



The FDLP emblem or signage on or near depository library buildings is used to demonstrate that Federal depository libraries provide free, public access to U.S. Government information resources. GPO's ongoing review of the 2007 Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries indicates that dozens of libraries and selective housing sites do not have the emblem or signage posted on or near their library buildings.

GPO would like to remind Federal depository libraries of the following:

- It is important that all depository libraries "post signage or the depository emblem in a prominent location, preferably visible from the exterior of the library, indicating the library is a Federal depository and government information resources are available for use by the general public without charge." Federal Depository Library Handbook, pages 4-8 and 4-15.
 - Also, for depositories with any selective housing agreements, it is important that all selective housing sites "post the depository emblem in a prominent location, preferably visible from the exterior of the library, indicating that government information products can be used by the general public without charge. Your depository library should provide the selective housing site with the free decals." Federal Depository Library Handbook, pages 9-12 and 9-14.
 - This information is also repeated in the Federal Depository Library Handbook Appendix B: Important for Library Administrators.
 - Please contact GPO if you have any questions. We are always happy to discuss your individual library situation so that we may help you identify ways to fulfill FDLP requirements.
 - Free decals and other promotional materials are available from GPO and may be ordered [online](#).
- . The Depository Library Decal is available with a sticky side on the front or back so that you may place the decal inside or outside a window. You may also affix the decal to an information stand or other non-glass surface outside of the library. If you develop your own signage, it should include the emblem and statutory language that appears on the Depository Library Decals.

If you have questions or comments, please use the [askGPO](#) help service. When submitting a question, please choose the category "Federal Depository Libraries" and the subcategory

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“Public Access Issues” in order to ensure that your question is routed to the correct area.