FDLP.gov Enhancements: New Depository Tool Webpages



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Abstract

There are many tools that depository libraries use for managing their operations. To enhance usability, LSCM staff refreshed the content and applied a consistent template to the webpages found under the Depository Tools menu on FDLP.gov.

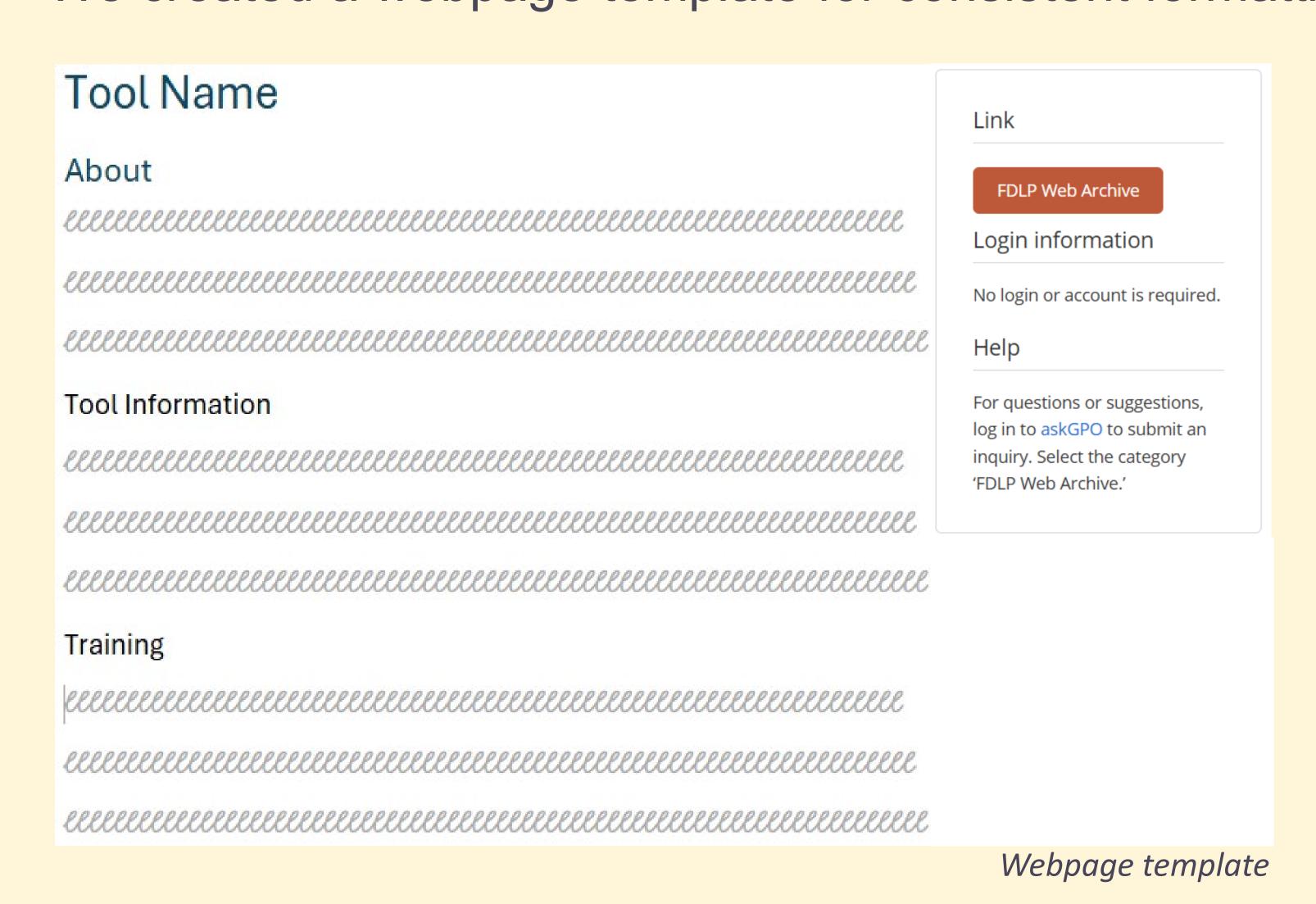
The project team utilized a collaborative "sprint" method to quickly draft and rewrite page content, provide feedback as a team, and consult with subject matter experts as needed. The depository tool webpages are now more focused on the depository audience and their needs.

Problem

- There was no consistent page layout
- Some tools were missing from the FDLP.gov Depository Tools menu
- Information was often spread over multiple pages throughout the website
- LSCM received frequent askGPO inquiries about login confusion

Approach

We created a webpage template for consistent formatting and information sharing



LSCM staff set up a "webpage sprint" where we:

- Blocked off 3 consecutive afternoons
- Worked independently but also held regular group check-ins
- Shared edits with other subject matter experts
- Gave feedback on each other's drafts

Results

Check out the new webpages:

Catalog of U.S. Government Publications Depository Selection Information Management

System (DSIMS)

DiscoverGov

FDLP Data Manager (FDM)

FDLP eXchange

FDLP Resource Guides

FDLP Web Archive

Federal Depository Library Directory (FDLD)

GovInfo

Item Lister

List of Classes

LSCM GitHub Repositories

Print Distribution Dashboard

PURL Usage Report

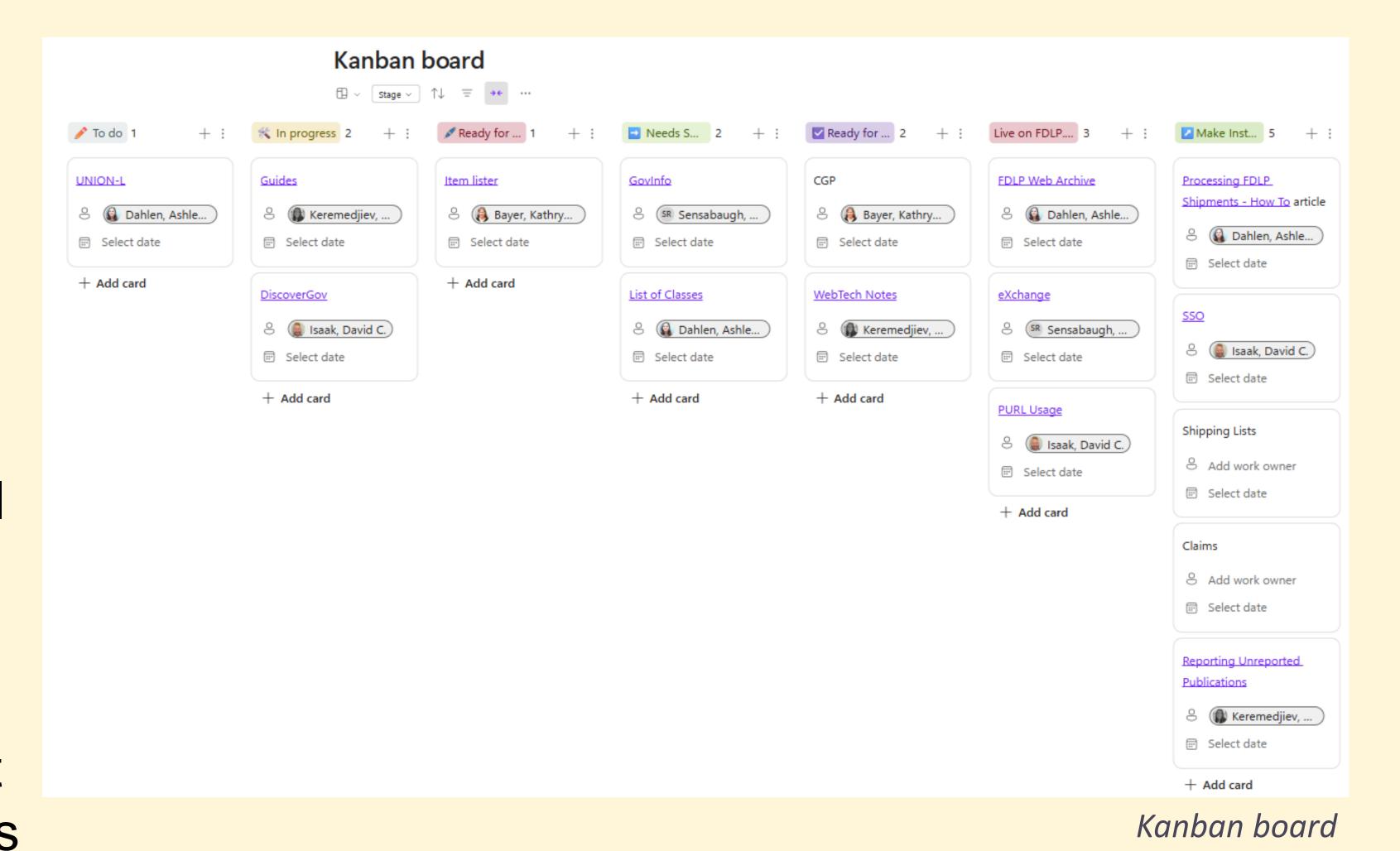
WEBTech Notes (WTN)

Union List of Item Selections (UNION-L)

Microsoft Loop

We set up a Microsoft Loop with multiple components including:

- Norms for consistent language and formatting
- A kanban board to keep track of individual assignments and the overall progress for each tool landing page
- A running list of project takeaways & follow-ups



Takeaways

LSCM has seen a reduction in askGPO inquiries about login information.

The "sprint" approach is an effective way to get collaborative work done in a short amount of time. The staff were satisfied to see real progress on an important project.

Collaboration is key! A shared Teams chat and the ability to quickly hop on a Teams call to discuss an issue kept us moving along when questions came up.