



January 26, 2009

Dear Depository Library Director:

I would like to invite you, as the head of a Federal Depository Library, to join the Public Printer, Council members and me for a special meeting of depository library directors at the spring 2009 Depository Library Council meeting, scheduled for April 19-22, in Tampa, Florida.

The theme for discussion on the afternoon of Monday, April 20, will be "A New Birth of Freedom -- Creating an Informed Citizenry through Depository Libraries in the 21st Century." We particularly welcome participation from library directors during the first afternoon session, from 2:00-3:30, which will be devoted to the topic: "Federal Depository Libraries and GPO Thriving Amid Economic Turmoil." That session will be followed from 4:00-5:30 with a discussion on "Strengthening Regional and Selective Relations."

This will be an opportunity for the Council and GPO management to talk to you about the changes that are occurring at GPO and in the FDLP. It will also enable us to listen to your concerns and hear your recommendations. I especially welcome your advice during this time of transformation for the FDLP, which is continuing its evolution into a predominantly electronic program.

For further details, please see the FDLP Desktop events page, at http://www.fdlp.gov/component/events/view_detail/2009/4/20/8. There is no registration charge for the meeting.

I very much look forward to hearing your ideas on the important issues now confronting the program. Please join us as we continue to map the path for the Federal Depository Library of the future.

For planning purposes, if you are able to attend, please contact Debbie Smith at 202-512-0571 or by email at <djsmith@gpo.gov>.

Sincerely yours,

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