

American Library Association Midwinter Meeting January 19 – 24, 2007 – Seattle, WA

SPRING DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL MEETING –

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/events/spring_council.html

- The Spring 2007 Depository Library Council Meeting will be held April 15-18 in Denver, CO, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, located at 1550 Court Place in Denver. Registration and hotel reservation information are available on the FDLP desktop at the above URL. Look for announcements on the GPO-FDLP-L listserv as the schedule of events is developed.

ANNUAL INTERAGENCY DEPOSITORY SEMINAR –

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/events/interagency.html

- The 2007 Annual Interagency Depository Seminar will be held July 30 - August 3, in Washington, DC. The free seminar, open to depository library staff, provides an opportunity for both new and experienced documents personnel to review basic materials and learn about new products directly from Federal agency staff. Tours of Federal agency libraries are included. For further information about the seminar, contact the Education and Outreach staff by telephone on (202) 512-1119; by fax on (202) 512-0016; or by e-mail at ylouden@gpo.gov.

2007 FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS INVITED –

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/fdlofyear/index.html

- Nominations are now being accepted for the 2007 Federal Depository Library of the Year, at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/fdlofyear/application.html. Any Federal Depository Library, regardless of size or type, may be nominated, with the exception of past winners, libraries of current Depository Library Council members, and libraries on probation. The nomination deadline is June 2, 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS NOW BEING ACCEPTED –

- GPO has solicited recommendations for new members of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer from library associations and other organizations involved with Federal Government information issues. New Council members, who will serve a 3-year term beginning October 1, 2007, will be announced at the spring 2007 Council meeting.

DIGITIZATION OF LEGACY PUBLICATIONS –

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy/index.html>

- GPO is completing a demonstration project for the digitization of legacy publications, and an assessment of the project is currently underway. Priorities for digitization included legislative and regulatory material that expands the coverage of the most popular *GPO Access*

databases. A meeting of experts was held on January 11 at GPO, and a summary report of that meeting will soon be posted on the FDLP Desktop.

AMENDED CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON *GPO Access* –

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/crecord/tips.html>

- A new, amended version of the Congressional Record will be available in the first quarter of 2007 on *GPO Access*. The Secretary of the Senate, Clerk of the House, and JCP have approved having GPO proceed with a pilot program for making corrections, typically of small, clerical errors, to the online version of the Congressional Record.
- GPO will be making corrections to miscellaneous issues of the online version of the Congressional Record for 2005 and 2006. No content will be removed during this process. The TEXT and PDF files will be corrected, and the explanation of the corrections, including the original, uncorrected text, will appear within the document.

OPAL PROCURED FOR FDLP TRAINING –

<http://www.opal-online.org>.

- GPO has procured OPAL (Online Programming for All Libraries), an interactive Web-based meeting and conferencing service, for FDLP training in 2007 for Federal Depository Library participants. With OPAL, GPO will be able to provide training that users can access in their own facilities. An implementation plan is being developed.
- OPAL is administered by the Alliance Library System, the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center, and the Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service.

WEB DISCOVERY & HARVESTING –

- GPO will soon release a report about its six-month pilot project to harvest online Environmental Protection Agency publications using technologies for automated Web discovery, assessment, and harvesting of U.S. Government publications. The report will include a project overview, analysis of random samples from the results, plus vendor and GPO recommendations for future automated publication harvesting activities. Further analysis will be conducted as GPO reviews the complete results for inclusion in GPO's information dissemination programs and classifies, catalogs, and archives in-scope publications.
- GPO is continuing development of automated publication harvesting tools and methodologies in preparation for full implementation in conjunction with FDsys. Many harvesting tools include discovery and harvesting components, but none heretofore have included the specific assessment conducted by GPO. Assessment involves the determination whether harvested materials are publications within scope of the FDLP and Cataloging and Indexing Program. Analysis of the results from the third and final crawl of the EPA Web site showed an average 85% accuracy rate in finding online content that was within scope. Although GPO will continue to work to improve this rate, the pilot helped demonstrate that scope determinations may be made using automated tools.

FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY HANDBOOK –

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/handbook/index.html

- GPO continues to work on editing, consolidating, and updating its various FDLP instructions and manuals into a single online publication. Members of the depository library community wrote fifteen chapters on every aspect of operating and managing a depository library. Seven chapters were posted online for comment. Three more chapters (3, 12, and 15) will be posted

soon for comment, while another three (8, 11, and 14) will have final versions posted. Other chapters are still under development. The final consolidated version of the Handbook is expected to be completed this summer.

CATALOG OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS (CGP) –

<http://catalog.gpo.gov/>

- The CGP is the public face of GPO's cutting edge integrated library system (ILS). It contains over 500,000 historical and current bibliographic records from July 1976, with nearly sixty thousand records containing one or more PURLs. Since go-live in March, 2006, the catalog is averaging close to forty-two thousand successful requests per day. Available from the CGP are static monthly New Electronic Titles reports of newly cataloged, Web-accessible electronic titles with links to the publications included. Also available are predefined searches for New Titles and New Electronic Titles, for specific intervals. Projected for 2007: Z39.50 access to the CGP; federated searching across select resources with MetaLib; an administrative module to enable depositories to update their own information; a new Library Directory; upgrade to Aleph version 18; and authenticated services for depository libraries. The projects are in various stages of completion for 2007. The FDLP-L list will announce roll-out dates.

AUTHENTICATION INITIATIVES –

- GPO recognizes that as more Government information becomes available electronically, data integrity and non-repudiation of information become more critical. The primary objective of GPO's authentication initiatives is to assure users that the information made available by GPO is official and authentic and that trust relationships exist between all participants in electronic transactions. GPO's authentication initiatives will allow users to determine that the files are unchanged since GPO authenticated them. In order to keep within GPO's mission to provide permanent public access to official or authentic U.S. Government publications, GPO is currently implementing a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) initiative to ensure the authenticity of its electronically disseminated content.
- In October 2006, GPO awarded a contract for the development of a bulk signing tool for the application of digital signatures on Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files. This will enable application of digital signatures in a more timely, efficient and cost-effective manner than can be achieved manually. The same procurement includes a validation mechanism that will enable users to easily view authentication information for digitally signed PDF documents. GPO staff have been working with the contractors to develop the tool, and authentication will begin after the tool has been installed and tested.

DISASTER RECOVERY –

- Several years ago, in the wake of the September 11 attacks, GPO received funds to develop a disaster recovery site to ensure that its electronic data is protected and remains accessible in the event of an unforeseen system failure or catastrophe. Work is progressing and on track for implementation within this fiscal year on normalizing *GPO Access* WAIS data for GPO's disaster recovery solution. The work will also facilitate dissemination efforts related to FDsys. Having completed the Data Analysis Phase, GPO is currently involved in the Execution Phase of the initiative, which is projected to be completed in early spring.

FUTURE DIGITAL SYSTEM –

<http://www.gpo.gov/projects/fdsys.htm>

- The Future Digital System (FDSys) Team is working intensively to complete the design and implementation phase of FDSys development. In November, Harris Corporation, the contractor for Master Integrator services, and GPO completed the System Design Review (SDR), a major development milestone. The SDR included reviews of system architecture, development timelines, testing and training strategies, and the structure of information content packages.
- Harris will integrate technologies and applications together to deliver a fully functional system. GPO and Harris are using Vendor Capability Assessments, software demonstrations and other evaluation processes to make decisions about which commercial products best meet FDSys requirements and performance needs.
- Beta testing of the first system release is scheduled for completion in May 2007. The first public release of FDSys, Release 1C, will be deployed in December 2007.
- Additional information about progress on FDSys may be found in *Techline, News of GPO's Digital Content System*, no. 2, January 2006, or at http://www.gpo.gov/projects/fdsys_documents.htm.

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE METRICS FOR THE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM AND THE CATALOGING AND INDEXING PROGRAM –

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/metrics/index.html

- GPO's Library Services and Content Management will be releasing monthly statistics on the activities of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and the Cataloging and Indexing Program (C&I).
- An archive of the monthly Performance Metrics will be compiled as the reports are created. This will also be available online on the FDLP Desktop, beginning with figures for January 2007.

DISTRIBUTION AND GPO ACCESS STATISTICS –

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>

- During first quarter of FY 2007 (Oct. – Dec. 2006), GPO distributed 977,253 tangible copies of 2,320 titles (print, microfiche, CD's, DVDs and in-house maps). USGS map distribution during the first quarter FY 2007 included 59 titles and 12,673 copies.
- Also in the first quarter, 2,168 online titles and 1,684 PURL links to agency titles outside of *GPO Access* were added, for a total of 3,852 new online titles on *GPO Access*. These additions bring the total number of titles on *GPO Access* to 211,819, and the total number of titles linked from *GPO Access* to 49,638, for a total of 261,457 titles accessible through *GPO Access*.
- In the first 2 months of FY 2007, 82.4 million documents were retrieved from *GPO Access*, averaging nearly 41.2 million a month, or 1.4 million per day. Retrievals from *GPO Access* since its inception in 1994 now total 2.93 billion.
- In the first quarter of FY 2007, 4248 titles were cataloged, compared with 2294 in the same quarter in FY 2006.