



U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE LIBRARY SERVICES & CONTENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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

Library Operating Statuses & FDLP Shipments

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact libraries across the country. In May 2020, depository libraries were asked to keep GPO abreast of their operating status through the use of a form. Questions included whether they were able to accept regular, microfiche, and maps shipments. Depository Distribution staff resumed shipments on July 6 for those indicating they could accept shipments. Microfiche resumed distribution in late August 2020 with materials being processed and mailed by the Depository Distribution staff. Additionally, GPO asked if libraries were open for their staff, affiliates, and members of the public. As of April 1, 2021, the form has been submitted by 1,035 libraries (93% of FDLs) that have varying degrees of 'openness' or ability to receive shipments.

Some key takeaways:

- 87% of libraries are reported as open for staff.
- 52% are open for affiliates.
- 27% are open for members of the public.
- 89% are able to receive regular shipments.
- 87% are able to receive map shipments.
- 87% are able to receive microfiche shipments.

Libraries are encouraged to complete the [Status Form](#) any time there is a change in services.

FDLP COVID Support Services

As a result of COVID-19, GPO has strived to provide needed services to FDLP libraries. A [new handout](#) is now available which details the various COVID-related services and resources available.

COVID-19 Toolkit

Available through the [COVID-19 Tool Kit: Federal Depository Library Program](#) is:

- Information for Federal depository library staff on FDLP operations during the pandemic.
- Information for libraries in general.
- Reliable U.S. Government information resources for FDLP patrons.
- Downloadable images you can use for your library website to link patrons to your COVID-19 information pages or research guides.
- Infographics to share with patrons.
- Recorded webinars for library staff and patrons.

Since information on the pandemic is constantly changing, LSCM is continuing to update this resource with new information as it becomes available.

Free Materials for Order

Available exclusively to Federal depository libraries is a variety of COVID-19 related signage and face masks. Five different posters are available, focusing on topics related to social distancing, caution using library materials, COVID prevention, room capacities, and rules for wearing a mask. In addition, FDLP face masks are also available. Each library may order up to seven of these reusable, washable masks.

FDLP Academy & FDLP LibGuides Offerings

LSCM has hosted nearly two dozen COVID-related webinars and conference programs since March 2020. These are all accessible through [the FDLP Academy Training Repository](#) by clicking on the COVID-19 subject tag on the right side of the page.

FDLP LibGuides also offers [25 individual Guides](#) on COVID-19. Topics include social distancing activities, K-12 resources, DIY masks, small businesses, and more.

Best Practices & Lessons Learned

LSCM is working to build a 'COVID-19 repository' of after-action plans, lessons learned, and other documentation your library has developed. [Share](#) your documentation and ideas with GPO.

Survey on COVID-19 Disruptions

A survey was launched February 25, 2021, to seek community feedback on how FDLP libraries are faring due to COVID-19 and how GPO can help. As of March 25, 197 surveys have been submitted to GPO. Adapting services through curbside pickup, the provision of virtual services, telework and split scheduling, and adjusted budgets were some of the more frequently reported strategies employed. The majority of libraries reported not needing assistance from GPO with their depository operations, but when they did, it largely related to addressing questions

about shipments. Fill-in options allowed libraries to highlight unique services offered. They included in-town interlibrary loan (ILL), home delivery, remote checkout of material through phone pictures and email, the creation of virtual tours, and more. Federal Depository Support Services staff are reaching out to libraries that requested contact.

Guidance for Managing FDL Collections Safely During COVID-19

The guidance document, [**GUIDANCE FOR MANAGING FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COLLECTIONS SAFELY DURING COVID-19**](#), will be updated as the phased results of the multi-part REALM (Reopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums) study, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services; OCLC; and Battelle, become available.¹ GPO will continue to monitor the REALM project and update the guidance documentation as necessary until the REALM grant concludes in September of 2021. GPO will continue to monitor the literature for new and updated studies.

The Guidance document may be found under the [Preservation tab](#) and as a part of the [COVID-19 Toolkit](#) on FDL.gov.

Discontinuing the Use of the Phrase “Fugitive Documents”

LSCM is instituting the use of the phrase “unreported publications” to replace the phrase “fugitive documents.” Unreported publications are defined as:

Public information products that are not discoverable through the Government Publishing Office's Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP).

When this new definition was presented at the Fall 2020 Federal Depository Library Conference, several comments were made regarding the continued use of the phrase “fugitive documents.” While “fugitive” is a literary term that was most commonly used in the 18th and 19th centuries, it also has a legal meaning that dates back even further. Today, the use of the term is associated with systemic racism and brings to the fore negative and derogatory connotations.

Going forward, LSCM will use “unreported publications.” This change has been approved by the Depository Library Council, the Superintendent of Documents, and the GPO Director. LSCM staff are working to reflect this change in documentation, public-facing web pages on FDL.gov, and in askGPO. We will not replace the term in past conference presentations or in previously published articles.

¹ Reopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums Project: <https://www.webjunction.org/explore-topics/COVID-19-research-project.html>

Superintendent of Documents: Policies & Reports and Open & Transparent

Policies & Reports

[Regional Depository Libraries Online Selections, a draft SOD-PPS](#)

(Superintendent of Documents Public Policy Statement), would allow regional depositories to select the online format of certain titles available on **govinfo** or from Digital Preservation Stewards without having to select a corresponding tangible format. The purpose of this policy is to provide regional depository libraries flexibility in building and providing service to their Federal depository collections.

At present, the Superintendent of Documents is seeking comments on the draft policy and encourages you to share your opinion through [May 16, 2021](#). A link to the draft policy, the submission form, and additional information is available from the [Open Requests for Comments](#) page on FDLP.gov.

In the fall of 2020, Regional depository library coordinators were surveyed about the draft policy. The purposes of the survey were to:

- Gauge regional depository interest in the prospect of selecting online as a format.
- Provide LSCM an insight into how regional depositories might implement such a practice.
- Inform the development of processes to test how LSCM could employ the policy.

With a 100% response rate and the thoughtful comments of the regional coordinators, the three purposes of the survey were achieved. A [final report](#), *Regional Depository Libraries and Selection of Online Materials: Regional Depository Libraries Survey Findings*, was released in February and is available on FDLP.gov. For more information on the policy and testing its implementation, see the [Regional Online Selections Policy web page](#).

Open & Transparent

The Superintendent of Documents seeks comments from the depository library community, interested stakeholders, and the broader general public on various documents, including draft policies. In an effort to be more open and transparent, the Superintendent of Documents established a more formal process to obtain, report, and retain comments received.

Two pages on FDLP.gov were developed, [Open Requests for Comments](#) (ORC) and [Closed Requests for Comments](#) (CRC). Every call for comments will have an entry on the ORC page. The CRC page serves as a record of the comment process and will be archived. The following are among the protocols in place:

- At a minimum, all requests for comments will be announced in an FDLP News Alert.
- The comment period will be no fewer than 30 days and may be extended.
- Comments received will be made publicly accessible from the CRC page.
- One may opt to not have their name included in the public comments.
- There will be a snack on the FDLP.gov homepage whenever there are open requests.
- All comments will be reviewed, considered, and applied as appropriate.

FDLP Academy

<https://www.fdlp.gov/about-the-fdlp/fdlp-academy>

GPO's FDLP Academy is a free source for training opportunities, events, webinars, and webcasts for both the FDLP community and non-depository libraries. Since its inception in 2012, the FDLP Academy has hosted over 500 webinars, with over 67,000 combined registrants and over 120 recorded webcasts.

Training topics cover all aspects of Government information resources and librarianship. These educational offerings are all available via the [FDLP Academy Training Repository](#).

Contact FDLPOutreach@gpo.gov if you would like to become an FDLP Academy presenter and share your knowledge with the FDLP community.

State of the FDLP

The inaugural report, [State of the FDLP, 2018-2019](#), was published in February 2021, and was released as a final report and executive summary. The document covers the period of January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019, and reports on the conditions and status of libraries in the depository program, including 2019 Biennial Survey results and observations of LSCM and GPO staff during various interactions with depository personnel and library administrators.

Currently, staff from across LSCM are beginning to plan the next *State of the FDLP*, which will cover the reporting period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Enhancing Content in govinfo

<https://www.govinfo.gov>

In February 2021, GPO celebrated the 5th anniversary of **govinfo**. Over the last five years, **govinfo** expanded from 1.3 to 2 million content packages and averages 33 million retrievals per month.

Notable additions in the first half of FY21 include:

- [Two historic Department of Energy publications](#) contributed by Boise State University.
- Release of 10 additional years of [Bill Status XML Bulk Data](#), from the 108th Congress to the 112th Congress.
- [Final Report of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress.](#)
- [Women in Congress, 1917-2020 eBook.](#)
- [2020 United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions](#), or the “The Plum Book.”
- [Senate Manual for the 116th Congress.](#)
- [Congressional Directory for the 116th Congress.](#)
- [2021 Economic Report of the President.](#)
- [Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation \(CONAN\), 2020 Supplement.](#)
- Expansion of the [United States Courts Opinions](#) collection to over 145 appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts.

GPO is actively digitizing content, and current needs are posted to the [GPO Digitization: GPO Needs Lists LibGuide](#). Offering weeded depository material to GPO supports the *National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information* and increases public access to Government publications.

Another way to support the *National Collection* is to contribute digitized content to **govinfo**. If you are interested in becoming a Digital Content Contributor please contact us at PreserveFedInfo@gpo.gov.

Digitization of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set Back to 1817

The [collaborative effort](#) between GPO and the Law Library of Congress to digitize and make accessible volumes of the Serial Set is ongoing. The initial public release of content on **govinfo** is scheduled for fall 2021. The Law Library of Congress is continuing to inventory and digitize Serial Set volumes. A second delivery containing volumes from the 69th Congress was delivered to GPO in February.

The GPO team remains focused on metadata creation, the development of a new **govinfo** collection, and seeking any replacement volumes needed by the Law Library. Bibliographic records are being created or updated for each document and report contained in the delivered digitized volumes. The team is also ensuring data integrity throughout the processes and has compiled requirements, completed an initial design review, and begun development of the **govinfo** Serial Set collection.

As the digitization continues, the list of needed volumes will grow, so please regularly check the Serial Set needs list on [FDLP LibGuides](#) and [FDLP eXchange](#). LSCM needs your help to ensure all volumes are digitized.

GPO Partnerships

<https://www.fdlp.gov/about-the-fdlp/partnerships>

Since 1997, GPO has developed strategic partnerships with Federal depository libraries and other Federal agencies to increase access to electronic Federal information. GPO has official partnership agreements in place with over 60 organizations to advance free public access to U.S. Government information.

Partnerships range from organizations that pledge to permanently preserve Government publications in their libraries, to organizations that make a commitment to retain and make publicly accessible, at no fee, digital resources within scope of the FDLP, to organizations that provide digital content to GPO for ingest into **govinfo**, and more.

During FY 2021:

- Over 600 bibliographic records for digital versions of the USGS Water Resources Investigations were added to the CGP (partnership with the Colorado School of Mines).
- Bibliographic records for 35 newly digitized titles on FRASER were added to the CGP (partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis).
- Six Preservation Stewards celebrated their three-year anniversary.

Visit [FDLP.gov's partnership page](https://www.fdlp.gov/partnership) to view current partnerships and for information on pursuing a partnership with GPO.

Pilot Projects Framework Development

GPO would like to implement collaborative pilot projects in the FDLP community. This involves developing a framework to support the projects and associated work. The pilot projects will focus on areas of need, including inventory, cataloging, condition assessment, and preservation of Federal Government publications in FDLP collections.

Our team has been working on developing the process to initiate and execute these projects, as well as finalizing the initial topics. We plan to announce two pilot project opportunities in the summer and fall of 2021.

ISO 16363:2012 Trustworthy Digital Repository Audit and Certification of govinfo

<https://www.fdlp.gov/preservation/trusted-digital-repository-iso-16363-2012-audit-and-certification>

On December 22, 2020, The PTAB (The Primary Trustworthy Digital Repository (TDR) Authorisation Body Ltd.) Certification Committee announced the successful passing of GPO's second surveillance audit in the three-year audit cycle, as required by certificate number PTAB-TDRMS 0002. GPO remains the first organization in the United States and second organization internationally to achieve ISO 16363:2012 Certification.

The 2020 surveillance audit was a valuable learning experience for both GPO and the auditing team. Presentations, documentation reviews, and interviews were held virtually in place of the two-day onsite visit typically required per ISO auditing procedures.

Certification of **govinfo** from an accredited certifying body validates GPO's commitment to standards-based digital preservation practices and activities across 109 criteria in the areas of Organizational Governance, Digital Object Management, and Infrastructure and Security Management. TDR certification has been a key GPO strategic initiative and a joint effort of GPO's LSCM and Programs, Strategy, and Technology (PST) business units since 2015.

Certification under ISO 16363 provides assurance to GPO stakeholders, including the FDLP community, that **govinfo** is a standards-compliant digital archive in which Government information shall be preserved, accessible, and usable well into the future.

As of September 2020, GPO is currently the only institution in the world to hold ISO 16363 Trustworthy Digital Repository Certification. In 2021, GPO will undergo a full audit in order to maintain certification.

askGPO

<https://ask.gpo.gov/s/>

LSCM is continuing to enhance the new askGPO Salesforce platform that went live on August 10, 2020. The new askGPO is an essential tool to drive the engagement of LSCM with our FDLP community, Federal agencies, and the public. The new tool provides a hub for current and historical inquiries; contact and library information; and program management, such as the CRDP, anniversary requests, and individual needs of the libraries, as well as a communication tool between LSCM and FDLs.

Since August 2020, we have incorporated the Shipping Claims form into askGPO; worked with LSCM's Library Technical Services unit on the claims for unreported documents, providing updated individual library information seamlessly to the FDL Directory on a nightly basis; and continued to make further, user-friendly enhancements.

In the coming months, work will continue on adding survey tools, developing meeting tools, and a digital content management component that will make additional resources available to both the FDLs and LSCM.

If you have not logged in to askGPO since August 2020, please take a few minutes to do so and navigate through the user-friendly tools that will assist you with managing your Government documents collections. As a reminder, the full set of hour-long training sessions and quick reference how-to modules [are available](#) through the FDLP Academy Training Repository.

Congressional Research Service Reports

LSCM continues to catalog [Congressional Research Service \(CRS\) Reports](#) in accordance with the agreement made with the Library of Congress in October 2018. As of mid-March 2021, LTS staff have cataloged over 7,069 separate, unique CRS report titles. This is approximately 79% of all reports available on the site. LSCM is cataloging reports in the *CRS report* series as well as the *In Focus*, *Insight*, and *Legal Sidebar* reports. In August 2020, LTS confirmed that the CRS completed publishing its back catalog of reports, which means only newly-published reports (a much smaller number) will need to be cataloged going forward. LSCM has prioritized cataloging any reports concerning COVID-19 and the coronavirus; many of those records are now available in the [CGP](#).

GPO and the Law Library of Congress Collaborate on Cataloging Historical Legal Reports

The Law Library of Congress and GPO are collaborating on a [multi-year project](#) to catalog thousands of digitized and born-digital historical legal reports. The Law Library of Congress is digitizing the reports, and GPO's Library Technical Services unit (LTS) is cataloging the reports that will be made available online.

LTS cataloged 237 Law Library of Congress reports, completing the third batch of records. The reports date from 1989 to 2015. More than 50 nations are represented, including Afghanistan, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, and Rwanda. The reports cover a vast spectrum of topics such as citizenship, hate crimes, money laundering, right of asylum, sex discrimination against women, and transboundary pollution. LTS processed the fourth batch of 250 reports, dated from 1960 through 1990, and began cataloging the records.

Free Catalog Records via the CGP on GitHub <https://github.com/usgpo/cataloging-records>

The [CGP on GitHub](#) is a resource for users to freely download record sets extracted from the CGP.

LTS posted a new set of files of records added to the CGP from March through September 2020. These records are based on the three lists of Library of Congress Subject Headings compiled in collaboration with staff members of Tribal College Federal depository libraries: American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian terms, oil and gas drilling terms, and water resources terms. The files include MARC records, .csv files, and PDFs of the .csv files with hyperlinked CGP numbers and PURLs.

LTS completed posting the records for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Collection. The NIST Collection contains 8,767 records in 23 monographic series. The resources were published from 1903 to 2016, and subject areas encompass a variety of technical and scientific topics.

A small number of depository libraries recently experienced problems with access to electronic resources within the CGP. GPO identified the source of the problem: the adoption of a new protocol called Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC). Internet service or network providers that have adopted the DNSSEC will not resolve links whose websites are not configured for DNSSEC. This includes retired domains that are unable to validate and confirm what the security system is requiring. GPO updated 191,129 PURLs in 170,501 CGP records. LTS posted the MARC files of the records and .csv files of the OCLC numbers and the updated PURLs on GitHub. LTS worked with OCLC to update the PURLs in OCLC records.

These files are available in MARC-8, UTF-8, MARCXML, and .csv files of the major metadata elements for quick scanning of the contents of the files on the [CGP on GitHub repository](#).

LTS staff will be virtually attending the annual Tribal College Librarians Institute, hosted by Montana State University, in June 2021. In addition, LTS staff attend monthly American Indian Library Association (AILA) membership meetings. These meetings and events, in addition to ongoing communication via listserv with tribal college librarians, give many opportunities for GPO to discuss, demonstrate, and request feedback on the CGP on GitHub Tribal College resources project. It is LSCM's goal to make this service a beneficial and user-friendly one for librarians, students, faculty and staff at tribal libraries.

RDA/3R Project

LSCM continues to prepare for adoption of a new iteration of the Resource Description and Access (RDA) cataloging standard. The RDA/3R Project, created by LTS, helps GPO catalogers learn new RDA concepts and gain familiarity with the updated RDA Toolkit.

Since October 2020, LTS staff have attended several webinars, including ALA's RDA Lab series, a demonstration of the new Toolkit, and an update from the North American RDA Committee. The RDA/3R Project has also continued its internal peer training program, with staff members presenting on complex new topics and creating posters to visually introduce new terminology.

Although the new RDA became official in December, LSCM is awaiting additional guidance from the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) before implementing the standard. LTS staff will begin exploring the new cataloging policy statements from the Library of Congress and PCC once these are added to the RDA Toolkit in April.

The FDL community will be notified when LSCM adopts the new RDA, which is anticipated in the latter part of 2021.

FDLP eXchange

<https://www.fdlp.gov/collection-tools/fdlp-exchange>

FDLP eXchange, launched in June 2018, created an automated process to support the exchange of depository publications nationwide and to facilitate communication among Federal depository libraries.

FY 2021 Statistics (October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021):

- Offers: 127,386
- Needs:
 - From Libraries: 735
 - From GPO: 137
 - Total: 872
- Inquiries to GPO about the FDLP eXchange: 64

ILS Enhancements

There are numerous planned enhancements for GPO's Integrated Library System in FY 2021:

- Performance and security improvements are being made.
- LSCM is working on revising and updating our CGP About and Help pages, which will include short tutorials for basic use.
- New MetaLib resource configurations and configuration updates to existing resources are being implemented.

More details of CGP and related resource enhancements will be provided via [FDLP News & Events](#).

FDLP.gov Modernization

Significant progress has been made with the FDLP website modernization project.

Since the contract was awarded, LSCM's web content team worked on the following:

- Discovery: This process examined and compared the requirements in the contract with the current website. This allowed the team to clarify requirements to the contractor and refine them as needed.
- Servers: A development instance of the new FDLP.gov was implemented and is being used to create the new functionality and perform testing.
- Sprints: The team is working through and testing sprints. Each sprint represents a build of certain requirements and functionality. GPO then performs User Acceptance Testing (UAT) of the work that was accomplished in the sprint.

The next step is to open the development site to internal testing.

Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government

<https://bensguide.gpo.gov>

LSCM is currently maintaining the security of Ben's Guide and keeping the website components up-to-date. Additionally, in celebration of Ben Franklin's birthday in January, the Ben's Birthday Quiz was published, targeting the Journeyman level.

For new content suggestions, please use [askGPO](#). When submitting your suggestions, click "General Public" then select "Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government."

Web Archiving

<https://www.fdlp.gov/project-list/web-archiving>

LSCM continues to harvest digital publications and websites, advancing FDLP collection development efforts. The following efforts were accomplished or are of note through March 31, 2021:

- The FDLP Web Archive collection increased in size to 30.6 TB, with over 284,000,000 URLs.
- There are 211 website collections available on the FDLP Web Archive on Archive-It and 264 records available through the CGP.
- New contract support staff began work in December 2020. We are renewing efforts on web archiving and considering new collections.
- The Archive-It contract to archive an additional 8 TB of data for the next year has been renewed.

Access and full text searching to the FDLP Web Archive is available at:
<https://www.archive-it.org/home/FDLPwebarchive>.

For any question or comments on the FDLP Web Archive contact fdlpwebarchiving@gpo.gov.

PURL Usage Report Enhancements

Three enhancements were recently made to the FDLP PURL Usage Report related to referrer information. A referrer is a website or tool used when the end-user clicks on a PURL. For example, a referrer might name an ILS or a library's subject guide web domain. Referrer information is optional information conveyed by the end-user's network. When provided, referrer information can illustrate where end-users successfully find and use PURLs linking to digital Government information. Knowledge of what library website or tool was used to click on PURLs may help refine a digital collection's development.

The first enhancement can be found after logging into the [FDLP PURL Usage Report](#) tool and clicking on the **PURL Usage** tab. There is now a third at-large monthly report available. Reports include:

- All PURL Referrals by Host.
- All PURL Referrals by Referrer.
- Top 50 PURL referrals by Target URL.

The new report, “All PURL Referrals by Referrer” details the names of the referrer websites or tools used when the end-user clicked on the PURL. Not all networks convey referrer information, so this report is only able to compile usage data when referrer information is available.

Libraries can use the search box in the upper right corner of the report to filter the report to their website, catalog, subject guide domains, etc.

The second enhancement can be found in the **Library Report Dashboard** tab. Patterns can now be saved for a library’s referrer tools and websites, in addition to the library’s outbound network hostnames and IP addresses. From these patterns, custom, monthly FDLP PURL Usage Reports are available for libraries to download.

Third, libraries that have saved patterns will note a new Referrer field is available in their monthly report. When referrer information is conveyed by the end-user’s network, the field will be populated.

As always, usage data compiled for libraries in their monthly reports are limited to the patterns saved by the library.

These enhancements to the FDLP PURL Usage Report provide a more accurate picture of a library network’s PURL usage, and when conveyed to GPO’s server, provides the website or tool being used when end users clicked on PURLs.

For more information on the PURL Usage Report, consult the FDLP.gov Instruction article: [Persistent Uniform Resource Locator \(PURL\): Explanation, Purpose, and Tracking Usage at Your Library.](#)

In 2019, a webcast was created on the FDLP PURL Usage Report: [FDLP PURL Usage Report - Analyzing Usage of Digital FDLP Resources](#). This webcast is scheduled to be updated.

For questions about the PURL Usage Report, submit a question to [askGPO](#) > Federal Depository Library > Other depository library question or issue.

Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP)
<https://www.fdlp.gov/catalogingandclassification/cataloging-record-distribution-program>

The Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP) provides free, GPO-produced catalog records to participating Federal depository libraries through a contract with MARCIVE, Inc.

A few vacancies remain for libraries to join during this fiscal year. Any Federal depository who can meet the program's minimum participation requirements may participate; libraries of all sizes and types, with many different library systems, are in the CRDP. If your library is interested in participating, or to learn more about the program, contact the GPO librarians listed in the Guidance, Questions, and Technical Assistance section of the web page above.

Currently participating libraries:

- The required annual survey is currently underway. A message about the survey was sent directly to all Federal depository library coordinators and CRDP points of contact listed in the FDL Directory. You may access the survey from the CRDP page on FDL.gov. We always appreciate your timely response so we may continue to shape the CRDP in support of your library and all other participating libraries.
- If your library is experiencing any challenges with CRDP participation as a result of the pandemic or other major issue, please contact us at GPO. We would like to consult with you to see how we may be of assistance.

Cataloging Guidelines

<https://www.fdlp.gov/cataloging-guidelines>

GPO continues to update its Cataloging Guidelines (CG); ensure they are in accord with national cataloging standards, including RDA and the Library of Congress-Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs); and adapt those instructions as needed for local policies and procedures. At this time, GPO's Cataloging Policy and Documentation Committee is revising the General Policies chapter of the Cataloging Guidelines. As announced at the 2020 Federal Depository Library Conference as an upcoming item, the revision of the [Congressional Publications](#) chapter has been posted to the GPO Cataloging Guidelines. This chapter was thoroughly revised, and new examples were provided throughout.

Promoting the FDLP

<https://www.fdlp.gov/promotion>

A wide variety of FDLP promotional resources [are available](#) from FDLP.gov.

A revamped ordering site is [now available](#). Click 'Log In To the Ordering Site,' use your existing FDLP.gov login credentials, and browse a variety of free products you can use to promote your library and the FDLP. If you need assistance logging in, please use [askGPO](#). Under Federal Depository Library Program, select the category, 'Marketing, social media, or promotional materials.'

[Downloadable handouts](#) that focus on the benefits of being part of the FDLP and the flexibilities offered to participating libraries are also available.

During this year's celebration of National Library Week (April 4 – 10, 2021), GPO social media featured nationwide Federal depository libraries. Visit GPO's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#) pages to browse the posts.

Special Selection Offers

<https://www.fdlp.gov/special-selection-offers>

LSCM continues its Special Selection Offers initiative, launched in 2019. The Special Selection Offers process allows depository libraries to make a one-time choice to receive a tangible publication of significant interest, identified by GPO. Libraries that are all-digital can also take advantage of Special Selection Offers. Publications chosen in this way become part of the library's depository collection and are subject to regular FDLP retention rules.

Special Selection Offers offered to date in FY21:

- Your Guide to the 2020 Census (Braille)
- American Armies and Battlefields in Europe: World War II
- 2020 National Debate Topic, S. Doc 116-17
- United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions (Plum Book)

Please contact FDLPOutreach@gpo.gov with questions about Special Selection Offers or to provide feedback on this collection development option.

Depository Library Council Recommendations to the GPO Director & GPO Responses

After the fall 2020 Federal Depository Library Conference, the DLC began developing formal recommendations and commendations for GPO.

On November 18, 2020, four recommendations and one commendation were presented. These were reviewed and discussed in detail by GPO staff, and GPO Director Hugh Halpern disseminated formal GPO responses to the DLC Chair, Alicia Kubas. The responses are [available](#) via FDLP.gov.

Welcome New FDLP Library

In October 2020, GPO welcomed Arizona's Yuma County Library District as a new member of the FDLP. Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ) designated the library to be part of the program. The library, which has eight branches, provides patrons in Yuma, located on the border of California and Arizona, with no-cost access to Federal Government information. The library offers both tangible and electronic Federal publications.

**Save the Date: Fall 2021 Federal Depository Library Conference
(Virtual)**

Save the date, and mark your calendars. The fall 2021 Federal Depository Library Conference will take place Monday, October 18 – Wednesday, October 20. Due to continued COVID-19 precautions, this will be an all-virtual event. Stay tuned to [FDLP News & Events](#) for an announcement about registration in June.