



SPRING 2025 DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

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Depository Library Council

Spring Business Meeting
May 1, 2025

Susanne Caro, Chair



Agenda

<https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/spring-2025-depository-library-council-meeting-agenda-may-1-2025>

- I. Call to Order
- II. Secretary's Report
- III. Remarks from the Chair
- IV. Election of Secretary for Council term June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026
- V. Reports
- VI. Review of GPO responses to Council's Fall 2024 recommendations
- VII. New Business
- VIII. For the good of the order
- IX. Wrap-up & Closing
- X. Adjourn



Report of the Secretary

Roll call

Quorum?

Minutes of Fall 2024 Meeting



Roll Call of Council Members

2022-2025

- Amy Laub
- Hayley Johnson
- Kelly Smith
- Robert Mead
- Susanne Caro

2023-2026

- Angela Bonnell
- Angela Kent
- Gwen Sinclair
- Joshua Finnell
- Sarah Erekson

2024-2027

- Charlie Amiot
- Lisa DeLuca
- Elissa A.
Lawrence
- Nia Rodgers
- Andrea Stelljes



Minutes of the Fall 2024 Meeting

<https://www.fdlp.gov/sites/default/files/minutes-dlc-fall-2024-meeting.pdf>



Remarks from the Chair

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Election of DLC Secretary

Term: June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026



Reports

Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee

Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee

Long-term Impacts of COVID-19 on FDL Access, Collections, and Services Working Group
Statistics and Metrics Working Group

Council Representatives of the National Collection Service Area Steering Committees



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Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee

Spring 2025 Update

Angela Bonnell, Chair



Subcommittee Charge

To assist in coordinating the thoughts, research, plans, and efforts related to the management and development of the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information, as well as the expansion and enhancement of the discovery and access services GPO provides to its stakeholders; and to engage the depository community in these processes.



Subcommittee Membership

Depository Library Council

Angela Bonnell (Chair)
Illinois State University

Susanne Caro
New Mexico State Library

Kelly Smith
UC San Diego

Charlie Amiot
Government Information
Librarian

U.S. Government Publishing Office

Cynthia Etkin (DFO)
Superintendent of Documents
Office

Jen Lindley
Metadata & Collection
Services

Depository Library Community

Michelle Colquitt
Clemson University

Libby McDaniel
William & Mary

Kate Irwin-Smiler
Wake Forest University School of Law



Activities, Summer and Early Fall

- Analyzed data from the Subcommittee's survey
- Submitted a report, "[Managing FDLP Digital Publications in Your Library Catalog](https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/managing-fdlp-digital-publications-library-catalogs-survey-findings-october)," and recommendations to the Depository Library Council
<https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/managing-fdlp-digital-publications-library-catalogs-survey-findings-october>
- Presented survey findings at the Fall 2024 Federal Depository Library Conference
- The recommendations were approved in concept at the October 23, 2024, DLC business meeting



Activities, Fall

- Reviewed and analyzed the rich feedback shared by attendees during the fall conference
- Discussed themes from that feedback
 - Creating a community space
 - The best venues to ask and answer questions on depository topics
 - Breaking down silos in the workplace (for instance in public and technical services)
 - Recognizing the many and varied coordinator responsibilities



Activities, Early Winter

- One of Council's [Recommendations](#) submitted to GPO Director Halpern originated from the CDSS report
 - Recommendation #3: Develop resources to aid FDLs in adjusting to changes in the Program



Activities, Early Winter (continued)

Recommendation #3: Develop resources to aid FDLs in adjusting to changes in the Program

1. Create an online space for those who work with Government information to engage in ongoing discussions regarding the collection development, ILS, consortia, discovery layers, access, and other issues related to the digital-first FDLP. For example, an authorized platform such as Discord.
2. Develop and solicit from the greater FDL community additional resources and training materials on selected topics such as PURL tracking, GitHub, and uploading records in consortial/shared catalog settings.
3. Review, revise, and share documentation to provide an overview of retention rules for print and online sources.



Activities, Winter and Early Spring

- Discussed potential CDSS activities and the subcommittee's role from the conference feedback
 - Communication, training, collection management [weeding, broken links, five-year retention], budgets, methods to provide access [cataloging and web pages such as LibGuides], options to replace MARCIVE/CRDP
- Discussed the depository community's concerns around locating/tracking missing online Federal information, as well as preserving information and data, and how the subcommittee can support the community



Activities, Spring

Communication has been a dominant theme over the past year.

- Discussed possible online spaces for those who work with Government information and identified existing venues
 - Discord
 - [GOVDOC-L](#)
 - [GODORT](#)
 - [Friday Chats](#)



Next Steps

- Explore potential projects/priorities for the coming months based on the spring Council meeting feedback
- Recruit new CDSS members for 2025–2026



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Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and FDLs Subcommittee Report

May 1, 2025

Amy Laub, Subcommittee Co-chair 2024-2025

Robert Mead, Subcommittee Co-chair 2024-2025



UCUP Subcommittee Charge

- Study Federal depository libraries at affinity-focused institutions and other FDLs with unique needs and challenges that impact their ability to provide access to tangible and digital depository resources.
- Determine possible solutions and provide recommendations that include ways in which the Government Publishing Office can better support these libraries.



UCUP Subcommittee Membership

Council Members	GPO Members	Community Members
Amy Laub, Co-Chair University of Kentucky	Cynthia Etkin, DFO* Superintendent of Documents Office	Marcos Corona DePaul University College of Law
Rob Mead, Co-Chair Washington State Law Library	Helen Keremedjiev Federal Depository Support Services	Jennifer Morgan Indiana University Maurer School of Law
Angela A.J. Kent LyondellBasell's	Todd Scudiere Metadata & Collection Services	Allen Moyer DePaul University College of Law
Elissa Lawrence State Library of Ohio	Celeste Welch Metadata & Collection Services	Jonathan Underwood Tuskegee University
Gwen Sinclair University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		

* Designated Federal Officer



Activities

- Fall 2024 Conference
 - Snacks Session — Focus Group topics discussion
 - Program — Understanding Government Mistrust and Enhancing Transparency
- Analyzed information gathered from the Focus Groups and began writing the report
- Reviewed and provided input on two new FDLP Resource Guides
 - [Then and Now Experiences of American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)
 - [Then and Now Experiences of Blacks and African Americans](#)



Next Steps

- Complete the final report of the focus groups
 - Identify any resulting recommendations



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Long-term Impacts of COVID-19 on FDL Access, Collections, and Services

Spring 2025 Update

Hayley Johnson, Working Group Chair 2024-2025



Charge

This working group will examine the practices, policies, and procedures enacted by FDLs since March 2020 as they adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it will assess the long-term impact of these efforts at the institutional and national level.

[Long-term Implications for Federal Depository Libraries of the COVID-19 Pandemic Charter](https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/long-term-implications-fdls-covid-19-pandemic-charter-june-21-2021)

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Working Group Members

Depository Library Council	US Government Publishing Office	Depository Community Members
Susanne Caro, New Mexico State Library	Cindy Etkin (DFO, non-voting) Office of the Superintendent of Documents	Rick Mikulski William & Mary
Hayley Johnson (Chair) Louisiana State University	Lara Flint Library Services and Content Management	Lisa Pritchard Jefferson College Library
	Abigail McDermott Library Services and Content Management	



Progress

- Since submitting its [Second Report](#) in Fall 2024, the Working Group has drafted questions for inclusion in the 2025 Biennial Survey.



Next Steps

- Await the conclusion of the 2025 Biennial Survey
- Analyze results of the COVID-19 questions
- Submit a final report



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Statistics & Metrics Working Group Report to the Depository Library Council

Spring Council Meeting
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Statistics & Metrics Working Group Members

Sarah Erekson, chair, Univ of Florida

Angela Bonnell, Illinois State Univ

Susanne Caro, New Mexico State Library

Joshua Finnell, Colgate University

Stephani (Nia) Rodgers, Virginia Commonwealth University

Gwen Sinclair, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Cynthia Etkin, DFO, Office of the Superintendent of Documents

Stephen Kharfen, Metadata & Collection Services, LSCM

Ben Petersen, Chief, Projects & Systems, LSCM

Kate Pitcher, Chief, Federal Depository Support Services, LSCM



SMWG Charge

The Statistics and Metrics Working Group is convened to research, to report on, and to recommend options for how GPO can collect usage statistics from depository libraries for digital and tangible Government information products. Further, the Working Group is to study and report on the broader landscape of library data gathering trends and recommend possible programmatic library-related performance indicators.



Activities

- Program earlier today: ***Can the Numbers Tell the Story?***
- Conducted Survey on Usage Statistics in Depository Libraries
 - Gather data on the current state of collection usage statistics
 - Sent to Depository Library Coordinators
 - Survey Aug. 8 – Sept. 16, 2024
 - 6 questions and a free text box
 - 362 responses out of 1,101 depository libraries
- Survey final report



Usage Data that is Collected: Top 3

FORMAT	
Print	89%
Digital/Online	53%
Tangible electronic	50%

DATA SOURCE FOR DIGITAL CONTENT	
PURL referral reports (from GPO)	45%
Finding aids/ library guides hits	29%
Reference/Research Assistance	25%

DATA SOURCE FOR TANGIBLE CONTENT	
Circulation statistics	84%
Reshelving/In-library use counts	56%
Interlibrary Loan requests	41%

DATA COLLECTION BARRIERS	
Time Constraints	44%
Difficult to extract data from systems	34%
Training for personnel is needed	31%

Total respondents = 362



Recommendations

**For Depository Library Council's consideration to transmit
to GPO**



Recommendation 1

Build a community of **data collection mentors**. This is envisioned as a collaborate effort of DLC members, GPO staff, and interested depository community members

- Provide updated webinars and guidance on best practices in data collection and management
 - Generating accurate PURL reports
 - Creating reports in LibGuides
- Mentor connections facilitated via the NCSAs
- Create a Data collection Library Resources Guide, hosted by GPO



Recommendation 2

Initiate an effort to collect stories, or qualitative data, about collections and collection use.

- Oral, pictorial, prose history of FDLP
- Anecdotes from real people for real impact



Next Steps for the SMWG

- Gather samples of usage data from various institutions to generate a framework for consistent data gathering
- Explore data gathering on the GPO side for electronic materials
- Regularly gather qualitative data to help tell the entire documents story



Council Representatives of the National Collection Service Areas

Midwest, Angela Bonnell
Northeast, Joshua Finnell
South, Amy Laub
West, Gwen Sinclair



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Questions/Comments from Council



Review of GPO responses to Council's Fall 2024 recommendations

<https://www.fdlp.gov/sites/default/files/letter-gpo-responses-dlc-fall2024-recommendations2025-04-17.pdf>



Recommendation 1: Develop resource to promote mentorship

- Encourages use of “Depository Highlights” field in the FDL Directory with their collection strengths.
- A question to gauge mentoring interest will be included in the 2025 Biennial survey.
- GPO can support discussion opportunities by hosting meetings on our webinar platform by request.
- GPO also encourages depository library staff to participate in other discussion opportunities available to them (as GPO teammates do too), such as the ALA GODORT Friday Chats.



Recommendation 2: Act upon the recommendations related to the work of the Long-Term Impacts of COVID-19 Working Group

- A question will be included on the 2025 Biennial Survey about access practices, including physical access.
- A revision of our guidance to depository libraries has begun, with special attention to providing effective public access.
- Continuing GPO outreach to libraries
- The 2025 Biennial Survey will have the final COVID-19 question.



Recommendation 3: Develop resources to aid FDLs in adjusting to changes in the Program.

- GPO can work with you to support discussion opportunities by hosting meetings on our webinar platform.
- Encourage webinar attendance of non-government information librarians at depository libraries.
- We encourage members of the Federal depository community to conduct webinars and give presentations during the FDL Conference, after which their programs remain accessible through the expansive [FDLP Academy Training Repository](#).



Recommendation 3: continued

- Current resources include webcast series on [GitHub](#) and [Analyzing Usage of Digital FDLR Resources](#).
- LSCM's Metadata and Collection Services developed an [Information Portal](#) where one can find GPO resources for cataloging along with other free resources for cataloging Government documents.
- FDLR.gov includes pages like [Sources of GPO Cataloging Records](#) (We are exploring how to present that information as a chart).
- GPO is revising FDLR requirements and guidance, paying close attention to then revisions needed to reflect the digital-first FDLR. The requirements for digital content, print, and other tangible publications will be clearly delineated.



New Business

- a. Any new business to bring forward from Council members?
- b. Council discussion of meeting
- c. Potential recommendations
- d. Questions and comments from the depository library community
- e. What's next for Council?



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Wrap-up & Closing



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Adjourn

Convene again in the Fall