

LIBRARY SERVICES & CONTENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Fall 2026

The following highlights accomplishments and updates from the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO's) Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) business unit.

FDLP Rules & Instructions

[FDLP Rules & Instructions](#) is the new consolidated resource of Program rules and associated instructions. They expand upon the principles and Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) authorizing legislation, 44 U.S.C. §§ 1901–1916, and support the successful operation at libraries to achieve free public access to FDLP resources.

The document is divided into three sections: administrative rules, public access rules, and physical format collections rules.

FDLP Rules & Instructions supersedes the 2018 Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the FDLP and went into effect in June 2026.

FDLP Community Needs Assessment

GPO conducted the FDLP Community Needs Assessment in February 2026 to guide LSCM in developing services and training to benefit the FDLP community.

The survey was sent to a statistical sampling of 343 Federal depository libraries in February and ran for six weeks. There was a 75% response rate.

The data was analyzed, and LSCM will synthesize it with Biennial Survey results and askGPO data to develop a comprehensive data set. Continuing into FY27, LSCM will review existing FDLP services and determine if new services are needed.

FDLP Recommendations from GPO's Office of the Inspector General on FDLP Assessments

In 2024 and 2025, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) team at GPO conducted an inspection to assess whether the Superintendent of Documents (SuDoc) is meeting the intent of 44 U.S.C. § 1909 to “make firsthand investigation of conditions for which need is indicated” with Public Access Assessments of Federal depository libraries.

The OIG made four recommendations:

- 1) Resume conducting firsthand investigations.
- 2) Update SuDoc Policy 312.
- 3) Request Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) approval for measures that are considered necessary.
- 4) Develop and use a system of recordkeeping to track notifications to the JCP and JCP approval of SuDoc activities.

Implementation of all recommendations is underway and will continue throughout FY 2027. View the [FDLP Preconference recording](#) for detailed updates on each recommendation.

The full report, [Federal Depository Library Program Assessments Inspection](#), Report Number 25-10, is available.

DiscoverGov 2.0

In March 2025, GPO launched [DiscoverGov](#), a unified interface for trusted Government information. The site provides simple, one-stop searching across multiple U.S. Federal Government databases, including GPO's [Catalog of U.S. Government Publications \(CGP\)](#) and [GovInfo](#).

DiscoverGov 2.0 is LSCM's next step in continuing innovation and improvement. Building on a multi-year research initiative that included a year documenting our As-Is work processes, the DiscoverGov 2.0 implementation project was launched in August 2026.

Alma by Clarivate / ExLibris has been selected with an associated Primo VE to modernize back-end systems controlling cataloging, data management, and legacy work processes. This will allow for upgraded public interfaces and modernized discovery.

Onboarding and training began in late August 2026, and the implementation timeline is being planned. Updates will be provided at the Spring 2027 DLC Virtual Meeting.

[DiscoverGov pens](#) are available exclusively to Federal depository libraries.

LSCM Pilot Projects

Launched in 2021, [LSCM Pilot Projects](#) are focused initiatives designed to enhance the [National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information](#) (National Collection) and to help FDLP libraries make Government information more discoverable for the public.

[Pilot Project 2](#) began in July 2022 and was completed in May 2026. Through the pilot, GPO teammates visited the University of North Texas (UNT) Libraries to assess the condition of tangible documents and review item-level inventories. GPO cataloged and digitized 643 World War II-era military technical manuals that were also inventoried and will remain part of the Preservation Steward partnership collections held at the UNT Libraries.

- All titles included in UNT Libraries Pilot Project 2 received both print and online version records in the [CGP](#). Those records can be found by using the search string (wlts= PILOTPROJECT2UNT and wur=http?) in expert search.
- These digitized, historic UNT military technical manuals are now available for permanent public access via [GovInfo](#). The UNT PP2 collection can be found in GovInfo using basic search and the query “mods:pilotproject2unt”.
- GPO also provided the UNT PP2 digital surrogates and related metadata to the [UNT Digital Library](#) in January 2026, and these will eventually be added to that [Digital Preservation Steward partnership](#) repository as well.

Collaborations with GPO

A key part of the enhancement of the National Collection is the development of strategic partnerships and collaborations with Federal depository libraries and other Federal agencies. Collaborations with over 100 organizations to advance free public access to U.S. Government information are underway.

A suite of web pages is available on FDLP.gov related to official partnerships and collaborations with GPO. There are separate web pages for each partner category

with lists of current partners and their contributions, as well as information on how to partner with GPO.

Learn more:

- [Collaborations with GPO](#)
- [Partnerships](#)
 - [Preservation Stewards](#)
 - [Digital Preservation Stewards](#)
 - [Digital Access Partners](#)
 - [Digital Content Contributors](#)
 - [Cataloging and Metadata Contributors](#)

Enhancing Content in GovInfo

GPO continues to increase access to current and historic content in GovInfo.

Notable accomplishments in FY26 include:

- Launching the [Annual Reports](#) collection.
- Expanding the [U.S. Reports](#) collection to include born-digital volumes contributed by the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Completing the U.S. Legislative Markup (USLM) XML project for digitized volumes of the [United States Statutes at Large](#).
- Adding XML for the [Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications](#), 1895-1976.
- Publishing 383 [Congressionally Mandated Reports](#) submitted by Federal agencies, in compliance with the *Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act*.
- Adding digitally reformatted historic publications, including:
 - 2,087 Serial Set volumes containing 38,656 congressional reports and documents.
 - 2,664 digitized congressional committee prints.
 - 15,020 depository shipping lists.
 - 1,441 miscellaneous publications, predominately from the Office of Education (I 16) and Bureau of Education (FS 5.7).

GPO is actively digitizing, and current needs are posted to the [GPO Digitization](#) FDLR Resource Guide. Offering weeded depository material to GPO supports the National Collection and increases public access to Government publications.

Another way to support the National Collection is to contribute digitized content to GovInfo. In FY26:

- Indiana State Library contributed 14 additional volumes of the [Decisions of the Department of the Interior and General Land Office of Cases Relating to the Public Lands](#).
- Boston Public Library contributed over 1,000 congressional hearings.

If you are interested in becoming a [Digital Content Contributor](#), please contact us via [askGPO](#) using the Federal Depository Library tile and selecting the Partnerships category.

FDLP.gov Refresh

LSCM is working on a collaborative effort to revamp FDL.gov's content and organization.

Recent progress includes:

- New and enhanced content for: depository tools, collaborations and partnerships, projects, promotional galleries, Depository Library Council information, and SuDoc information.
- Site clean-up activities, such as the alphabetization of menus, moving content, and unpublishing obsolete information and News Alerts.

Refresh activities will continue in FY27, with a new 'About the FDL' page, further streamlining of content, and a holistic look at overall site navigation.

FDLP Academy

GPO's [FDLP Academy](#) is a free source for training opportunities, events, webinars, and webcasts to inform and educate the Federal depository library community about U.S. Government information resources.

Since the establishment of the FDL Academy, LSCM has hosted 744 webinars to over 100,000 registrants and broadcast 36 conferences and meetings to over 19,000 registrants.

In FY26, the team focused on the evolution of the FDLP Academy, building a program structure, defining scope, and establishing team authority. Work is currently underway and will continue in FY27 to modernize training tools, establish formal curriculum, and diversify training methods.

In spring 2026, LSCM transitioned FDLP Academy broadcast programming to Zoom.

Congressional Research Service Reports

LSCM continues to catalog Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports in accordance with the October 2018 agreement with the Library of Congress. As of September 2026, LSCM librarians have cataloged 12,514 reports. This is approximately 89% of all reports available on the CRS Reports website. New workflows have greatly improved cataloging efficiency, including a collaboration with the CRS to generate monthly reports of new publications and the development of an automated process to generate preliminary records and PURLs. These improvements have allowed GPO to stay current in processing newly published reports each month. The records can be retrieved in the CGP with this expert mode search: [wlts=CRSREP](#).

- [Congressional Research Service Reports collection](#) (CGP on GitHub repository)
- [CRS Products from the Library of Congress](#)

Web Archiving

LSCM continues to archive websites in the [FDLP Web Archive](#), advancing FDLP collection development efforts.

- LSCM has increased the size of the FDLP Web Archive collection to 69.4 TB, with over 813 million URLs.
- There are 230 website collections available on the FDLP Web Archive on Archive-It and 277 records available through the CGP.

New Version of Resource Description and Access

LSCM is preparing to adopt a new iteration of the cataloging standard, [Resource Description and Access \(RDA\)](#). RDA is used in metadata services for the FDLP and Cataloging and Indexing Program (C&I). Staff in LSCM's Metadata and Collection Services (MCS) use RDA and the RDA Toolkit daily to catalog U.S. Government

information products and to create and maintain name authority records. The new RDA features both a redesigned RDA Toolkit and implementation of the Library Reference Model (LRM). The new RDA became official on December 15, 2020, and is now in use worldwide. However, it has not yet been adopted by the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), of which GPO is a member. Since October 2024, an LSCM Metadata Integrity Librarian has been serving on PCC's Standing Committee on Training's (SCT) RDA Training Task Group for Name Authorities. This group is designing the NACO training for Official RDA. As of August 2025, PCC's SCT RDA Training Task Group for Monographs is developing training for cataloging print and electronic books. The target date for developing both trainings is the end of the calendar year 2026.

PCC has a three-year rolling implementation plan from May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2027. When a specific implementation date is finalized by MCS, it will be announced by LSCM.

CGP on GitHub Repository

LSCM has been making cataloging records available via our [GitHub repository](#) since 2017. The records can be downloaded for free. The repository contains various files that FDLs can use to manage the GPO records in their catalogs and for collection development and management purposes.

The Depository Library Council

The [Depository Library Council \(DLC\)](#) serves as an advisory body to the GPO Director. Members offer advice on policy and operational matters that relate to improving public access to our Government's information through the FDLP, C&I Program, GovInfo, and the National Collection.

DLC advice comes in the form of recommendations made to the GPO Director. You can follow the work of the DLC, its working groups, and how GPO responds to their recommendations from their web page on [FDLP.gov](#):

[GPO Responses to Council's Fall 2026 Recommendations](#) (March 2, 2026) are available.

Promoting Your Library

LSCM offers a wide variety of [resources](#) to help you promote your library and the FDLP. An [ordering site](#) offers free promotional products exclusively to FDLP

libraries. A variety of photo galleries are also available to inspire events and activities at your library. In addition, LSCM offers a Digital Marketing Toolkit with downloadable graphics, and guidance is available related to promotional tips and celebrating your depository's anniversary.

As the Nation celebrated [America's 250th birthday](#) on July 4, 2026, and [Constitution Day](#) on September 17, 2026, GPO supported Federal depository libraries with free Pocket Constitutions and America 250 bookmarks. Between June and September 2026, GPO distributed 42,700 Pocket Constitutions and 66,400 bookmarks to libraries throughout the country.