

# THE VALUE OF THE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM

As a coordinator at a Federal depository library (FDL), you are part of an [extensive network of libraries](#) across the Nation, where you and your library staff:

## Learn and Teach Government Information Literacy Skills

- Find publications that browser searches fail to include.
- Determine whether a publication is official and authenticated by the Federal Government.
- Communicate with other libraries to better serve your patrons' needs.
- Learn about the breadth of publications issued by agencies in all three branches of the Government.
- Discover relevant Government information in any format.
- Demonstrate the importance of official Government information to inform, enrich, and empower your library patrons.

## Access and Contribute to the FDL Community of Practice

- Participate in free professional development and continuing education to become an expert in Government information librarianship.
- Share expertise and participate to help build the next generation of Government information librarians.
- Partner with GPO by identifying unreported publications and by preserving local materials to enhance the [National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information](#).

## Help Patrons Navigate the National Collection

- Access vital parts of the National Collection that are only available in print and are geographically dispersed across the Nation.
- Curate locally significant collections of Government information that meet patron needs.

