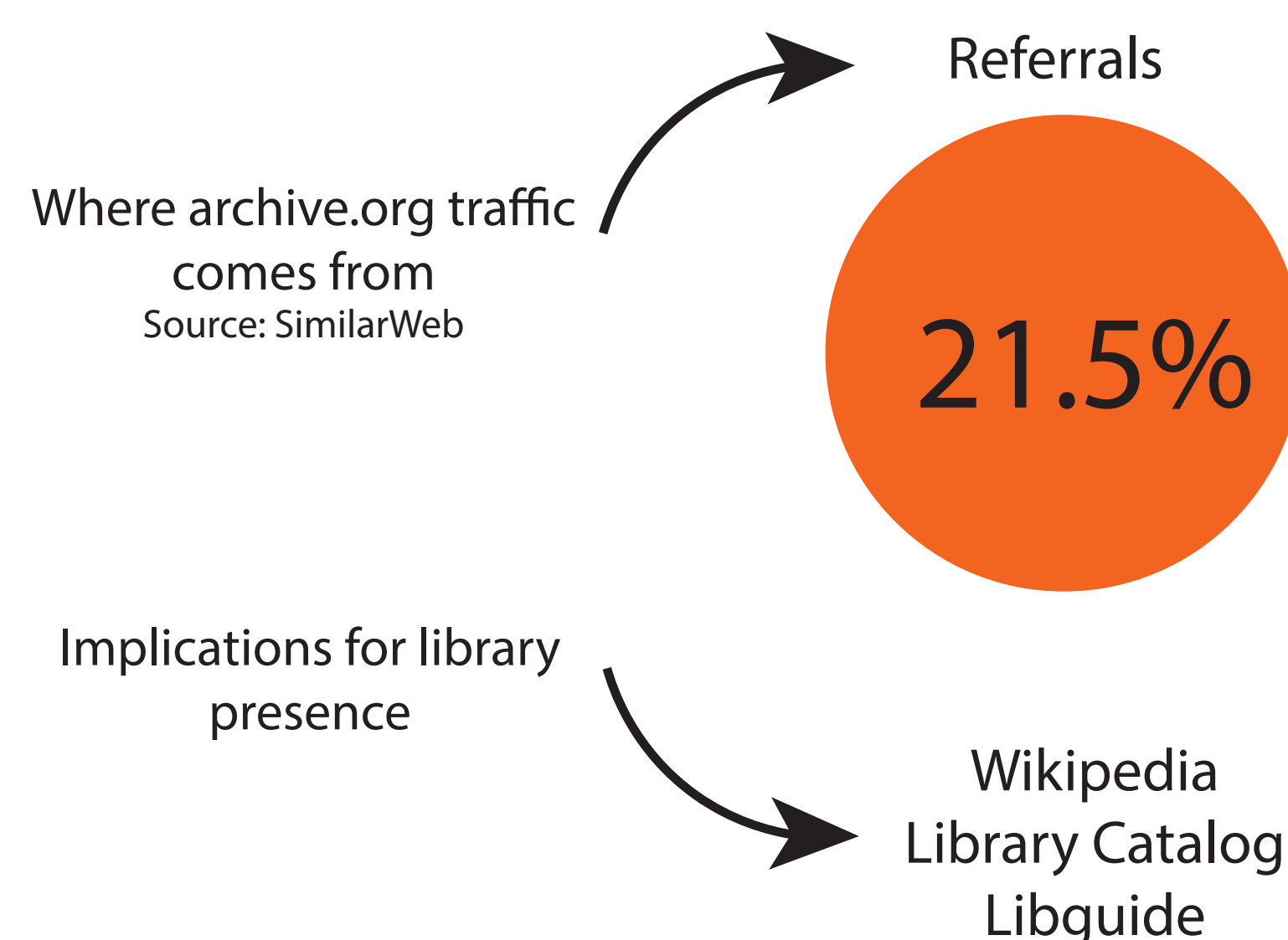
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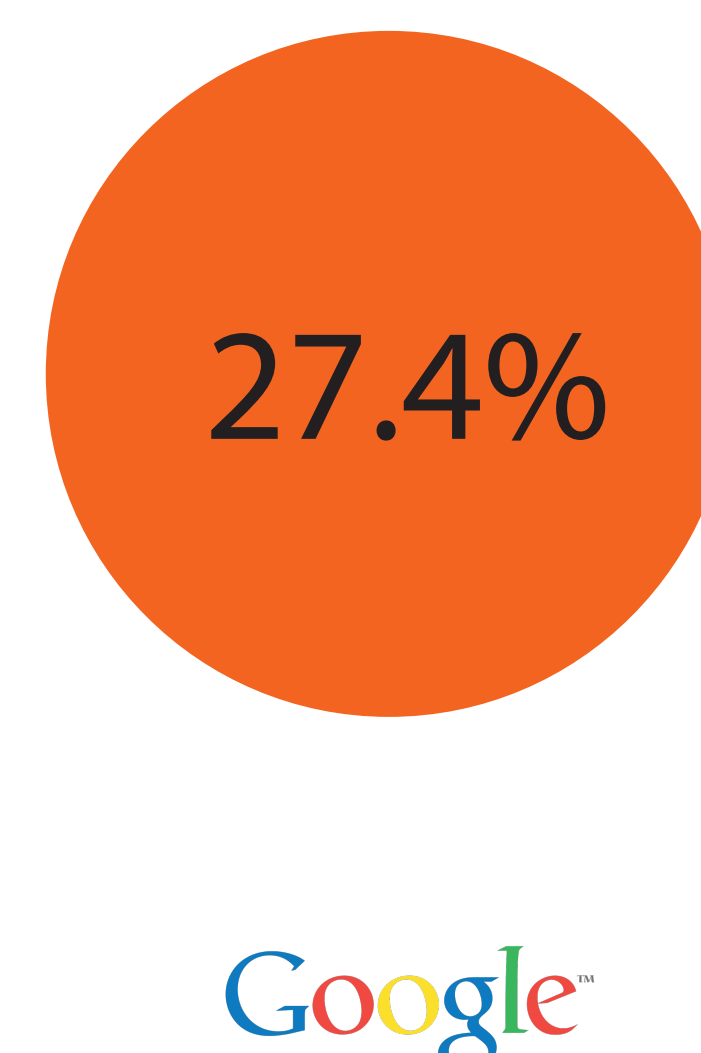
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