Regional Depository Libraries: 
Addressing New Challenges

June 10, 2020
Presented by GPO staff from the offices of Library Services and Content Management and the Superintendent of Documents
Agenda

- Welcome
- What's Going on at GPO: LSCM Update
- SuDoc Guidance on Disposition of Materials
- SuDoc Letter Concerning Access to Depository Materials During COVID-19
- Regional Models Update

- Title 44, Proposed Legislative Changes
- FDLP eXchange, Weeding, and National Offers During COVID-19
- Regional Discard Update
- Open Discussion/Sharing
- Q&A
LSCM Updates

77 LSCM staff continue to telework full-time.

Plans are being developed to bring some staff back to perform tasks such as processing documents for the digitization vendor, begin processing tangible materials for distribution, etc.

New GPO Deputy Director hired, Patty Collins.

Fall Federal Depository Library Conference / DLC Meeting will be virtual.

New DLC Chair, Alicia Kubas; New DLC members appointed.

July 7: planning to start sending shipments to libraries that can accept shipment boxes.
Superintendent of Documents Depository Guidance Document 2020-1

Federal Depository Libraries Relinquishing Their Designation - Strategic Disposition of Depository Materials for Keeping America Informed

Key components:

• New measures to ensure that we don’t “lose” tangible documents as we build the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information.

• GPO assists selective libraries and regionals, as needed, in the disposition processes where libraries leaving the program have large, historic collections.

• GPO works with all parties to ensure that materials find "homes."

• Work with regionals to make sure other libraries in the state get priority selection.

• Historic/fugitive documents are reviewed for digitization purposes, Preservation Stewards, etc.

• Work with library’s relinquishing status to ensure processes are in accordance with FDLP rules and regulations and according to library timeline.

• Use FDLP eXchange when possible.

• Discusses options for digital or mostly digital depository designation.
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<td>Relinquishing library may request to retain specified depository materials</td>
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<td>Library remains in the FDLP until disposition of materials is completed</td>
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<td>Authority for the final disposition decisions will rest with GPO</td>
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Y= Yes / N = No / S = Sometimes
Superintendent of Documents on Access During COVID-19

- Access and service can be accomplished in many ways; be creative.
- Dedicated professionals working in unusual and unprecedented circumstances.
- Hopefully temporary situation.
- Virtual access and assistance is acceptable.
- Appointments for access are an option.
- Referrals to other libraries that are open is ok.
- ILL and scanning can definitely help patrons when access to tangible materials is not an option.
- Shared reference service models like GIO may help.
- Use the FDLP network to provide access.
- Post access restrictions/conditions on your websites and using signage outside your library.
- Explain how help with Government documents is available, via phone, email, chat, etc.

Superintendent of Documents Letter Regarding Libraries Reopening and Access
Regional Models Update

Guidelines for Establishing Shared Regional Depository Libraries, SOD Guidance Document 2018-1


• Offers flexibility for distribution of regional collections and services within and between states.

• Description of “shared regionals” applied to existing and new regional arrangements

• Out of 46 designated regional depositories, 24 participate in a shared regional arrangement or arrangements

• Any regional depository may consider adoption of existing or new model(s)

• Consider long-term planning, both for the institutions involved and communities served
## Regional Models Today

### Type of shared regional, different models of intra- and inter-state sharing between regionals and selective libraries

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<td>AL, LA, TX, WI</td>
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<td>2 regionals share a collection in one state</td>
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<td>One full regional serving multiple state(s) or jurisdiction(s) (multiple states or jurisdictions share a regional)</td>
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<td>CT, FL, HI, ME, MD, MN, UT, WA</td>
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<td>One regional within the state, and selectives in the state house large parts of the regional's historic collection</td>
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<td>One regional with a distributed regional collection through selective housing agreements with other depository libraries within the state, whereby the selectives select and house significant portions of the regional selections</td>
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<td>MO, NM, OR</td>
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<td>Multiple regionals (multiple regionals share support for an area) serving one or more states</td>
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Regional Models Today

Locations of shared regional arrangements today and one state not currently served by a regional depository are shaded.
Regional Models — The Bigger Picture

Ensuring future generations have access to the National Collection of U.S. Government Public information (GPO)

Ensuring community Government information needs are met (FDLs)

Communicating and working together
Is there a new model in your future?
Webinar: A Shared Regional Depository in Action: Notes from the Virginia-North Carolina Regional

Details
Last Updated: May 22 2020
Published: May 22 2020

Register to attend the live training webinar, "A Shared Regional Depository in Action: Notes from the Virginia-North Carolina Regional."

- **Speakers:**
  - Renée Bosman, Government Information Librarian, Regional Librarian for North Carolina, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Davis Library
  - Trillian Hosticka, Reference Librarian for Information Services, Regional Librarian for Virginia, University of Virginia, Alderman Library

- **Learning Outcomes:** The Virginia-North Carolina Shared Regional Depository was established in October 2019 as an agreement between the University of Virginia Libraries and the University Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Have these libraries pitched half of their tangible collections? No. Have they made some tweaks to collections and retention decisions with an eye toward sustainability? Yes. In this program, the regional librarians for Virginia and North Carolina will discuss what their shared regional really looks like so far, how they hope to grow the collaboration, and how they coordinate when a library user needs something held by the other institution.
Interest in Revising Title 44 U.S.C. Chapter 19

• Not a total overhaul
• Little wins
• Outcomes
  o Digital and tangible content specifically included, but format-neutral
  o National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information
  o Flexibility for libraries
    ▪ Digital-only option
    ▪ Regional collections across state boundaries
    ▪ GPO assisting with the disposition of materials
  o Training
Response to Call for Community Contribution of Ideas

- 118 individuals
- 58 depository library coordinators
- 39 library directors/deans
- 20 from regional depository libraries
- 12 people not from depository libraries
- Libraries:
  - 72 Academic
  - 1 Academic, Community College
  - 8 Academic, Law
  - 1 Federal Agency
  - 2 Highest State Court
  - 14 Public
  - 1 Service Academy
  - 2 Special
  - 9 State
  - 8 Other

News Alert June 27, 2017
Who else responded to the call?

- American Association of Law Libraries
- American Library Association
- Association of Research Libraries
- Association of Southeastern Research Libraries
- Center for Research Libraries
- Chief Officers of State Library Agencies
- Consortium of Rhode Island Academic and Research Libraries
- Digital Library Federal
- Government Publications Interest Group of Colorado
- GovTrack
- Medical Library Association
- University Librarians from the 10 University of California campuses and the California Digital Library
Here’s what we want …

**Individuals**
- Preservation
- Free access
- Definition of “publication”
- More digital
- Privacy
- Item selections
- Discard process
- Shared print archives
- Deposit digital files in FDLs
- Regional discard/substitution
- Regional flexibility
- Grant authority

**Organizations**
- Definition of “publication”
- Free access
- Preservation
- Privacy
- Deposit digital files in FDLs
- Regional flexibility
- Grant authority & gift authority
- New categories of libraries
- Strengthen relationship with Federal agencies
- Protect integrity of digital content
- Repeal 10,000 book requirement

**GPO**
- Free access/privacy
- Lifecycle management
- Definition of “publication”
- National collection
- Preservation
- Digitize historical content
- Grant authority
- Regional flexibility
- Regional discard/substitution
- Role in discard process
- Repeal 10,000 book requirement
- Shared repositories/archives
- Deposit digital files in FDLs
- Agency notification

Title 44 Reform — User Groups Intersect

Wanted to begin with:
- §§ 1901, 1909, 1912
- National Collection
FDLP eXchange: Tips for Reopening in Your Region

FDLP eXchange
Time Frames

• Time frames were increased to 180 days.

• Can be reset by regionals at any time.

• States with more than one regional should coordinate.
Offering Nationally

• Selectives can offer items nationally even if your region is not using eXchange.

• You will need to reset your review periods.

• If you need help, ask us!
Things to Remember when Re-setting Time Frames

• Libraries are reopening at different rates.

• Consider using longer time frames for a while.

• Remind selectives to use longer time frames.

• Communicate.
Questions?

• FDLPOutreach@gpo.gov

• askGPO
Regional Discard Update
Regional Discard

• 44 United States Code §1912 allows the Superintendent of Documents to authorize discards by Regional libraries.

• Historically included only:
  • Superseded publications
  • Issued later in bound form
  • Another tangible format

• July 2015, Government Publications Authorized for Discard by Regional Depository Libraries Policy was approved.
Regional Discard

Basic Requirements for Regionals to Discard

• Publication eligibility requirements:
  • Digital equivalent on govinfo with GPO Seal of Authenticity.
  • Held for 7 years.
  • A minimum of 4 tangible copies for which there are geographically-dispersed Preservation Stewards.

• In compliance with all agreements deposited with the Superintendent of Documents (e.g. Shared Housing Agreements, Shared Regional Agreements).

• Authorization to discard from the Superintendent of Documents.

• Must be offered via FDLP eXchange for selective and national review.
Regional Discard

- *Public Papers of the Presidents* (79 volumes)
- *United States Statutes at Large* (20 volumes)

- Public Papers: 2 regionals
- Statutes at Large: 1 regional
Questions?

• regionaldiscard@gpo.gov

• askGPO
Discussion

Regional depository staff:
• What are some of the new ways you’re working with selectives today?
• What is your biggest challenge today?
• Would it be helpful for you to know when other states/regions have reinstated needs and offers?
• Do you have any ideas for new regionals models that aren’t currently in place?
• What unique needs do regional depository libraries have?

Everyone:
• Since Federal Depository Libraries Relinquishing Their Designation- Strategic Disposition of Depository Materials for Keeping America Informed is new, what questions or comments do you have?
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