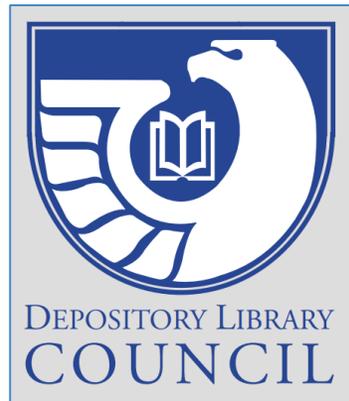
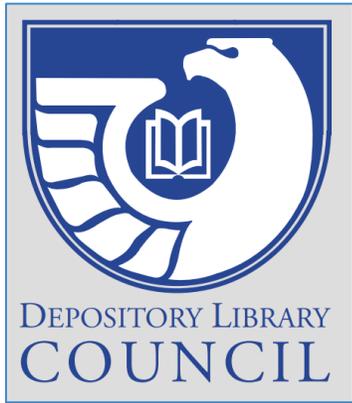




To "Serve a Useful and Salutary Purpose":

A Look at 50 Years of the Depository Library Council



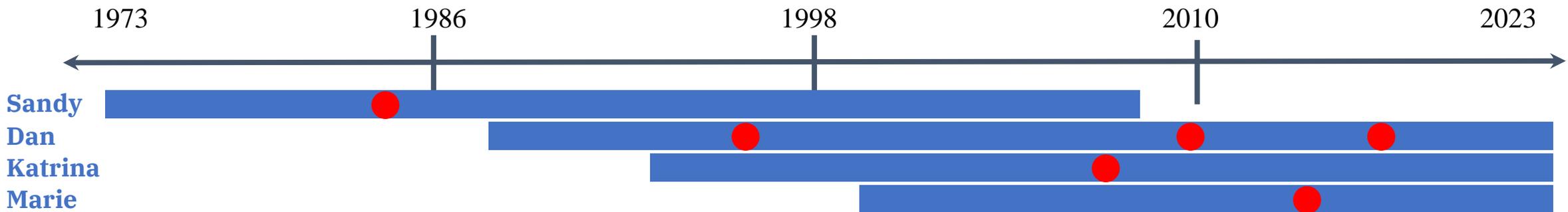


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My origin story



Newest members of the Depository Library Council posing with Superintendent of Documents Raymond M. Taylor; (lower left) are (seated) Sandra K. Peterson, of Virginia, and Dr. Patricia G. Reeling, of New Jersey; (standing left to right:) Richard H. Nicoles, of California; Dennis L. Bruce, of South Carolina; and Steven D. Zink, of Nevada.

- Started work with government publications in 1965 as Reference Assistant, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress
- Government documents course, graduate school
- Experience in documents as Reference Librarian (West Virginia State Library and Oberlin College)
- Full time in documents beginning 1970 until retirement in 2007 (Univ. of Northern Iowa, College of William and Mary, Yale University)
- First DLC meeting, Fall 1974, in Alexandria; served on Council 1983-85.



Why Council was created

Depository Library Act of 1962

Government Publishing in 1960s

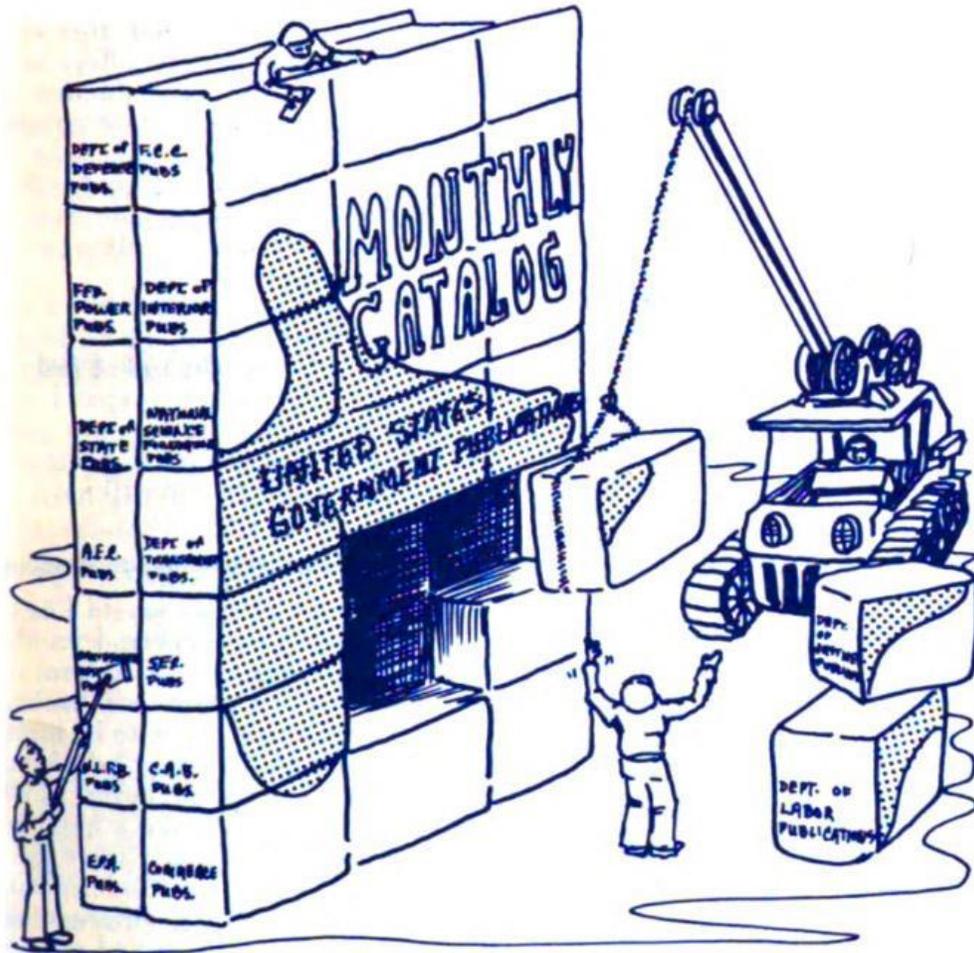
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Issues addressed by GPO and libraries in the first 10 years

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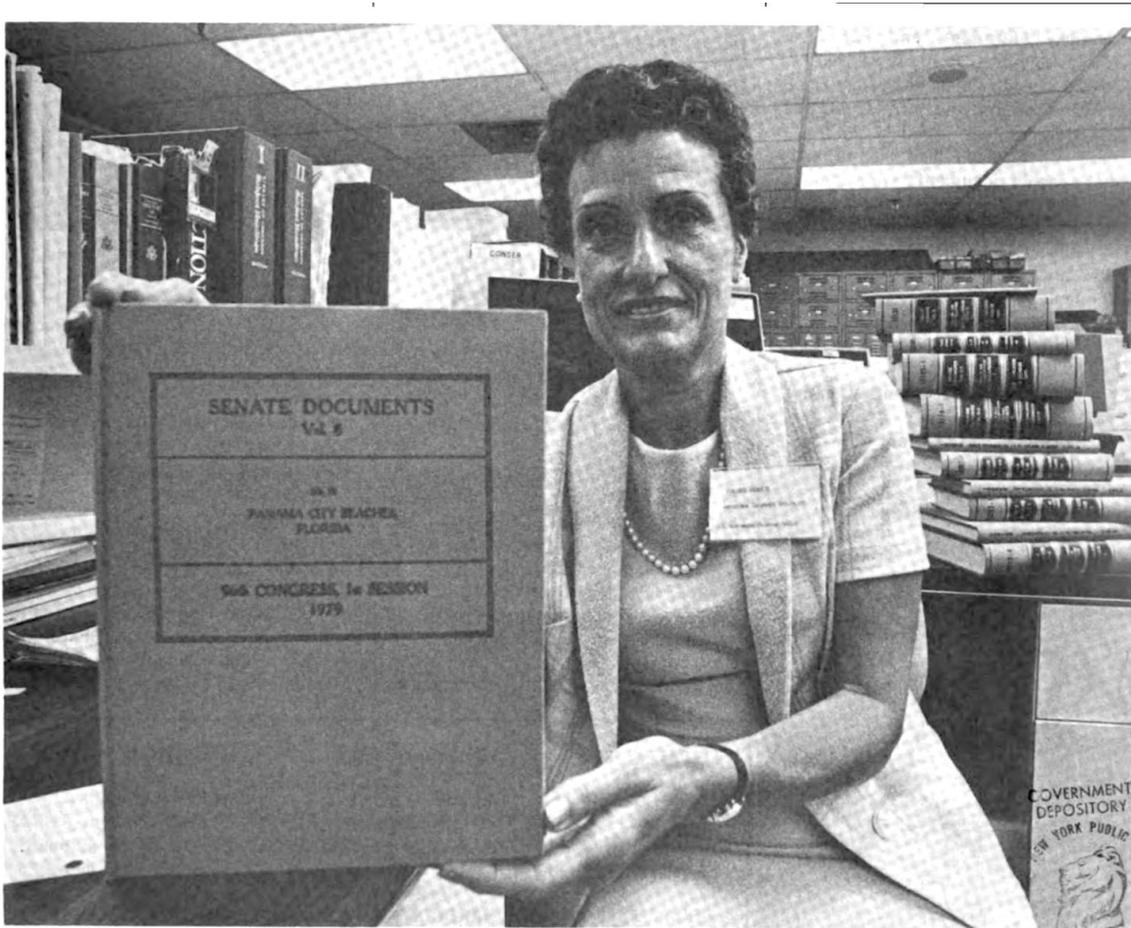
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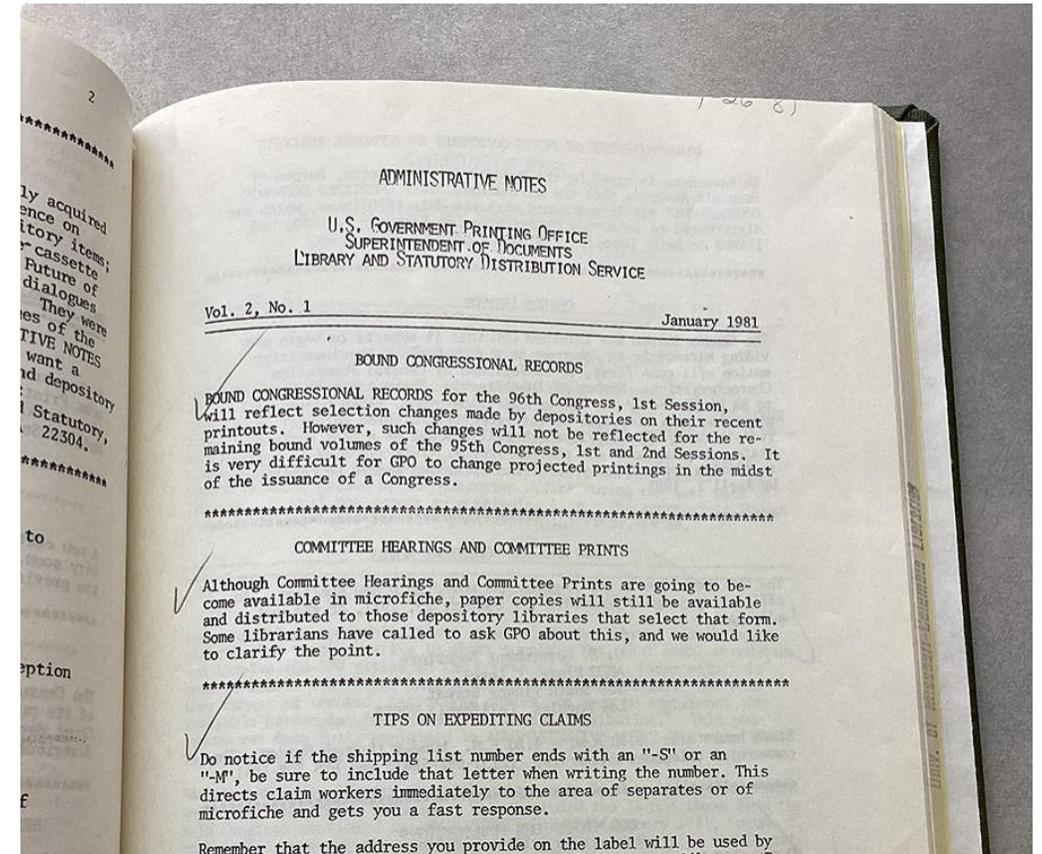
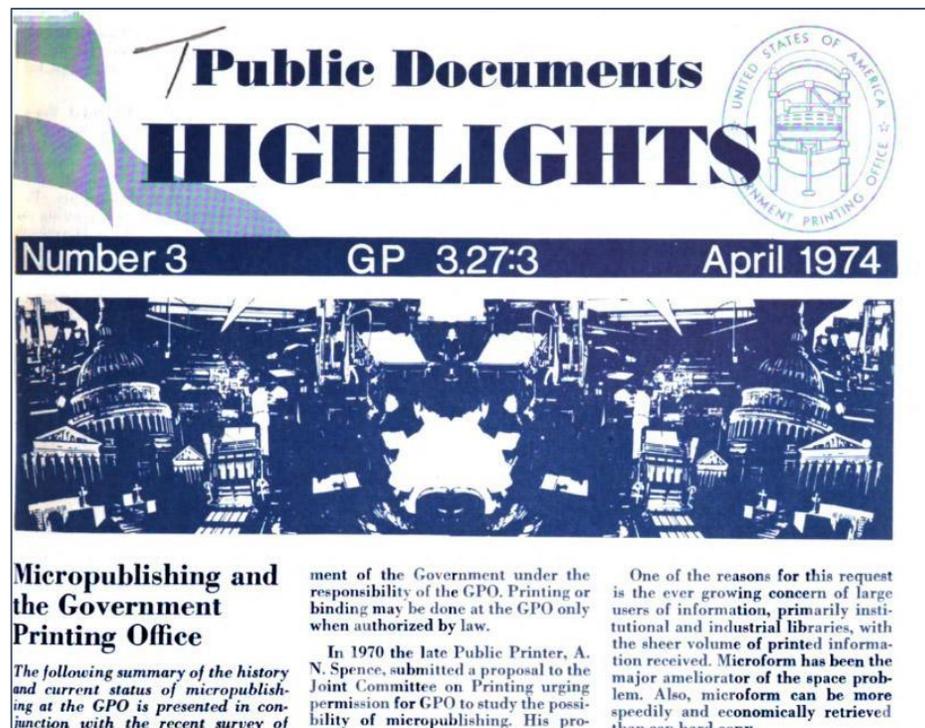
Council communication patterns



More professional librarians on GPO staff

The "new" Serial Set's first published volume for the 96th Congress is displayed by Mrs. Virginia F. Saunders (Congressional Documents Specialist) with GPO's Library and Statutory Distribution Service. It is: Serial Set #13227, Senate Documents, Volume 8, 96th Congress, 1st Session, Senate Document Number 18, Panama City, Beaches, Florida.

Newsletters to Depository librarians: *Public Documents Highlights*, followed by *Administrative Notes*





These cheerful librarians have just completed a special three-day workshop conducted by the Government Printing Office's Library and Statutory Distribution Service.

Image source: *Public Documents Highlights*, Feb 1978, no. 26, [p. 1](#)

Workshops, inspections, and open forums at Council meetings



Benefits that Council provided for depository librarians

Mentoring
opportunities

Networking

Education



Depository Library Council members hard at work are (left to right) Jeanne Isacco, Johanna Thompson, Dennis L. Bruce, and Sandra K. Peterson.



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Opportunities for observing and participating in development of public information policies

Friendships and support among colleagues



WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS! The Superintendent of Documents greets incoming members of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. Left to right: Ms. Nancy Cline, Mr. Francis Buckley, Ms. Laura J. Rainey, Ms. Jaia Heymann, and Mr. Carl A. LaBarre.

Gov Docs origin story...

Depository Library Council:

- 1993-1996 (Chair, 1996)
- 2009-2012
- 2016-2017

Gov Docs positions:

- University of Florida - student assistant
- Florida State University - TA
- University of Colorado - Librarian
- Brown University - FDL Coordinator...



Visit to GPO, March 2012



DLC by the Numbers

106 meetings (beginning February 2, 1973)

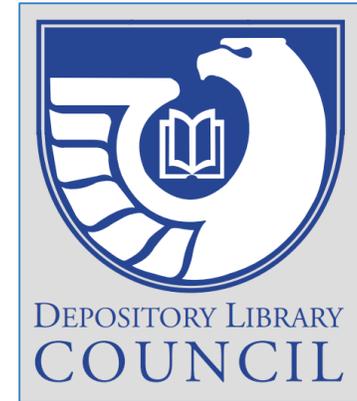
27 different states (including DC)

34 different cities

22 virtual meetings (15 all-virtual, 7 hybrid, began in 2012)

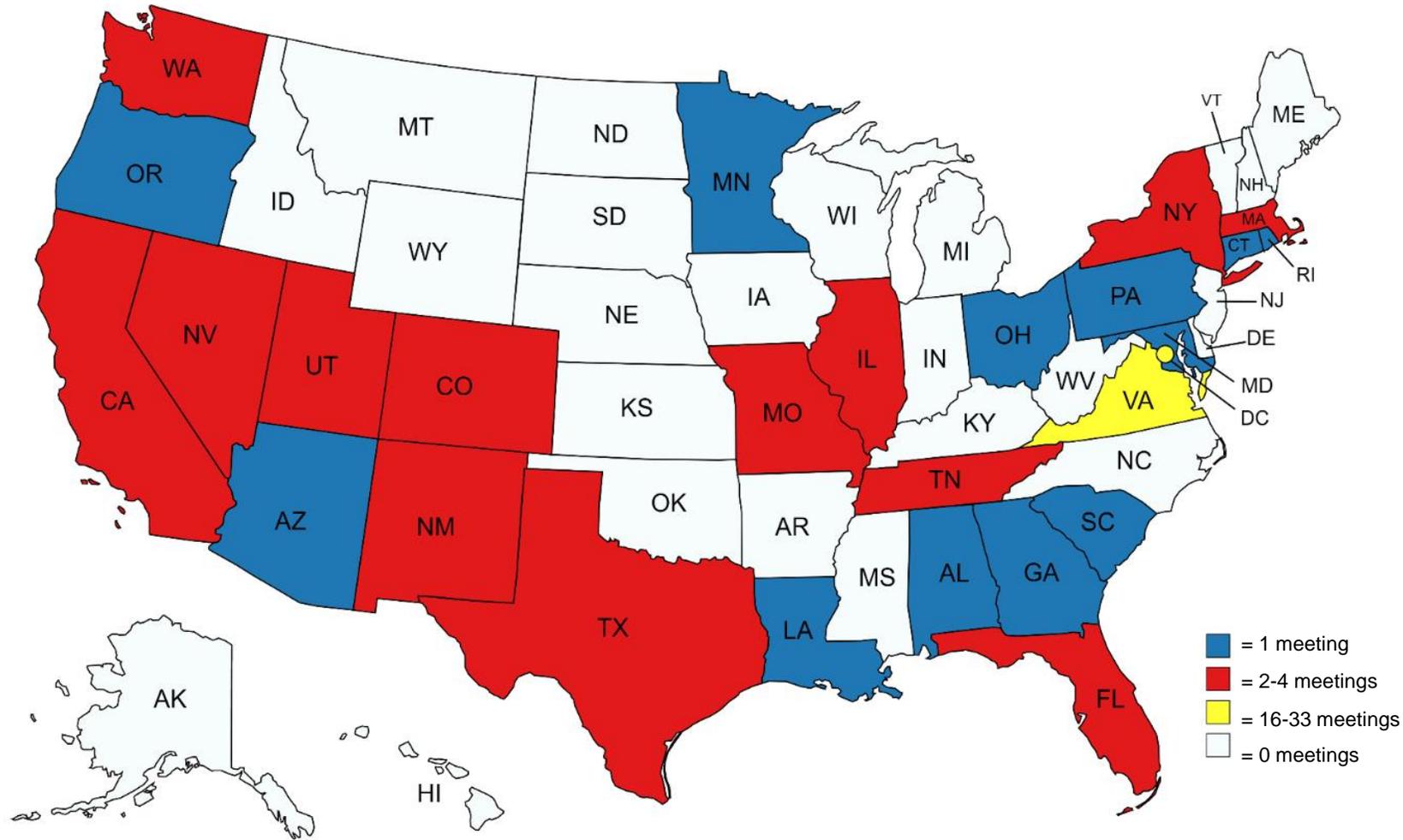
250 members of DLC

52 chairs of DLC (3 people served more than one term)





Meeting Locations of the DLC, 1973-2023





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Newsletter of the Federal Depository Library Program
Vol. 30, no. 05-12 GPO 3:163-2-2009-12 Sept. 15/Dec. 15, 2009

Oklahoma Department of Libraries Names 2009 Federal Depository Library of the Year

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL) was named the 2009

Administrative Notes
Newsletter of the Federal Depository Library Program
Vol. 28, no. 04 GPO 3:163-2-2010-04 October 23, 2009

Update on Superintendent of Documents Programs
Remarks by Francis J. Buckley, Jr.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES
Vol. 3, No. 1 September 1980

Shelving List 14,872, September 14, 1980

An error was made in the numbering of the shelving lists on September 3, 1980, shifting from Shelving List 14,779 for the 1st shipment to Shelving List 14,800 for the 2nd shipment. Please do not claim these nonexistent Shelving List numbers 14,780 through 14,799. The 1st shipment of September 3 is listed as Shelving List 14,801 and the 2nd shipment as Shelving List 14,802.

public documents highlights

The Civil Access Act (50 USC 1211), which requires the U.S. Government Printing Office to make certain public documents available to the public in electronic form, is being implemented. Please do not disseminate information regarding this program.

Personnel Changes

Public Printer Thomas F. McCormack has announced the appointment of Assistant Public Printer (Printing and Distribution) Robert J. Lewis, who previously held the position of Assistant Public Printer (Printing and Distribution) at the U.S. Government Printing Office, effective July 20, 1979.

Microfiche Reference File

The Information Storage and Retrieval Section of Public Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, is responsible for a microfiche reference file of sales items which is used primarily by the Order Division in filling orders from both the public and libraries. It is also used by the bookstores and distribution centers in the field.



Guidelines for the Depository Library System
as adopted by the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, October 18, 1977

Bylaws of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer
as adopted October 18, 1977

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM

Superseded List

Revised 1996

Library Programs Service
Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20401

Federal Depository Library Manual
SUPPLEMENT 3
Revised

SELF-STUDY OF A FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY

1999

Library Programs Service
Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20401

Administrative Notes
Newsletter of the Federal Depository Library Program
Vol. 23, no. 12 GPO 3:163-2-23-12 September 15, 2002

2002 Minimum Technical Requirements Effective 1 October

In accordance with the schedule established to regularly increase workstation requirements for Federal Depository Libraries will go into effect October 1, 2002. These requirements were originally issued as the "2001 Recommended Specifications for Public Access Workstations in Federal Depository Libraries" in the June 15, 2001 Administrative Notes (v. 22, n. 9).

All Federal Depository Libraries must meet the minimum technical requirements to keep pace with technological change in order to fulfill their Title 44 obligation to provide access to Government information products. The Library Programs Service (LPS) will continue to issue Recommended Specifications for Public Access Workstations in Federal Depository Libraries each spring to assist depository library staff in planning for new computer purchases.

As another step in the transition to an e-FDLP and in accordance with Depository Library Council recommendations from its spring 2000 meeting, a schedule was established to regularly increase workstation requirements. Fifteen months after issuance, recommended specifications will become minimum technical requirements. The requirements, the recommended specifications, and the schedule are all available from the FDLP Desktop at:

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/usdc/dlsc/ftp/computers>

Any questions about the Minimum Technical Requirements or Recommended Specifications should be directed to Cynthia Etkin at ce@kingsgate.gov.



DLC Role in Facilitating Community Engagement

DLC Committees and Working Groups

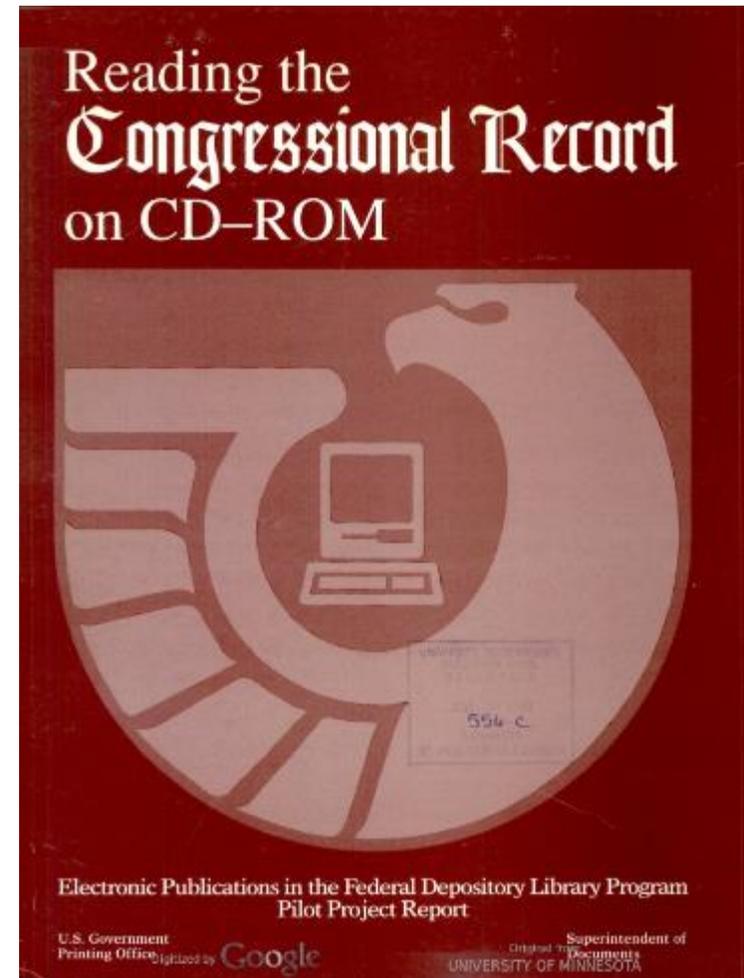
- Often included non-DLC members
- Addressed key issues affecting FDLs and the program
- Opportunities to work with and learn from others while making substantive contributions to the FDLP's mission, operations, outreach
- Some topics/issues included:
 - Micro-reproduction
 - Cataloging/metadata standards
 - Operational procedures
 - Regional issues
 - Program structure and vision
 - Inclusion of electronic materials
 - Migration to electronic dissemination
 - Digital deposit
 - National collection
 - Attrition and retention of FDLs



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GPO/FDLP Pilot Projects

- Opportunities for local FDLs to provide practical input in key areas of study or experimentation
- DLC has worked with GPO to identify prospective partner libraries



DLC Role in Facilitating Community Engagement

Open Forum Q & A and Discussions

- Chance to raise questions, concerns, issues for feedback from depository community members



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Coffee with Council

- Held during DLC/FDLC meeting breaks
- Informal opportunities to meet new colleagues, network with others, share experiences, etc.



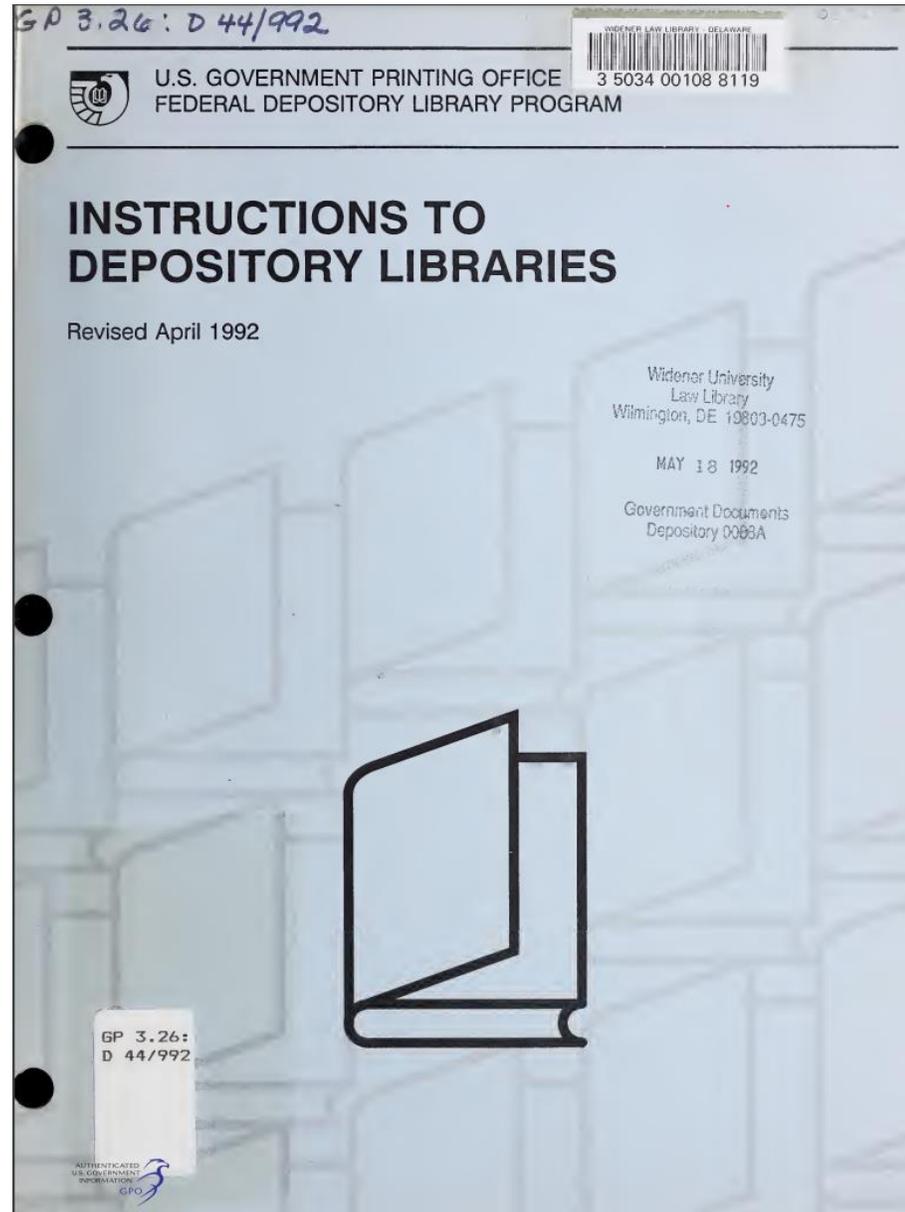
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GPO and DLC: my origin story



What's your
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Depository Library Council meetings for a new librarian



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**For the chat:
What's a specific memorable
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- Early engagement in issues of access and use regarding electronic materials

Gov Docs origin story...



*Marie Concannon as Gov Docs GLA in MU Library, 1988.
Photo taken in library reference collection.*

Positions:

- University of Missouri Library Documents Dept.
 - Graduate Library Assistant, 1987-1989
 - Gov Docs Librarian, 2000-
 - Head of Government Documents, 2008-present
 - DLC councilor, 2013-2015 (Chair, 2015)
- State Historical Society of Missouri, 1989-2000

Gov Docs origin story...

It was at the Historical Society that I developed an interest in preservation of materials.

I came back to MU's Docs department in 2000 and have remained ever since.



*In my new job as Documents Librarian, 2000.
I'm standing in front of the Docs shelflist..*



After 50 years,
here are some of the takeaways...



DLC and GPO are most effective when...

They work closely throughout the decision-making process, beginning, middle and end.

DLC and GPO are most effective when...

Their work remains aligned with the FDLP mission.

The mission of the FDLP is to provide for no-fee ready and permanent public access to Federal Government information, now and for future generations.



DLC and GPO are most effective when...

They are vigilant about government information that eludes the FDLP system, for whatever reason.



Distribution in 1983:

While the mission of the program is simple and direct, the task of distribution--32 million copies of 62,000 publications (72 percent on microfiche) to 1,382 depository libraries in 1983--is complex.

Source: *Report to the Chairman, Joint Committee on Printing: Government Printing Office's Depository Library Program*, U.S. GAO Report, SuDoc GA 1.13:AFMD-85-19, p. 1.



DLC is most effective when...

They have the courage to ask tough questions on behalf of the community.

DLC is most effective when...

Councilors know how to negotiate the fine line between their advisory role and political advocacy.





DLC is most effective when...

Senior DLC councilors mentor the incoming members and take time to tell them what they need to know.



DLC is most effective when...

Councilors make efforts to understand FDLP libraries of all types and budgets – and also the *users* of those libraries.

DLC is most effective when...

Councilors see DLC as more than service to the profession.
It is service to the country.





GPO is most effective when...

They encourage innovative suggestions and welcome robust debate.



GPO is most effective when...

They work well with outside organizations that also focus on government information preservation and access.

- Hathi Trust
- The Internet Archive
- Open the Government
- Congressional Data Coalition
- Project On Government Oversight
- Government Information Watch
- Preservation of Electronic Government Information (PEGI) Project
- More...



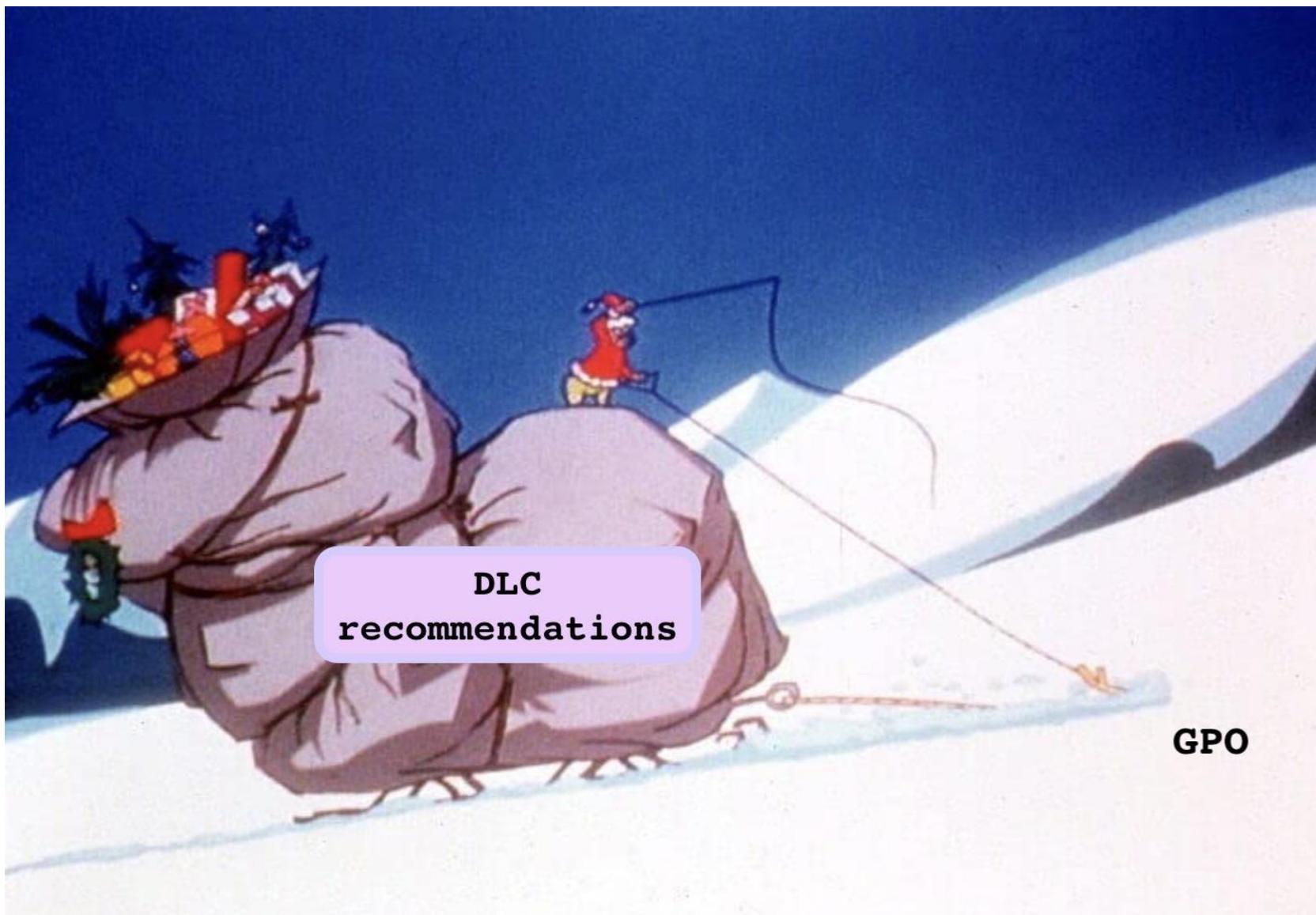
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When they let us know the limits of their capacity,
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**DLC
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GPO

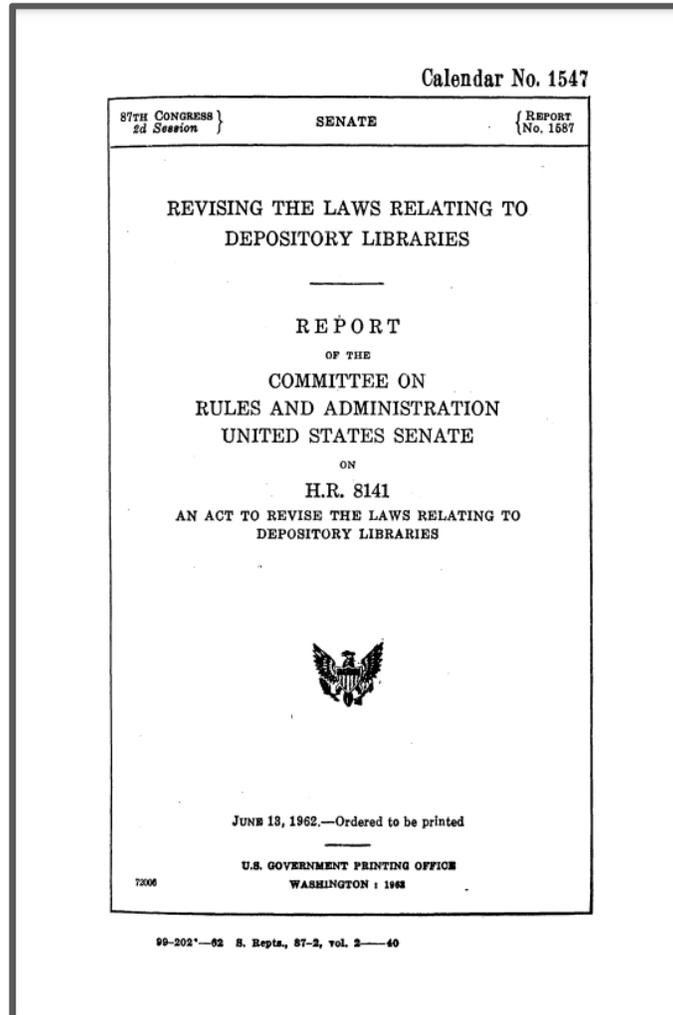
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The FDLP is most effective when...

Libraries take an active role in any way they can.

- GPO Preservation Partners
- Shared housing agreements
- Find more unreported documents
- Organize programming in your library



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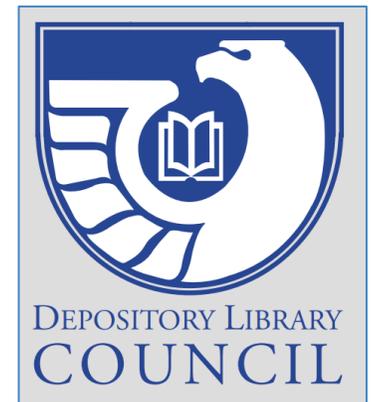
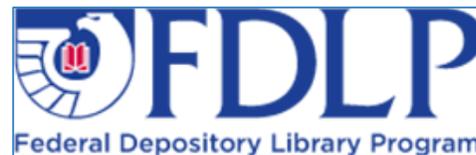
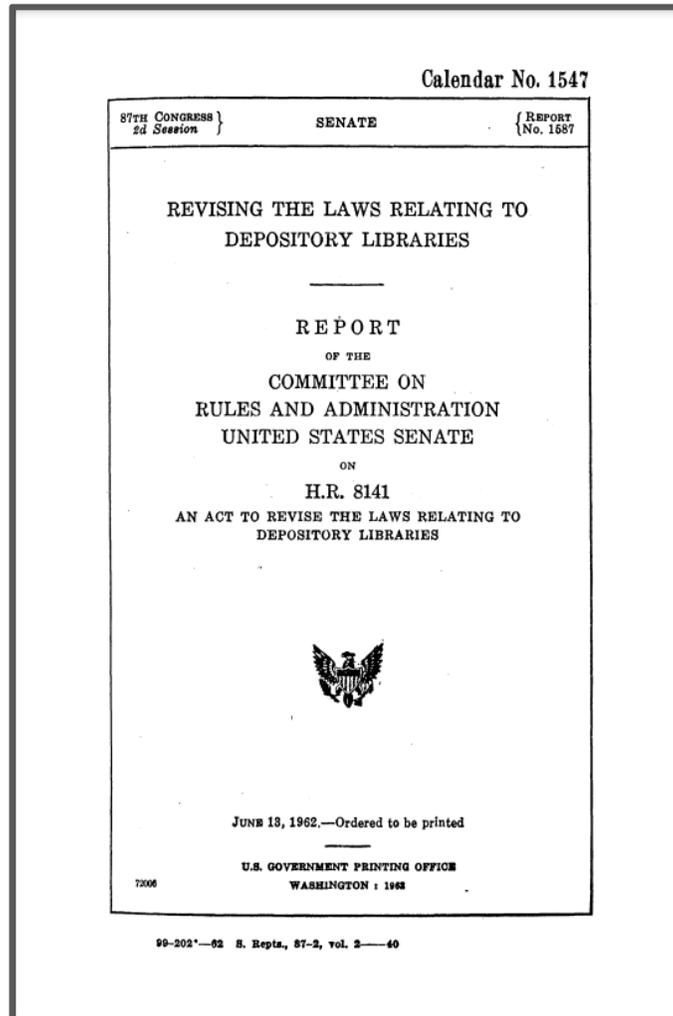
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*Michael DiMario, Public Printer
Wayne Kelly, Superintendent of Documents*



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Questions and comments