



Preservation Services for the FDLP: Preserving the National Collection for Present and Future Users

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Preservation

Strategic initiatives, programs, and processes designed to maintain useful access to information assets, serving the information needs of both present and future generations.



The National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information

The National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information is a geographically dispersed collection of the corpus of Federal Government public information, accessible to the public at no cost. The development, maintenance, and preservation of the National Collection is critical to providing free, ready, and permanent public access to Federal Government information, now and for future generations.



The Digital National Collection

The digital National Collection includes GovInfo (GPO's ISO 16363 certified Trustworthy Digital Repository), content harvested by GPO, and content hosted on Federal agency websites. GPO partners also help build the digital collection by contributing digitally reformatted content for ingest into GovInfo or hosting digital content in their own repositories. The digital National Collection is essential for providing free, ready, and permanent access to Federal Government information, now and for future generations.



Digitally Imaged FDLP Publications



- GPO AND LIBRARIES SET GOAL TO MAKE EVERY U.S. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT ACCESSIBLE WASHINGTON –
- The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) is undertaking a massive effort to capture and make publicly accessible every U.S. Government document through the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information (National Collection). GPO will do this by digitizing documents and making them accessible on GovInfo and the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)



The Digital National Collection

www.GovInfo.gov – Digital content directly deposited by agreement from Federal agencies; Digitally imaged content from GPO’s digital imaging work; Digital content contributed by GPO Official Partners.

<https://archive-it.org/home/FDLPwebarchive> - Content from Federal agency web sites harvested, cataloged, and preserved.



Preserving Digital Assets

www.GovInfo.gov

- ISO-16363 Certification for Trustworthy Digital Repositories
109 Metrics. Certification, Recertification, Surveillance 1 and 2.
- Core Trust Seal
16 Key areas of development and operation



The National Collection

- 1,111 libraries separated by
- 50 states
- 4 territories
- Designation dates for libraries from 1814 to the present





Preservation Challenges/Opportunities

We do not know ...

- The corpus of public documents and Government information products.
- Where titles in the collection are located.
- The condition of the documents.



Preservation Challenges/Opportunities

We do know...

- The National Collection is a valuable information asset
- The physical National Collection held in Federal Depository Libraries has unique, regional content
- Most of the legacy collection is not already online



Preservation = Collaboration

Within GPO, LSCM

- Programs, Strategy, and Technology (PST)
- Federal Depository Support Services (FDSS)
- Cataloging and Indexing Program (C&I)
- Collection Management
- Projects and Systems



Preservation = Collaboration

Within the Federal Depository Library Program

- 4 National Collection Service Areas
- 46 Regional Libraries
- 1,065 Selective Libraries



Preservation Partnerships

- Preservation Stewards: Legacy Collections
- Preservation Stewards: Day Forward, Future Content
- Digital Content Contributors
- Digital Stewards



“Preservation” Pilots

- Condition Assessment
- Cataloging
- Digital Imaging
- Collection Management (In development)



Condition Assessment

Determine whether a visual inspection conducted during the process of gathering cataloging data is sufficient to assess whether a publication is

- Fine
- Good
- Fair
- Poor





The National Collection Focus

1850 to 1950

Machine made paper era

Before 1850 government publishing not as prolific

Most earlier serials already preserved

After 1950 focused on selected areas of interest



Preservation Best Practices

- Know what you have
 - ✓ Cataloging and Collection Inventory
- Assess risks:
 - Number of copies?
 - Age of copies?
 - Condition of copies?
 - Format obsolescence?
 - ✓ Preservation Stewards
 - ✓ Bibliographic assessment
 - ✓ Condition assessment
 - ✓ Collection repair
 - ✓ Task Force on Obsolete Formats
- Digitally Reformat for access and preservation
 - ✓ BPA for Digital Imaging
- Develop and maintain a digital repository
 - ✓ **govinfo.gov** ISO-16363 Certification
- Plan for and prevent disasters
 - ✓ Disaster Prevention and recovery webinars and training



Preservation Strategic Plan

- Comprehensive Preservation Program
- Visits to libraries
- Disaster Planning Workshop
- Expanding content for digital imaging
- Legacy collection of optical and magnetic disc media



Current and Future Planning

National Collection Strategic Plan Released

The Superintendent of Documents released the, "National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information: Strategic Plan for FY 2023 — FY 2027," today, September 6, 2022. The focus of this strategic plan is building and curating the National Collection thereby ensuring the public's right to free, equitable, and convenient access to the past and present public Government information resources. Additional focus is given to transforming the Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) business unit into a primarily digital content and services organization.



Goals

- Federal depository libraries will meet the Government information needs of the communities they serve.
- More online official Government content will be accessible to depository libraries and the public at large.
- GPO's Catalog of U.S. Government Publications will be a comprehensive index to the corpus of Federal Government information.
- Tangible collections in Federal depository libraries will be maintained for access.
- The National Collection of U.S. Government Information will be preserved and accessible to future generations.



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