



August 17, 2023

Dear Library Director and Depository Library Coordinator,

I'm writing to outline the first concrete changes your library will see as we begin the transformation of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to a digital program.

Since [Director Halpern's response to the Task Force Report on a Digital FDLP](#), GPO's Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) staff identified strategic imperatives to implement a digital FDLP. These include planning a framework to support the four National Collection Service Areas (NCSAs), developing a comprehensive plan for both tangible and digital resources of the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information, expanding digitization efforts, and building an outreach strategy for Federal agencies, among others. A complete list of our objectives can be found on [FDLP.gov](#).

To begin this change, GPO will reduce tangible distribution to your libraries in the coming year. The number of titles and copies available for print distribution will decrease as these titles are available in trusted digital versions. For example, the Serial Set and the bound Congressional Record will have limited print copies available. By implementing a new, limited print distribution model, we can acknowledge the different print needs and requirements of the NCSAs and the space constraints facing many libraries. This will move us closer to reaching our vision of a digital FDLP and will also save on costs for printing, postage, and your processing. These savings will allow LSCM to increase investment in digital content management initiatives that serve your library's and patrons' needs.

I recognize this is a significant change in the way the FDLP has operated over the last several decades. This is an inflection point in our three-decade shift to a digital-first future. This evolution makes sustainable our shared commitment to permanent public access to Federal Government information when and where it is needed. We are scheduling meetings with regional depository libraries and NCSAs to discuss details and collaboration.

My staff will continue to engage with you and the Depository Library Council and will provide information through communication channels such as [FDLP.gov](#). More changes will come as we learn from you what's needed to support your patrons and services.

Questions and feedback about the digital FDLP implementation should be directed to [askGPO](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Matheson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SCOTT MATHESON
Superintendent of Documents