



Depository Library Council Business Meeting

October 23, 2020 | 2:15 – 3:15 (EDT)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Standing Items
 - a. Approval of 4/22/2020 Minutes
 - b. GPO Responses to Spring 2020 Recommendations
 - c. Election of Next Council Chair
- IV. Working Group Reports
 - a. Collection and Discovery Services
 - b. Digital Deposit
 - c. Digital Only Depository Libraries
 - d. Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives
 - e. Q&A / Discussion about Working Group Activities
- VI. Council Discussion of Conference and Potential Recommendations from Fall 2020 Meeting
- VII. Questions, comments, feedback from the depository library community



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Spring 2020 Depository Library Council Recommendations and GPO Responses



COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 1

Council recommends that GPO work with the Council's Digital Deposit Working Group to implement the Digital Deposit pilot to explore a full ecosystem approach to reporting lost documents to GPO, as outlined in the document, "Digital Deposit Working Group report to the Depository Library Council Proposed Pilot."

GPO'S RESPONSE

The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) will work with Council's Digital Deposit Working Group to implement the pilot as outlined and presented to DLC in "[Digital Deposit Working Group report to the Depository Library Council Proposed Pilot](#)." GPO shares the Working Group's commitment to implementing a Pilot Project with the goal of modeling, testing, and researching ways in which Federal depository libraries discover fugitive documents, can be enabled to successfully submit or report them to GPO for ingest into **govinfo**, and then allow for FDLP libraries to locally store, if they so choose, as a full ecosystem approach to digital deposit of online publications.

GPO appreciates the Working Group's use of the list of publications enumerated in the [House Document 116-4 – Reports to be made to Congress](#) as the set of content to be used in this pilot. Limiting the scope of the project to this list of reports allows for an opportunity to better document the potential impact of passage of [H.R. 736: Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act](#) and develop a consistent method of collecting information on the process of fugitive discovery. GPO looks forward to continued collaboration with the Working Group on this pilot, and to the Working Group presenting its findings in spring 2021.



COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 2

Council recommends that GPO convene a meeting this summer that includes a panel to discuss library reopening planning, and an open forum to allow attendees an opportunity to share what is happening in their libraries. One aspect of the discussion should be what permanent changes may take place in libraries as a result of experience gained from operating in an all or mostly virtual environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

GPO'S RESPONSE

GPO fully-supports the idea of a collaborative webinar with the FDLP community that includes an Open Forum to discuss library reopening plans, how libraries are navigating reopening procedures, and any permanent changes in operations. This webinar, *Planning for Reopening: FDLP Libraries recovering from the COVID-19 Pandemic*, is planned for Monday, July 27, 2020. Because this topic is so complex, GPO staff are planning a second webinar to address this topic. In this webinar, GPO plans to convene a panel of participants who will share their situation and experiences. These panelists will discuss factors that went into deciding when to open the library, concerns about re-closures, concerns and mitigation for handling library materials and the transfer of the virus, telework projects involving Government documents, and more.



COUNCIL COMMENDATION

The Depository Library Council (DLC) commends the staff of the U.S. Government Publishing Office, the Superintendent of Documents, and the staff of Library Services and Content Management for their timely responses to an unprecedented number of disasters effecting Federal Depository Libraries during the past three years. GPO has responded with compassion, concern, and expert advice to hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, and COVID-19.

In each instance, GPO has reached out to the individual libraries involved to offer help and guidance. GPO has also provided written guidance and protocols for each specific disaster situation. In particular, the rapid development and provision of the COVID-19 Toolkit for Federal depository libraries offers valuable advice to libraries in an uncertain situation. DLC thanks GPO for their continued efforts to support Federal Depository Libraries in these difficult situations.

GPO'S RESPONSE

GPO thanks the DLC for their kind commendation. The staff at GPO takes our role in supporting nationwide Federal depository libraries very seriously, both during normal operations and during disasters and crises. We are proud to be able to provide guidance, support, consultation, resources, tools, and advice.



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Collection and Discovery Services Working Group

Fall 2020 Depository Library Conference Update



Charge Summary

- The Working Group was established at the request of GPO in the fall of 2019 and is a standing working group.
- To assist in coordinating the thoughts, research, plans, and efforts related to cataloging and metadata and expanding and enhancing discovery and access services GPO provides to the depository community and stakeholders; and to engage the depository community in these processes.



Membership

- Jennifer Morgan, DLC Member
- Will Stringfellow, DLC Member (Chair)
- Vicki Tate, DLC Member
- Yvonne Williams, DLC Member
- Mary Clark, Community Member
- Gregory Curtis, Community Member
- Beth Downing, Community Member
- Stacy Fowler, Community Member
- Elizabeth McDonald, Community Member
- Fang Gao, GPO Liaison
- Stephen Kharfen GPO Liaison (Secretary)
- Cynthia Etkin, Designated Federal Official



Highlights for 2020

- Meetings: Jan. 7, Mar. 20, June 18, Sept. 10
- Updated Charter in July 2020, increased membership cap to 11
- Membership updates
- Reviewed NIST Collection records, provided feedback on minimal cataloging
- Provided feedback on Fugitive documents
- In Process of creating joint-subgroup with PURL WG to provide expertise on cataloging issues such as MARC fields and local cataloging practices related to PURLs
- Fall Conference Presentation



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Digital Deposit Working Group Report



Working Group Charge

- DLC 2018 Recommendation #3 (<https://bit.ly/3kpkGiy>): Council recommends the creation of a working group to explore current and future needs related to digital deposit - both dissemination of content and acceptance of content by GPO.



Membership

Cindy Etkin, Designated Federal
Official

Lisa LaPlant, GPO Liaison

Jessica Tieman, GPO Liaison

Robbie Sittel, DLC Member

Will Stringfellow, DLC Member

Vicki Tate, DLC Member (new
member)

Julia Ezzo, DLC Member (new
member)

Heather Christenson, Community
Member

James R. Jacobs, Community
Member



Highlights for 2020

- Presented Proposed Pilot Project White Paper to Council
 - Pilot approved
- Distributed Fugitive Hunting Survey to community
- Planned and initiated fugitive hunting pilot project with 23 community volunteers
- Convened focus groups to assess fugitive hunting workflows



What comes next

- Completion of pilot
- Think Piece
- Recommendations to Council



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Digital Only Depository Libraries Working Group

Report



Members



Yvonne D. Williams



Rick Mikulski



Stephen Parks



Lisa Pritchard



Marianne
Ryan



Cynthia
Etkin



Jaime
Hays



Report

• The Charge

- Review the Open Forum recording and the chat transcript
- Prepare a written report that summarizes the Open Forum and particularly:
 - Conveys ways depositories are “Keeping America Informed” while working remotely.
 - Indicates challenges faced by teleworking depository library staff.
 - Imparts community suggestions for how GPO can further assist depository libraries during the pandemic crisis.

• Deliverables

- Written Report
- Recommendations
- Outline of Lessons Learned

<https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository/about-the-fdlp/federal-depository-library-council/council-reports-to-gpo/4270-depository-libraries-in-a-time-of-stay-at-home-orders-report-of-depository-library-council-s-open-forum-april-22-2020-may-29-2020>



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Exploring the durability of PURLs and their alternatives Working Group

Fall 2020 Depository Library Conference Update



Charge Summary

Since March 1998 GPO has used Persistent Uniform Resource Locators (PURLs) to provide federal depository libraries (FDLs) and other parties stable URL access to online federal information. Due to changes in library collection policies, advances in technology, and an increase in the amount of born-digital and digital-only federal information, along with an increased interest in some depositories becoming mostly or all digital depositories, Council created a working group to investigate the durability of PURLs and their alternatives and to present findings and recommendations to Council for consideration. [PURL WG Charge](#)



Membership

- Renée Bosman, DLC Member
- Alicia Kubas, DLC Member
- Rick Mikulski, DLC Member
- Laura Sare, DLC Member, (Secretary)
- Robbie Sittel, DLC Member
- Will Stringfellow, DLC Member, (Chair)
- James Jacobs, Community Member
- Shari Laster, Community Member
- Alec Bradley, GPO Liaison
- Ashley Dahlen, GPO Liaison
- Cynthia Etkin, Designated Federal Official



Highlights for 2020

- Membership updates
 - Added 2 Council Members, 2 Community Members, and 2 GPO Liaisons
- Began research on persistent identifiers for deliverables: report/white paper and recommendations to Council
- Created draft framework for paper
 - Exploring digital content and access options, current output, community needs, and future needs
- In Process of creating joint-subgroup with CDSWG to provide expertise on cataloging issues such as MARC fields and local cataloging practices related to PURLs
- Fall Conference Presentation



Council Discussion

- About the Conference
- Potential recommendations to GPO
- Action items for the Council



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Depository Library Community

Q & Comments
A Feedback



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Next Meeting of the Depository Library Council

April 21 – 23, 2021
Virtual Meeting