

## Gone Digital? An Introductory Discussion of Issues Related to Digital Government Information – Chat Log

### Chat

**Jane Canfield** -> All Participants: Tabasco -I'm originally from Louisiana

**Kelly Seifert** -> All Participants: #DLCVirtual22

**Robbie Sittel** -> All Participants: you should have!

**JoAnna McCulley** -> All Participants: Yum BBQ!

**Rich Gause** -> All Participants: Could digital deposit also be taken on by various consortia around the country, e.g., FLVC in Florida covering all the state universities and state colleges?

**Simon Healey** -> All Participants: A Q for discussion ... as GPO continues to move to digital ... how do selectives continue to fulfill open access to gov docs if the public library doesn't have the ability to do digital deposit, host docs in a repository online archive etc ...

**James Jacobs** -> All Participants: +1 Rich. I'm sure there are consortia that have digital infrastructure to do this

**James Jacobs** -> All Participants: @Simon I'm hoping there are other things that selectives who don't have the infrastructure to do digidep can do. eg unreported documents are an important part of the curation lifecycle

**Rich Gause** -> All Participants: Really important that PURLs or permalinks actually persist long-term. If the system changes there needs to be an automatic forward. When Florida statewide catalog changed from Aleph to Alma none of the permalinks from the previous catalog worked, even though it was the same vendor. Argghh!!!

**James Jacobs** -> All Participants: FYI here's the link to SODA Southern OR Digital Archive  
<https://soda.sou.edu>

**James Jacobs** -> All Participants: wow that's bad Rich.

**Daniel Cornwall** -> All Participants: We at the Alaska State Library are gearing up to be more systematic about reporting unreported documents. For us, one step is building a list of Alaska focused federal agency websites to monitor for new pubs. See <https://lam.alaska.gov/fedpubs/FedsInAK> for our start. Still in progress.

**Rich Gause** -> All Participants: Note that the PURLs that were part of a bib record carried over, but all of our links from LibGuides to catalog bib records had to be updated and there was no crosswalk to find the new permalink -- just had to search by title/author for each entry.

**James Jacobs** -> All Participants: +1 Daniel. that's awesome!

**Holly Chambers** -> All Participants: I second Simon Healey's question.

**jim jacobs** -> All Participants: Kudos to GPO/FLP for aiming to collect "all public information products of the U.S. Government, regardless of format or medium"! But, isn't the term "National Collection" misleading since it implies that everything in its scope is in a "collection"? I would suggest that we limit the use of the word "collection" for that content that is actually collected, described, securely stored, and preserved for long-term access. Then GPO try to describe how complete (or incomplete) the "National Collection" actually is at any given point in time.

**Daniel Cornwall** -> All Participants: Regarding unreported documents, should we be reporting new documents as soon as we notice them? Or give GPO some lead time to catalog them?

**Aimee Quinn** -> All Participants: I think it would be nice if someone will revisit the scope of what falls within the FDLP and the National Collection and what does not for some of the new coordinators here.

**Bernadine Abbott Hoduski** -> All Participants: good point James

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: Agree Aimee

**Brian Garrison** -> All Participants: Are there official guidelines or standards for what can become an "unreported document"?



**Pamela Sawallis** -> All Participants: How likely is it that some small Selective Depository library will run across one of these fugitive documents?

**Doris Hutson** -> All Participants: How does FDLP/GPO address PURLs that are no longer active?

**Elizabeth Williams** -> All Participants: How are libraries handling digital deposits? Are they dedicating a server? Using a commercial product? I don't know the practical aspects of archiving digital materials.

**Daniel Cornwall** -> All Participants: Pamela - We think it is highly likely that state focused feddocs slipping through the cracks and this is where small selectives like us contribute.

**Megan Minta** -> All Participants: The Reporting Publications to GPO page (<https://www.fdlp.gov/collection-tools/reporting-pubs-to-gpo>) includes a brief description of the scope of the Cataloging & Indexing Program, a link to the official policy, and a link to the Scope of the Cataloging & Indexing Program and the Federal Depository Library Program Webcast.

**Robbie Sittel** -> All Participants: @ Daniel, I vote to report straightaway... this would speed up the process of making the pub accessible

**Holly Chambers** -> All Participants: Digital deposit items should be deposited in more than one server I would think. Has the group considered that as a recommendation/issue?

**Aimee Quinn** -> All Participants: +1 Robbie

**Bernadine Abbott Hoduski** -> All Participants: non depository libraries like federal libraries often identify uncataloged or accessible through GPO electronic pubs

**Lisa Pritchard** -> All Participants: +1 Aimee

**Robbie Sittel** -> All Participants: @Pamela, if you're looking it could be found. Our research found that most unreported publications were found serendipitously

**Marnita Simpson** -> All Participants: Will regional libraries be required to receive all digital that gpo offers?

**Paul Nease** -> All Participants: I hope the use of purls persist long term because that's a huge resource for libraries that don't have the infrastructure or resources to host documents themselves

**Robbie Sittel** -> All Participants: thanks for making this point, Renee

**Daniel Cornwall** -> All Participants: +1 Renee

**Jen Kirk** -> All Participants: +1 Renee

**Holly Chambers** -> All Participants: What Paul Nease said, whether it is PURLS or some other system.

**Andrea Craley** -> All Participants: +! Paul

**Laurie Hall** -> All Participants: Thanks James for that perspective, notes

**Megan Minta** -> All Participants: If your library is already digitizing Federal government publications we encourage you to become a Digital Content Contributor, so your digitized publications can be ingested into govinfo. More information about Digital Content Contributors, and other GPO partnership categories, can be found at <https://www.fdlp.gov/about/partnerships>

**Rich Gause** -> All Participants: For libraries that can't take on hosting and digital collections, the participation they might take on is adopting specific agencies or bureaus to monitor/explore for unreported documents.

**Laurie Hall** -> All Participants: noted, we are developing that National Collection strategic plan

**Daniel Cornwall** -> All Participants: Good point Rich!

**ben amata** -> All Participants: we don't have process for using FOIA to obtain/authenticate documents that should be in the national collection

**Shari Laster** -> All Participants: Laurie, that's great to know!

**Daniel Cornwall** -> All Participants: When in doubt, report. Thanks!

**Cindy Etkin** -> All Participants: Scope of National Collection: the corpus of Federal Government public information, regardless of format or medium, produced by Federal employees or paid for with Federal funds. Declassified materials and materials whose privacy considerations have expired are included within scope of the National Collection.



**Aimee Quinn** -> All Participants: SOD\_Pub\_Pol\_2019-1(scope)Rev-Copyright FINAL-SIGNED.pdf

**Cindy Etkin** -> All Participants: Scope of FDLP and C&I: POLICY The scope of tangible materials for the FDLP includes all published Federal information products, regardless of format or medium, which are of public interest or educational value or produced using Federal funds. In certain circumstances this includes Government products protected under copyright. Exceptions are those products: \* For official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes that are not of public interest or have educational value. \* Classified for reasons of national security. \* The use of which is constrained by privacy considerations. \* That must be sold by the publishing agency in order to be self-sustaining ("cooperative publications"). \* Protected under copyright and the Government does not have rights to publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes. The scope of materials for the C&I program includes all published Federal information dissemination products, not confidential in character,

**Bernadine Abbott Hoduski** -> All Participants: NARA should be informing GPO about declassified pubs.

**Rich Gause** -> All Participants: Any effort made to examine previously redacted documents to capture newer versions that incorporate the declassified content?

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: Are older formats ICDs, DVD's etc.) being considered for digitization?

**Jim Jacobs** -> All Participants: 'Public information' means any information, regardless of form or format, that an agency discloses, disseminates, or makes available to the public \[44 U.S.C. 3502; OMB 68]

**Rich Gause** -> All Participants: Interested in preserving the previously redacted versions as well so that it is possible for researchers to critique whether or not the previous redaction was warranted.

**Vicki Tate** -> All Participants: Every time I do research on a possible subject for a display I always find unreported documents hidden away on agencies' web pages. I try to report as many as I can.

**Jim Jacobs** -> All Participants: sorry: "OMB 68" should have been "OMB A-130 p.68"

**Aimee Quinn** -> All Participants: +1 Rich - redacted versions may illustrate the minority (not necessarily in the political sense) voice of issues

**Troy Black** -> All Participants: I don't understand why there is more of a push to have documents included in university OER initiatives since they are open resources that could be used when creating teaching materials for classes.

**Troy Black** -> All Participants: I meant to say why there isn't more of a push. Seems like documents are ignored in OER initiatives

**Pamela Sawallis** -> All Participants: What can FDLP/GPO do to encourage these agencies to comply and share their documents officially?

**Bernadine Abbott Hoduski** -> All Participants: work with federal librarians to get them to get their agency to share

**Aimee Quinn** -> All Participants: Troy, there is an inherent misunderstanding who believe most of the government documents are already available online and available for everyone. It is a from a misunderstanding of government information.

**Donna Kraemer** -> All Participants: Mechanically in bibliographic records, you can search for the phrase "No longer available" in an Advanced Search in the CGP under Internet Access.

**Michelle Donlin** -> All Participants: +1 Troy - I agree with you!

**James Jacobs** -> All Participants: <https://lockss-usdocs.stanford.edu>

**Bernadine Abbott Hoduski** -> All Participants: in 1971 EPA headquarters refused to allow field offices to access their data bases even though we created data for them. WE epa LIBRARIANS GOT THE ADMINISTRATOR TO DIRECT THEM TO LET US ACCESS THEM.

**Renee Bosman** -> All Participants: Yes, good point, We've had lots of conversations about how to actually USE our LOCKSS material should we need to get to it!

**Cindy Etkin** -> All Participants: Digital Deposit Working Group Final Report and Recommendations (March 24, 2022) <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/digital-deposit-working-group-depository-library-council-final-report-and-recommendations-march-24-2022>



**Peggy Jarrett** -> All Participants: Will a day come when we can select content that GPO would send us for digital deposit? A library could select a title and instead of P or EL it would be something like DD? (Forgive me if this is in the final report!)

**Robbie Sittel** -> All Participants: @Troy, DLC offered a presentation discussing gov pubs as OERs. i think the presentation was at the 2017 spring meeting

**Fang Gao** -> All Participants: Agree with Laurie: LSCM staff are actively engaged in maintaing PURLs, replacing unavailable pubs with found and archived pubs whenever possible

**jim jacobs** -> All Participants: PURLs must point to only one copy, but other PIDs can point to more than one copy.

**Holly Chambers** -> All Participants: The servers should also be geographically dispersed, right?

**Pamela Sawallis** -> All Participants: Thank you for this informative session. I have to go to another meeting in my institution.

**James Jacobs** -> All Participants: +1 Holly

**Michelle Donlin** -> All Participants: @Robbie, I'd like to see more of those types of OER/gov pubs presentations at other library conferences. Outside of gov docs circles to get other librarians to think about it.

**Shari Laster** -> All Participants: Troy, I agree with you, and your comment reminded me of this fantastic article by Sarah Potvin and Laura Sare about scholarly communications and government documents in research libraries: Potvin, Sarah and Laura Sare. "Public Goods and Public Interests: Scholarly Communication and Government Documents in Research Libraries." portal: Libraries and the Academy, vol. 16 no. 2, 2016, p. 417-441. Project MUSE, doi:10.1353/pla.2016.0016.  
<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/613849>

**Kelly Seifert** -> All Participants: From the 2018 conference archive: Intricacies of PURLs and Linking to Digital Content: <https://www.fdlp.gov/fall-2018-federal-depository-library-conference>

**Jen Kirk** -> All Participants: OER Presentation from the FDLP Academy  
<https://www.fdlp.gov/training/open-educational-resources-build-lesson-using-free-government-resources>

**Michelle Donlin** -> All Participants: @Shari, thanks for sharing that link.

**jim jacobs** -> All Participants: link to "From the 2018 conference archive: Intricacies of PURLs and Linking to Digital Content " slides on the page <https://www.fdlp.gov/fall-2018-federal-depository-library-conference> is broken

**James Jacobs** -> All Participants: to my mind digital is a "micro format" ;-)

**Jen Kirk** -> All Participants: And the OER session from the 2017 conference (which Robbie mentioned) is on this page: <https://www.fdlp.gov/fall-2017-depository-library-council-meeting-and-federal-depository-library-conference>

**Aimee Quinn** -> All Participants: @Shari, that is a wonderful article. Thanks for sharing it with us!

**James Jacobs** -> All Participants: thanks all for your input! really appreciate your time

**Elisabeth Garner** -> All Participants: Thank you for sharing the comments with us!

**Andrea Stelljes** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Aimee Quinn** -> All Participants: great session!

**Carolyn Frenger** -> All Participants: Thanks to you all for a great session!

**Daniel Cornwall** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Yvonne Williams** -> All Participants: Great session. Thanks for the information.

**Wendy Etchison** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Brian Garrison** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Cindy Etkin** -> All Participants: Great questions! Thanks for you participation at the Gone Digital session.



**Barbara Darrow** -> All Participants: Thanks