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# Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents, GPO





# Business of the Depository Library Council

The Members of the DLC



# 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting Agenda May 1, 2023

- I. Business from the Secretary
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Fall 2022 Meeting Minutes
- II. Old Business
  - A. DLC Fall 2022 Recommendation
  - B. GPO Response
- IV. New Business
  - A. Letter to Director Halpern regarding Censorship
  - B. Depository Library Council Annual Report: 2021-2022
  - C. DLC Information Guide for Members
  - D. The 50th Anniversary of the DLC
- V. Election of Secretary
- VI. DLC Discussion



# Business from the Secretary

Roll Call

Minutes from the Fall 2022 meeting



# Old Business

DLC Fall 2022 Recommendation



# DLC Recommendation Fall 2022

Council recommended GPO investigate and report on models that connect professional support, networking, mentoring, and collaboration for Government information professionals.

[Recommendation of the Depository Library Council to the GPO Director](#) (December 5, 2022)



# GPO's Response

LSCM will commit Federal Depository Support Services staff resources and time during FY24 to explore and research possible networking models for further consideration, including collaboration with community members and external organizations supporting the work of Government information librarians.

[Response from Director Halpern](#)



# New Business



# Letter to Director Halpern Re: Censorship

## Depository Library Council

*Advisory body to the Director of the U.S. Government Publishing Office*

April 12, 2023

Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director  
U.S. Government Publishing Office  
732 North Capitol Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20401

Dear Director Halpern,

Regional depository coordinators are hearing from more and more selective depository libraries and they themselves are concerned about how to navigate the increasing number of [proposed and enacted state laws](#) or local ordinances regarding library access to materials that may conflict with the legal requirements and regulations for libraries participating in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Also of concern is legislation that permits the possible civil and criminal prosecution of librarians.

These laws variously label resources as harmful, obscene, inappropriate, or explicit. Some use specific language and others use more general descriptions that lead to more subjective interpretations and applications, which may include depository materials. See for example, [Understanding Breast Changes and Conditions](#) from the National Institutes of Health. This seemingly contradicts Title 44, specifically §1911 and the requirement to “make Government publications available for the free use of the general public” — the foundational tenet of the FDLP.

Many state and local governments are introducing bills and enacting laws that focus on age restrictions, while others go well beyond this and call for the destruction of objectionable content. These measures conflict with the latest guidance for depository libraries found in [Legal Requirements and Program Regulations for the Federal Depository Library Program](#) (LRPR):

- Depository libraries must provide free access to FDLP information resources in all formats to any member of the general public without any impediments, such as age limitations, technology barriers, or residency status limitations.
- Only the Director of the Government Publishing Office, the Superintendent of Documents, or their agents are authorized to order a library to withdraw a document from its depository collection.
- Depository publications must be retained and kept accessible for at least the minimum retention period.

# DLC Annual Report, 2021-2022



## Depository Library Council



**Open Forum**

The Depository Library Council wants to hear from YOU, the depository community!

Do you have any questions, concerns, suggestions...? What topics or issues would you like Council to address?



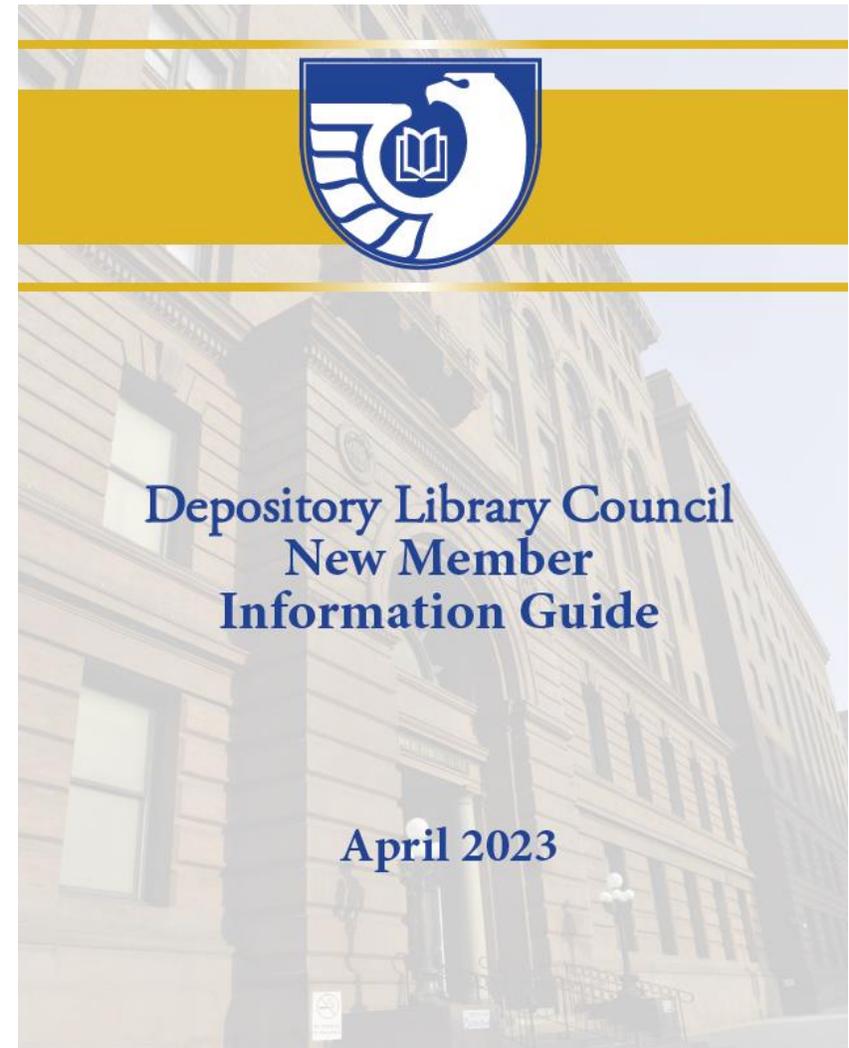
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# DLC New Member Information Guide





# The 50th Anniversary of the DLC



# Election of the Secretary



# DLC Discussion