

Conference Kickoff / Library Award Presentations – Chat Log

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:27 PM

What's everyone's conference craft? I just finished prepping a new cross stitch and I'm ready to go!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:27 PM

I'm making paper flowers to promote a conference session

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:27 PM

I'm working on the embroidery I started during our Constitution Day Revolutionary Stitches Crafternoon :)

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:28 PM

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from Ashley Dahlen to everyone: 12:28 PM

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from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:28 PM

Would anyone be interested in contributing photos to a little ben calendar? (I am the Queen of random thoughts!)

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:28 PM

@Andie tell me more!

from Rhonda Murphy to everyone: 12:28 PM

Now I wish I'd brought my knitting!

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 12:28 PM

you should post a pic of your embroidery. I'd love to see it

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:31 PM

I'm crocheting a blanket for my brother for christmas

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:31 PM

Hi Angie!

from Aimee Quinn to everyone: 12:31 PM

Hi, Angie and all of Council!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:31 PM

Hello to all DLC!

from amy hanmer to everyone: 12:32 PM

Hi Everyone from New Hampshire!

from Beth Downing to everyone: 12:32 PM
Working on a lace shawl for a friend as a Christmas gift.

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:32 PM
Hi everyone from rainy Connecticut

from Brianna King to everyone: 12:33 PM
Hi everyone from South Carolina State Library!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:33 PM
Hi all! Happy to be here! All my favorite people here!

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 12:33 PM
we need a section for people to upload pics of the crafts they work on during conference

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:33 PM
@Susanne - I'm interested in the photos for little ben calendar. I'm guessing posting pics in the Celebration Board area would be best - looks like it can be done there

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:33 PM
Link to the Depository Library Council webpage: <https://www.fdlp.gov/about/depository-library-council>

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:33 PM
Yes Dominique!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:33 PM
<https://discord.gg/BBvXMaG>

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:33 PM
The GovInfo discord server has a craft board!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:33 PM
Susanne, that does sound like a nice idea!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:34 PM
I'll post pics about the embroidery and our Revolutionary Stitches Constitution Day event in the Celebration Board

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 12:34 PM
I didn't know there was a discord server for GPO

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:34 PM
@Charlie - thanks! Will have to look that up.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:34 PM
There isn't. There's a U.S. Government Information discord.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:35 PM
That looks like my brain.

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 12:35 PM
ah. Well, now I have joined. Very cool

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:36 PM
I spy a Ben back there!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:38 PM
East Coast, most awake coast!

from Bruce Sarjeant to everyone: 12:38 PM
Upper Peninsula of Michigan chiming in via browser....

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:38 PM
Sweet-got in early before the east got crowded!

from John Olson to everyone: 12:38 PM
No Squiggle - John Olson Syracuse University

from Rhonda Murphy to everyone: 12:38 PM
Vermont here, from my browser. Will have to get the app before the next one!

from Sydnie Tallman to everyone: 12:38 PM
Montana- on browser

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:38 PM
Bel Air, MD. I'm using my browser. Sometimes my computer doesn't let me access the app without certain permissions from our ITS.

from Jessica Everingham to everyone: 12:38 PM
Alabama for me and my browser.

from Trina Magi to everyone: 12:39 PM
Also here from Vermont!

from Aimee Quinn to everyone: 12:39 PM
Aimee Quinn, Yuma, AZ on browser

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:39 PM
Virginia for me and my browser

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:39 PM
Nobody from North Dakota?!

from Patricia Kenly to everyone: 12:39 PM

Atlanta, GA - on browser

from Ileana V. Herrera Rosado to everyone: 12:39 PM
Puerto Rico - on browser

from Julie Huskey to everyone: 12:39 PM
Nashville, Tennessee on browser

from Jennifer Creevy to everyone: 12:39 PM
New Orleans here!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:39 PM
Santa Fe, NM on browser

from Marilyn Floyd to everyone: 12:39 PM
Here from Alabama

from Sarah Furger to everyone: 12:39 PM
Wisconsin, on browser!

from Jessica Robinson to everyone: 12:39 PM
North Dakota here but I'm on a browser.

from Samantha Vargas to everyone: 12:39 PM
Here from Fresno CA!!

from Heather Kitchen to everyone: 12:39 PM
Oklahoma City

from Susann Devries to everyone: 12:39 PM
Kentucky!

from Dinusha Thazhathu Veettil to everyone: 12:39 PM
Portales, NM on browser

from Michele S to everyone: 12:39 PM
Minnesota, on browser!

from Michelle Theodorou to everyone: 12:39 PM
Arizona

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:40 PM
21+ for me, Geezer alert!

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:40 PM
I think you mean, expert alert, @Nia!

from Kris Aberly to everyone: 12:41 PM

+1 Charlie

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:41 PM
I'm so close the the 5-10 category

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:41 PM
@Brylynn I moved up last year and it feels so good!

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:41 PM
I'm at a solid 10 months.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:41 PM
My library type is all libraries. Any library.

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:43 PM
Huzzah first timers! Thank you for attending

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:44 PM
Welcome Adrienne! Just reach out if you have questions or just need to talk to someone.

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:45 PM
Thank you1

from Bruce Pencek to everyone: 12:46 PM
It could be interesting to poll attendees about how many years they expect to _remain_ in gov docs.
I expect my library isn't the only one where is it hard to recruit a successor after a retirement.

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:46 PM
Bruce: We didn't have one for 12 years before I came on.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:46 PM
@Bruce I rarely see gov info jobs pop up. Where are they being advertised!

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:47 PM
Welcome Julie!

from Kristina Claunch to everyone: 12:48 PM
Welcome Julie!

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 12:48 PM
Welcome Julie!

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:48 PM
We are glad you are here at GPO, Julie!

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:48 PM
Welcome Julie!

from Julie Balutis to everyone: 12:49 PM
Thanks, all! So happy to be here.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:49 PM
It's great seeing all of the executive branch documents appearing on govinfo.

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:49 PM
@Bruce. I think about that a lot. 2 of us work in Gov Info here, and we are both near the same age. I am hoping for retirement in 10 years. I wonder what will happen when it is time for both of us to leave. I have been wanted to make the time to start training another staff member as backup for the 2 of us who work in it every day.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 12:51 PM
If you're in the WebEx program and using subtitles, you can move them so you can see the full screen! Mine was hiding photos.

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 12:56 PM
GPO OIG Report: <https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/inspector-general/25-01-fed-depository-library-assessments-inspection.pdf>

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 12:57 PM
2025 Photo Gallery: <https://www.fdlp.gov/promotion/celebrating-constitution-day>

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:58 PM
Did anyone get a visit from the OIG? I think some were low-key

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:58 PM
I spot a Ben too!

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 12:59 PM
Preconference Recording: <https://www.fdlp.gov/training/2025-fall-dlc-fdlp-preconference-updates-gpos-library-services-content-management>

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 12:59 PM
LSCM Update Handout: <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/lscm-update-handout-fall-2025>

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 1:00 PM
Poster Gallery: <https://www.fdlp.gov/2025-virtual-poster-presentation> and Exhibitor Gallery: <https://www.fdlp.gov/2025-virtual-exhibitor-gallery>

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 1:00 PM
BINGO: <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/fall-conference-bingo-0> - Post to X and tag @USGPO or email to kseifert@gpo.gov

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 1:01 PM
I already 7 spots left to filling the page :)

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 1:01 PM

Gotta love that swag!

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 1:02 PM
Does it have to be on X?

from Kate Pitcher to everyone: 1:03 PM
@Susanne Several libraries (46) were visited during the OIG inspection. You can read about the visits in the OIG report at <https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/inspector-general/25-01-fed-depository-library-assessments-inspection.pdf>

from Aimee Quinn to everyone: 1:03 PM
Whoo-Hoo!

from Sara Winger to everyone: 1:03 PM
Does anyone else have trouble getting the freebies they order?

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 1:03 PM
@Sara I never had an issue, which was surprising based on how mail was handled once delivered!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 1:03 PM
That's awesome!!! I appreciate the work that goes into these great websites!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:04 PM
@Sara, we just recieved ours, but it took at least a month and half if I recall correctly.

from Kristina Claunch to everyone: 1:04 PM
Woohoo, congrats UNT Libraries!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congrats UNT! :)

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 1:04 PM
WOOO! I love their website, especially those CRS archives!

from Samantha Vargas to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congratulations!!!

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congratulations!

from Kelly Smith to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congrats UNT!

from Brianna King to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congrats!!!

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congrats UNT!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congrats UNT!

from Aimee Quinn to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congratulations UNT - great depository library, fabulous people, fantastic website!!!

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congratulations UNT! Woot!!

from Beth Harper to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congrats! Well-deserved!

from Sarah Guthrie to everyone: 1:04 PM
Congrats to my alma mater UNT!

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 1:04 PM
Huzzah UNT! Fantastic job!

from Sara Winger to everyone: 1:05 PM
Congrats UNT

from Carolyn Frenger to everyone: 1:05 PM
Congrats to UNT! Such an honor!

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 1:05 PM
Congratulations to UNT! UNT has always been a leader in preserving/providing govt info for Texas and beyond!

from Sarah Furger to everyone: 1:05 PM
Congratulations UNT!

from Jan Edmiston to everyone: 1:05 PM
Screaming Eagles!

from Michele S to everyone: 1:05 PM
Congrats UNT!

from Kris Aberly to everyone: 1:05 PM
Congrats UNT!

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 1:05 PM
Congratulations to UNT!

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 1:05 PM
Congratulations UNT!!!

from Michael Cerbo to everyone: 1:05 PM

Great job, UNT

from Janelle Nash to everyone: 1:05 PM
Love the UNT Gov Comics collection!

from Eleanor Mullens to everyone: 1:05 PM
Did he just say "government comics"?

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 1:06 PM
He did say comics! Check it out!

from Kristina Claunch to everyone: 1:06 PM
There is a talk on government comics later in the conference. :)

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 1:06 PM
Smokey, McGruff...

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 1:06 PM
Congratulations Jennifer!

from Leslie Carr to everyone: 1:08 PM
Congratulations North Texas Libraries!!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 1:08 PM
Hi, Robbie!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 1:08 PM
Congrats Jennifer! :)

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations!!!

from Sara Winger to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congrats

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations! Go School of Mines!

from Kristina Claunch to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations Arthur Lakes Library!

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 1:09 PM
Gah! My kid went there! Congratulations!!!

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 1:09 PM

Congratulations to Colorado School of Mines - LOTY!

from Beth Harper to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congrats!

from Brianna King to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations!!!

from Samantha Vargas to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations Arthur Lakes Library!!!!

from Lia Vella to everyone: 1:09 PM
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from Kelly Smith to everyone: 1:09 PM
congratulations!!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations!

from Stephanie Ard to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations!

from Dominique Hallett to everyone: 1:09 PM
woohoo. Well deserved Arthur Lakes Library!

from Christopher Brown to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations CSM!

from Elizabeth Williams to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulation, CSM!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congrats! What a terrific legacy! :)

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 1:09 PM
Congratulations!

from Aimee Quinn to everyone: 1:09 PM
Yea!!! Congratulations to Arthur Lakes Library! Such an excellent choice.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 1:09 PM
That logo is AMAZING.

from Michelle Theodorou to everyone: 1:10 PM
Congratulations to the Arthur Lakes Library!

from Carolyn Frenger to everyone: 1:10 PM

Woohoo! Congrats to Arthur Lakes Library!

from Bruce Pencek to everyone: 1:10 PM

@Charlie. I don't see docs job ads either. Even internal recruitment is difficult, even as I try to encourage subject liaisons to adopt relevant docs. Setting aside the question of whether subject librarianship is dying, all departments of my library are stretched thin, so even interested colleagues have to make big sacrifices to keep up with docs reference, collections, or programming.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 1:11 PM

+1 Bruce.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 1:11 PM

Student workers are the lifeblood of libraries!

from Kris Aberly to everyone: 1:11 PM

+1 Bruce

from Angie Bonnell to everyone: 1:11 PM

Congratulations to the Arthur Lakes Library! Woot! :)

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 1:12 PM

+1 Charlie!

from Scott Briggs to everyone: 1:12 PM

+1 Charlie!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:12 PM

@Bruce I can't speak to subject librarianship, but government librarianship isn't my only job, as you alluded to.

from Aimee Quinn to everyone: 1:12 PM

Student workers are vital and am so pleased to see them recognized!

from Michael Cerbo to everyone: 1:12 PM

Congrats Colorado School of Mines!!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 1:12 PM

I love that they honored the student workers!

from Paul Nease to everyone: 1:12 PM

Karen helped us fill in some gaps in our collection last year. She was so great to work with! Congrats from East Tennessee State!

from Kris Aberly to everyone: 1:12 PM

Great to see student workers getting recognition

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 1:12 PM

Congratulations Colorado School of Mines!

from Christopher Brown to everyone: 1:12 PM
Great job Lisa!

from Lia Vella to everyone: 1:13 PM
Congratulations, Lisa and Karen! You two deserve this. Great work!

from Robin Haun-Mohamed to everyone: 1:13 PM
What a great library and service commitment! Congratulations on this award!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 1:13 PM
Student workers are great! I have a fantastic one this year!

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 1:13 PM
I love how all the pictures of the men are clearly from weddings.

from Bruce Pencek to everyone: 1:14 PM
@Andrea At least you have staff. I do gov info as part of my duties in central collection management. Staff support is a fraction of a part-time cataloger, for our ASERL center of excellence responsibilities.

from Megan Minta to everyone: 1:14 PM
Congratulations, Colorado School of Mines!

from Christopher Brown to everyone: 1:14 PM
Hi Jack!

from Stephen Kharfen to everyone: 1:14 PM
Congratulations to all!

from Abby McDermott to everyone: 1:15 PM
UNT Libraries and CO School of Mines are so dedicated to the FDLP and the National Collection. Thank you for all your efforts!

from Ashley Dahlen to everyone: 1:16 PM
We will resume at 1:30 Eastern

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 1:20 PM
@Bruce well, we all wear many hats. I am the Depository Coordinator, but I am officially the Technical Services & Gov Info Librarian. So I supervise Gov Docs, but also all collections processing, cataloging, and Interlibrary Loan. We have 5 Library Associates (all but 1 is parttime), and they all work in Tech Services with duties and also work the Circ Desk (where those duties are supervised by the Access Services Librarian). 1 of the parttime Library Associates in her Tech Services duties does the processing, cataloging, and N&O's for our Gov Info items. Our Library Systems Specialist in charge of our Polaris catalog downloads all collections electronic records into our catalog. So, we have other duties in addition to Gov Info. But there are several of us in Tech Services who are similar in age - don't know what the future might look like in 10 years....

from Sarah Furger to everyone: 1:23 PM

@Andrea - I admittedly am new to gov docs (literally started this job on Monday!) but from a mid-career librarian and educator for an MLIS program, I can tell you it's that part time position that's the killer. Librarians just starting out simply cannot afford to work part time. I don't know many people my age who can.

from Sarah Furger to everyone: 1:24 PM

I also think, from the educator perspective, library schools and programs do not highlight gov docs and related positions enough, especially given how important these services are to our communities

from Lula Westbrook to everyone: 1:25 PM

Supreme Excellence UNT CONGRATULATIONS. Tasha, Bobby, Betty, you are very much appreciated.

from Charlie she-her Amiot to everyone: 1:25 PM

I know a handfull of people who would love gov info jobs, but can't find any to apply to.

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 1:26 PM

What a wonderfully active chat! I noticed two in particular as we were presenting the kickoff - to answer the bingo question, you can post your card on X, Instagram, or Facebook and tag @USGPO to be in the running for a prize or you can email me the card at kseifert@gpo.gov.