

Depository Library Council

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

Depository Library Council Spring Meeting Agenda March 4 – 5, 2026

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

12:30–1:30 Conference Kickoff / Library Award Presentations

- Angela Bonnell, Depository Library Council Chair, Illinois State University’s Milner Library
- Hugh N. Halpern, Director, U.S. Government Publishing Office
- Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents, GPO

During this opening session, the event will be officially called to order, and opening remarks will be delivered. Awards for the 2025 Federal Depository Library of the Year and Federal Depository Website of the Year will also be presented.

12:10–1:00 Keynote Address: Integrated Shared Collections at Scale

Ian Bogus, Executive Director
Research Collections and Preservation Consortium (ReCAP)

Ian will be discussing his vision where libraries work more closely together than they have been able to in the past. Programs like the National Collection Service Areas and Shared Print are establishing infrastructure for libraries to share materials. The next step is to integrate collections in ways that support users as widely as possible

1:00–1:15 Break

1:15–2:15 Understanding AI Bias: How It Arises and How to Respond

DLC: Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries

- Facilitator: Gwen Sinclair, Chair of the Government Documents & Maps Department, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa Library
- Kim Nayer, Edward Cornell Law Librarian, Associate Dean for Library Services, and Professor of the Practice, Cornell Law School and Cornell University Library

This session explores the phenomenon of AI bias—why bias is seen as inherent in machine learning processes and generative AI models. We will examine the impact of training data, design choices, and real-world use on observable and implicit bias in AI outputs, along with the consequent implications for public trust. Participants will learn about techniques developers can use to mitigate bias and strategies information professionals can use to critically assess AI outputs for bias and mitigation efforts. By the end of the session, participants will have a deeper understanding of AI bias and will be able to apply this knowledge in their own work and toward informative interactions with patrons.

2:15–2:30 Break

2:30–3:30

National Transportation Library Resources and Services

- Rosalyn Alleman, Reference and Outreach Librarian, National Transportation Library, USDOT

The NTL is a born-digital library which collects Government-funded transportation research and other materials, provides reference services to the public, coordinates the National Transportation Knowledge Network, and supports BTS transportation statistical data products. Created by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, it is funded under the highway trust fund laws that are passed every five years. NTL also hosts the USDOT archives, and our historian/archivist manages that collection and makes materials available to DOT staff and the public.

3:30–3:45

Break

3:45–5:00

Zine-Making 101: Zip, Zap, Zine

DLC: Collection & Discovery Services Subcommittee

- Charlie Amiot, Government Information Librarian, CDSS Chair
- Selena Lee, Librarian, Ninth Circuit, Anchorage Branch
- Ariella Mason, Special Collections Coordinator, Fresno County Public Library

Zine-Making 101: Zip, Zap, Zine introduces what zines are, why they're an effective tool for outreach and education, and how librarians can use them to make Government information more discoverable and engaging. Panelists will share a real-world case use example and walk through practical do's/don'ts, plus tips and tricks for creating zines, followed by audience Q&A.

5:00

Recess until noon, Thursday, March 6

Thursday, March 5

12:00–1:30

Council is Listening

- Facilitator: Angela Bonnell, Depository Library Council Chair, Illinois State University's Milner Library

Council wants to hear what is on your mind. The questions you answered as part of the Spring Meeting registration form are shaping this session. Your feedback will also guide Council as it advises the GPO Director on information policy issues affecting depository libraries and the FDLP.

1:30–1:45

Break

1:45–2:45

Q&A Follow-Up: FDLP Pre-Meeting Updates

- Julie Balutis, Managing Director, Library Services & Content Management
- Michael Dent, Supervisory Librarian
- Suzanne Ebanues, Supervisory Management Analyst
- Fang Gao, Chief of Metadata & Collection Services
- Jen Lindley, Supervisory Librarian
- Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents
- Oksana Osborne, Metadata Integrity Librarian
- Ben Petersen, Chief of Projects & Systems
- Kate Pitcher, Chief of Federal Depository Support Services

- Lisa Russell, Senior Program Analyst

During this follow-up session, members of GPO’s LSCM leadership team will address questions submitted by the FDLP community leading up to and during the FDLP Pre-Meeting held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, related to LSCM projects and initiatives.

2:45–3:00 **Break**

3:00–5:00 **Depository Library Council Business Meeting**

- Angela Bonnell, Chair
- Members of the DLC
 - I. Call to Order
 - II. Secretary’s Report
 - III. Remarks from the Chair
 - IV. Election of Secretary for Council term June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027
 - V. Reports
 - Subcommittees
 - Working Groups
 - NCSA Steering Committees, DLC Representatives
 - VI. Review of GPO responses to Council’s Fall 2025 recommendations
 - VII. New Business
 - GPO’s 2026 Legislative Proposals
 - VIII. DLC Wrap Up
 - Discuss conference takeaways and DLC action items
 - IX. For the good of the order
 - X. Council will convene again for its Fall 2026 meeting. Adjourn

ACRONYMS

CDSS	Collection & Discovery Services Subcommittee
DLC	Depository Library Council
DOT	Department of Transportation
FDLP	Federal Depository Library Program
GPO	U.S. Government Publishing Office
LSCM	Library Services & Content Management
NCSA	National Collection Service Areas
NTL	National Transportation Library