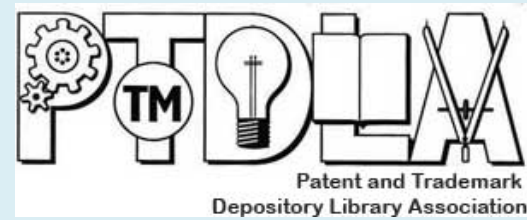


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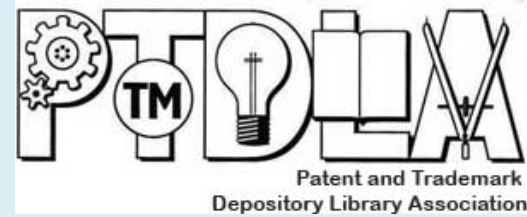
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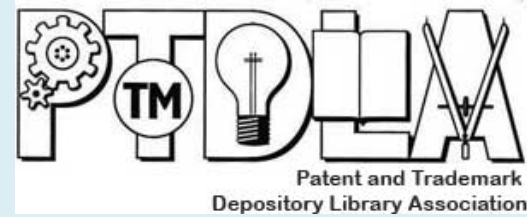


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Part I:
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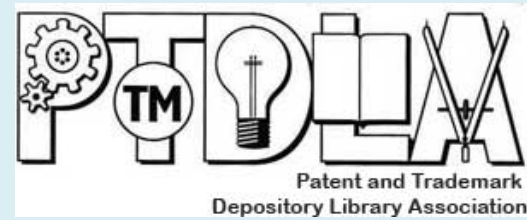
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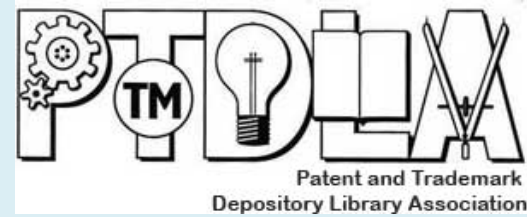


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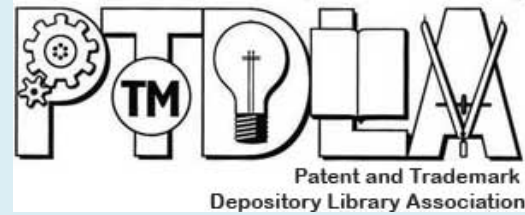
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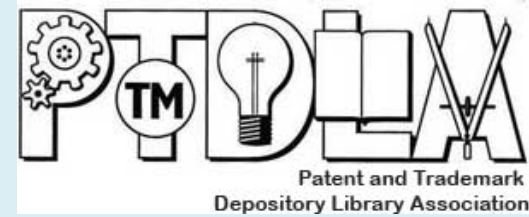
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- 1790 Patent Act
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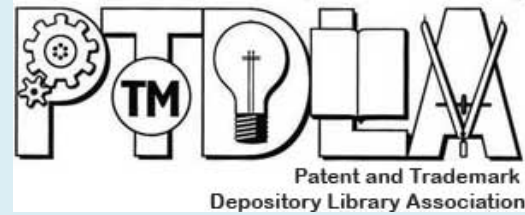
Trademarks

- 1870 First Law, but overthrown by Supreme Court
- 1946 Lanham Act
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Copyright

- Administered by the Library of Congress
- 1790 First Copyright Act
- 1870 copyright functions centralized in the Library of Congress
- Recently changed with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act
- <http://www.copyright.gov/laws/>



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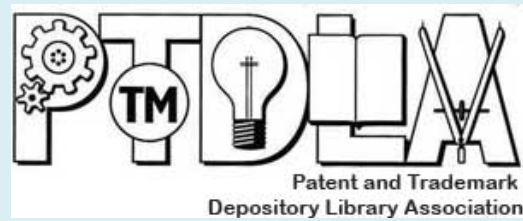
1977 At the invitation of the USPTO, patent depository libraries hold the first annual meeting at the USPTO.

1982 CASSIS online search system is implemented, to supplement manual patent searching. PDLs convert from paper to microfilm format for their patent collections.

1989 CASSIS CD-ROM replaces CASSIS Online for patent searching.

1990 The Patent Depository Library Program (PDLP) starts to incorporate trademarks as well, and becomes the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program (PTDLP).

2000 Images of all U.S. Patents from 1790 to date, and full-text from 1976 to date, are made available on the USPTO's web site.



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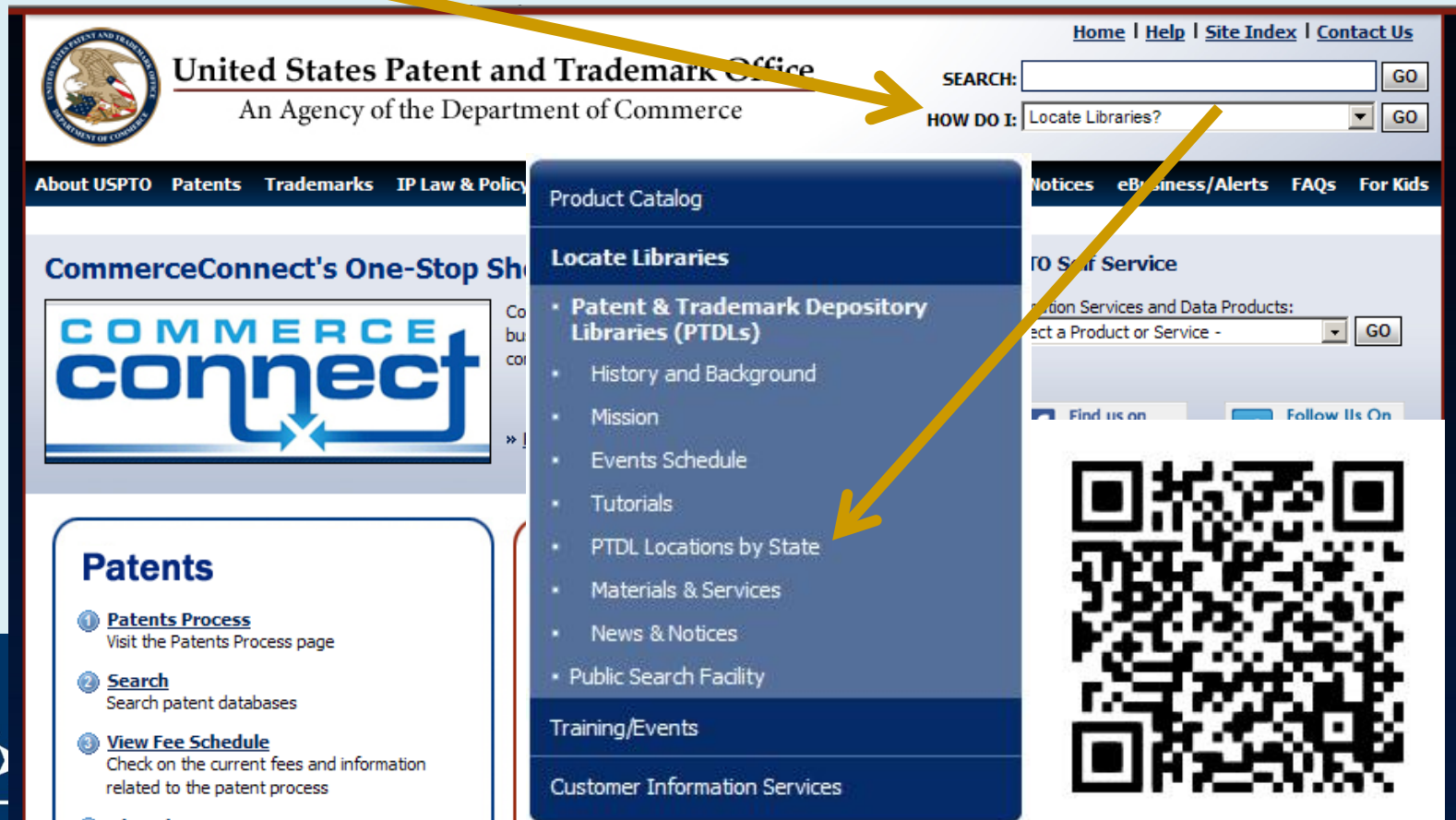
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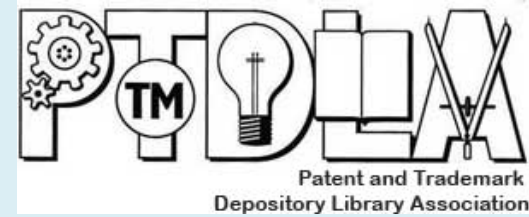
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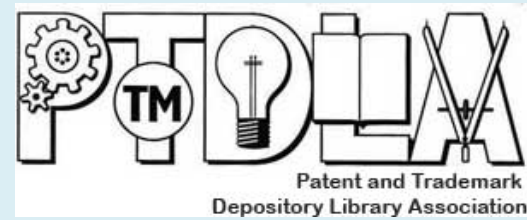
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