From Goals to Actions: A Regional – Selective Dialogue



Geoffrey D. Swindells, Moderator Depository Library Council Issues Session October 25, 2006 DLC's vision statement, "Knowledge Will Forever Govern," outlines a number of goals for the Federal Depository Library Program in the 21st century. The challenge before us is to translate these goals into concrete actions.

This process will begin today by our focusing on and discussing those recommendations that have a direct impact on the traditional relationship between regional and selective depository libraries.



Regional libraries should provide users with digital copies of materials that have not yet been digitized, on demand at minimal cost.



Regional libraries should sponsor inperson or virtual training sessions at least once every quarter.



Every Federal depository library should establish at least one area in which it has expertise, and be willing to provide training and specialized reference in that area to other libraries.



All Federal depository library collections should be cataloged by the end of the decade.



Comprehensive virtual collections, managed cooperatively by FDLs in a state or region, are an essential part of the FDLP's mission and should be encouraged.



With the exception of essential reference materials and rare or endangered items, a comprehensive circulating collection should be maintained within the boundaries of each state or region.



Think of something later?

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