

Midwest National Collection Service Area (NCSA) Steering Committee

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As a first project, GPO asked each NCSA steering committee to recommend a process for reassigning [limited print distributions](#) in the event that an existing library would need to stop taking a distribution. We drew up a draft which included steps for seeing to the safe transfer of unwanted backfiles. The draft was submitted to Midwestern libraries for comment on August 26. The Committee incorporated feedback and finalized its recommendation to GPO in September. GPO approved, and posted the final “[Limited Print Distribution Reallocation Process Order of Operations](#)” on the [Midwest NCSA website](#) under the heading “Steering Committee Documents.” GPO will be formalizing the notification process with forms and paperwork which should be consistent across all NCSAs.

In October, at GPO’s request we started working on a “last copy” policy, which can be considered a “commitment to retain” policy. The LPD Framework is predicated on the idea that there will always be at least one copy of each title in each NCSA. However, in the new LPD Framework, such retention does not happen automatically, as it did during pre-2024 system of regional depositories. The committee concluded that the simplest and most streamlined way to meet the requirement would be through establishment of Preservation Steward partnerships for each Limited Print Title. In early 2025, Vice Chair Brent Abercrombie led the effort to recruit Preservation Stewards for the unadopted 20-copy titles. After those are covered, attention will turn to 50-copy title group and Special Selection Offers.

The committee dedicated about one month to identifying and reviewing policies regarding shared print repository participation in the Midwest, to help inform its future work.

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