## Council is Listening - Chat Log

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 11:37 AM I was raised on AIM. My brain is a chat feed.

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 11:38 AM

Same goes for me. Anyone can stop me at any time.

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 11:40 AM

We talk a lot in chat, lol!

from Michael Cerbo to everyone: 11:41 AM

You folks are great in chat!!

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 11:42 AM

It was great! I agree~

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 11:42 AM

I'm glad the sessions are recorded.

from Jonathan Underwood to everyone: 11:42 AM

Me too!

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 11:43 AM

I'm torn on two today, glad no other choices are needed, haha

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 11:48 AM

Owwie!

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 11:49 AM

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from Samantha Vargas to everyone: 11:49 AM

Wow! That's amazing!

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 11:50 AM

I want one, Charlie!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 11:51 AM

The hat, Nia?

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 11:51 AM

Yep!

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 11:52 AM

Wrong name, but here it is: https://schifferbooks.com/products/the-field-guide-to-

embroidery?srsltid=AfmBOoqsbVYzNbcpoDMi05tVW\_JLYZYEmtHuIQuW9CBSsYnTd0s7TXVj

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 11:53 AM

Field Guide to Embroidery

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 11:53 AM

Nia, it's yours if you don't mind the issues. I can hide the flaws with ribbon.

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 11:53 AM

https://www.amazon.com/Quilting-National-Parks-Original-Inspired/dp/B0D5WLXQTW?sr=8-1

from Josh Finnell to everyone: 11:57 AM

This pre-session is called listening to council?;0

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 11:58 AM

LOL yes @Josh

from Kyle Davis to everyone: 11:58 AM I saw Apollo 13 recently at our IMAX

from Jonathan Underwood to everyone: 11:58 AM I bet that was awesome! I really like Apollo 13

from Kristina Bobe to everyone: 11:58 AM

"snow" was asbestos :(

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 11:59 AM

Agent Orange!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 11:59 AM

How spray your kitchen!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:00 PM

Welcome everyone!

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:00 PM

Hello All!

from Kristina Bobe to everyone: 12:01 PM

Poster Gallery: https://www.fdlp.gov/2025-virtual-poster-presentation and Exhibitor Gallery:

https://www.fdlp.gov/2025-virtual-exhibitor-gallery

from Kristina Bobe to everyone: 12:01 PM

Post your completed bingo cards using #FDLConference and tag @USGPO OR email your

completed card to kseifert@gpo.gov.

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:02 PM

I won, one year! Scott got SupDoc with his win! HA!

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:02 PM

Council Members: https://www.fdlp.gov/about/depository-library-council#members

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:02 PM We talk about all of y'all, every month!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:04 PM

1. Communication.

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:04 PM

2. Depsoitory Challenges

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:04 PM

3. Depository Joys

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:04 PM

4. Questions people have had!

from Josh Finnell to everyone: 12:05 PM

Joys! Joys! Joys!

from Becki White to everyone: 12:05 PM

Sorry, don't have my cross stitch FDLP logo done yet!

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:05 PM You can join me as a patron of the arts Angie!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:06 PM

@Becki, no matter what, you're further along than me!

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:06 PM

In Virginia, we have two gatherings per year to touch base (after each conference). Does anyone

else do that?

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:07 PM

JOY I forgot to wear my microfiche earrings made by Susanne Caro for GODORT 50th

from Becki White to everyone: 12:07 PM Community of crafting is in the Discord group.

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 12:07 PM

In Texas, we have a meeting after the Fall meeting.

from Myrrh Morningstar to everyone: 12:07 PM

AZ does as well

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 12:08 PM

Yes virtully. pretty good turnout

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:08 PM

Ours is Zoom also

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:08 PM

OK also

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 12:08 PM

Zoom

from Jenny McBurney to everyone: 12:08 PM

@Jenny Groome, Microfiche earrings sound adorable!!

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 12:08 PM

Sure, we have live discussions

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:08 PM

We meet in person for our NC state Government Resources section each summer, after the fall

FDLP conference. We have 34 depositories in our state, I believe.

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:08 PM

It's kind of a review of what happened in the conference

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:09 PM

Our last meeting in NM was virtual and inperson and 5 people showed up. I think flexibility is going

to be the way to go. We use Teams

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:09 PM

MD/DC/DE Regional usually holds a virtual meeting via Zoom once a year.

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 12:09 PM

and sign-in sheet to answer predetermined questions, e.g. Weeding questions, questions from Fall

emeting

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 12:09 PM

In MN, our Regional hosts a Fall and/or Spring Forum for MN, MI, SD (in person and online)

from Myrrh Morningstar to everyone: 12:09 PM

AZ gets a pretty good turnout, we review what has happened in conference and how it applies to

us, we also discuss state specific issues.

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:09 PM

I would prefer to have a more informal means of communicating with my libraries, like a discussion board or Teams where we can chat. Emailing all the time seems too formal and unnecessary and I

get overwhelmed by emails.

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:10 PM

**REGIL** 

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:10 PM

I should clarify, we don't necessarily recap what happened at the fall FDLP conference, we tend to

give presentations on what we're doing at our own selective fdl's, in North Carolia

from Jenny McBurney to everyone: 12:10 PM

@Susanne, agreed, hybrid in person and virtual is great for accomodating everyone

from Suzanne Smalley to everyone: 12:10 PM

TN has a fall in person meeting and a monthly zoom meeting.

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:10 PM

**DISCORD** 

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:11 PM

https://discord.gg/BBvvXMaG The Unofficial U.S. Government Information Community discord.

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 12:11 PM

In TN we have a fall meeting after the FDL Conference. We discuss anything of import from the FDL Conference and have sessions that may be helpful for our own selectives. E.G. how to get MARC records for docs after Marcive's closing.

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:11 PM

Miss the Regional/Selectives lunch time that used to happen at the physical Fall FDLP conference - was always great conversations:)

from Beth Campbell-Yingling to everyone: 12:12 PM

@Andrea Andie Craley How can I get info on when that takes place? I don't get a lot of communication from the 'outside world'.

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 12:12 PM

TN--we started this monthly meeting in the fall and have continued thereafter

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 12:12 PM

TN--sorry meant to say we started the monthly meeting during the Pandemic and have continued this trend

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:12 PM

In Indiana, we have a library organization of government librarians (state and fed) called INDIGO. Our group meets twice a year (hybrid) where we talk about what we are doing at our libraries and typically hear a presentation. The turnout could be better. We struggle getting new members in the state and have been having discussions on how to increase member and engagement.

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:13 PM

@Beth - notification usually comes through the GOVDOC-TALK listserv from Celina McDonald, Regional at UMCP.

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:13 PM

Are there any roadblocks libraries run into when trying to use Slack or Discord? It seems like so many institutions have different permissions for what they can and can't access. Are those relatively safe and permissible options for most institutions?

from Jenny McBurney to everyone: 12:13 PM

@Elissa and others, yes that's what I like about the newish Gov Info Discord - it's a more informal chat option. it would be great if more people used it, just for chatting and staying connected! For anyone unfamiliar, it's like Slack.

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:13 PM

@Elissa I've never heard of Discord being blocked, but it is available via device apps.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:13 PM

I can't use Discord but can use Slack

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:14 PM

So random...

from Becki White to everyone: 12:14 PM

PA used to have occasional meetings, and there was a Facebook group, but it's all seemingly gone

away now.:/

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:15 PM

CT used to have a CT GODORT that met 3 times a year - not for years

from Sandy Himel to everyone: 12:15 PM Louisiana depositories meet in fall and spring

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:15 PM

Communication and Networking could be a panel in and of itself

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:16 PM

+1 Charlie!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:16 PM

There was a survey sent out to FDL's last year, or maybe the year before, regarding other U.S. cities to potentially host the fall FDLP conference in-person. I don't recall hearing any updates from that survey, if someone could provide any clarification for that, thanks!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:16 PM

I great so much networking through GODORT - great bunch of people (federal, state, local).

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:16 PM

Important to note that many states don't have gatherings, though.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:16 PM

I really miss the spring DLC in person in different parts of country

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:17 PM

+1 Andie

from Cass Hartnett to everyone: 12:17 PM

WA State & Alaska have NGIN (NW Govt Info Network), used to meet in person twice/year but it's

been on pause since pandemic times.

from Beth Harper to everyone: 12:17 PM

+1 Sarah

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:17 PM

I'd love to coordinate a meeting with my neighboring states, maybe once a year, to meet and talk  $\,$ 

about gov doc issues in our region. Especially with the shift to Digital FDLP.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:17 PM

+1 Gwen

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:17 PM

@Brent, Ohio would be interested!

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:18 PM

I was thinking of Ohio @Elissa!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:18 PM

I rely on DLC, connections through FDLP, GODORT. The once Government Information Division, then became an Interest Group, in Maryland Library Association seems to have dissolved.

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:18 PM

What if there was a session during the Spring or Fall FDLP conference where the breakout rooms were the different regions. That way most of us are there? I can see that being complicated but just an idea

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:18 PM

+1 Brylynn

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:18 PM

+1 Brylynn

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:19 PM

@Brylynn That is a thought that has been discussed and is not not on the table.

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:19 PM

+1 Brylynn

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:19 PM

+1 Elizabeth

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 12:19 PM

+1 Brylynn

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:19 PM

+1 Brylynn

from Tiffany Mair Panzarella to everyone: 12:19 PM

I would also like to see more info/support for public libraries - we can feel overlooked sometimes

with the academic library focus

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:19 PM Breakout rooms in REGIL meeting were great.

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:19 PM

+1 Gwen!

from Becki White to everyone: 12:19 PM

The IG session yesterday gave me an example to give to my coworkers about why they MUST give

me gov docs they want to withdraw!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:19 PM

+1 Gwen

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:19 PM

+1 Tiffany

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:19 PM

+1 Brylynn

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:20 PM

Does GPLNE still meet? Gov Pub Librarians of New England

from Ronnie Joiner to everyone: 12:20 PM

+1 Tiffany

from amy hanmer to everyone: 12:20 PM

ncsa?

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:20 PM

I thought by NCSA Regions

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:20 PM

National Collection Service Area

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:21 PM

The regions would be easier maybe? Just an idea thank you:)

from amy hanmer to everyone: 12:21 PM

thanks charlie!

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:21 PM

What are the issues with legal requirements? Communicating them to others, understanding what

they mean, complying with them...?

from Jacqui Celecia to everyone: 12:22 PM

I would rally appreciate how others handle "lack of understanding from non-docs colleagues"

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 12:22 PM

+1 Gwen

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:22 PM

@ Amy NCSAs are the regions we are grouped in. There is Northest, Mid West, South, and West I

believe.

from jen o'brien to everyone: 12:22 PM

+1 to deep sighs!

from Kristina Edwards to everyone: 12:23 PM

Given our staff issues it is really hard to make sure we have the resources to provide access to non-

English speakers.

from Ronnie Joiner to everyone: 12:23 PM The Western NCSA covers a huge area.

from amy hanmer to everyone: 12:23 PM

thanks ariella. I'm at a public library.

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:23 PM

Communicating with colleagues was covered somewhat in yesterday's session on Value of FDLP

Librraries

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:23 PM

@Jacqui - I moved from academic to a state library! Not an option for most people

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:23 PM

+1 Ronnie yep

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:23 PM

+1 Kristina and Ronnie

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:23 PM

Retention requirements for tangible items seems to be a big one. I need to remind libraries if they are subbing an online item for a print one, it needs to be noted in eXchange that that's what they're

doing or I'm going to disallow it.

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:23 PM

+1 Stephani

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:23 PM

@Amy - no worries, same, so I know how confuing it can be!

from Beth Downing to everyone: 12:24 PM

These conferences are the only contact or discussion that I have with others in the documents

community.

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:24 PM

@Elissa, maybe an infographic approach to outline requirements?

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:24 PM

National Collection Service Areas (NCSAs) https://fdlp.gov/about-the-fdlp/national-collection-

service-areas

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:24 PM

I had a coworker in academic library who said students shouldn't have to know the publisher to get

help - i.e. they shouldn't have to come to Fed Docs librarian unless a complex quesation

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:24 PM

We are lucky as the highest appellate/state court with our retention requirements, but we do offer our discards to other libraries first.

from Tiffany Mair Panzarella to everyone: 12:24 PM

We struggle with just having time to keep up with any basic duties of FDLP daily duties given restrictive budget envirionments, staffing shortages, and the doing more with less that just seems to be getting harder and harder

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:24 PM

I've offered to help our faculty library with just the basics like govinfo.gov and congress.gov but they

haven't been receptive to that

from Becki White to everyone: 12:24 PM

+1 Tiffany!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:24 PM

I think it's institution specific: I'm very fortunate. I have a Dean who advocates for me, I actually have the title Government Information Librarian. It wasn't just a set of duties "tacked on" to my job. I do work on other things for my department, but I also have support for our Academic Research Engagement librarians. They have invited me to meetings to let them know how I can support their teaching in the different academic departments on campus. I know I'm in the minority on this so I'm really grateful to have these opportunities.

from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:25 PM

+1 Tiffany

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:25 PM

Brylynn, I feel your pain!

from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:25 PM

Yes, measure your collection is a challenge for a docs dept of one

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:25 PM

+1 Kristina Edwards

from Isobel Moody to everyone: 12:25 PM
Measuring the collection was a very difficult one\

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:25 PM

I have a couple of staff in my department who are not Gov Docs staff, but know a lot about how it works and don't come to me unless they are stumped.

from Beth Harper to everyone: 12:25 PM

+1 Isobel

from Leslie Carr to everyone: 12:26 PM

with non docs colleagues: I stress the importance of my work n gov docs and have presentations where GPO and SuDocs items are proudly displayed and available for the community to take. Recently, I hosted a Civics Day event for National Voter Registration Day ...where I had two tables set up and an area decorated with posters . I stood there and greeted people and asked them if they were aware of our government infomation and docs collections--many were not! I also make it a point to discuss what's new in gov docs in staff meetings. We recently had our 130th FDL anniversary and that was a big event also, with GPO coverage on social media! So I think there is a greater understanding on the importance of gov docs in our library. I continue to learn and present!

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:26 PM

+1 Isobel. Much of my collection was never cataloged so I can't go off Sierra

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:26 PM

@Gwen, I usually just link out to GPO's guidance on the substitution policy and that seems to work. But I could see a graphic with "If this, then this"

from Paul Nease to everyone: 12:26 PM

For lack of understanding from non-docs colleagues, I think doing a lot of outreach helps because it makes our collections visible. Being a cheerleader for your collection helps

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:26 PM

I agree Michael! It does seem easier to assist with the biennal now that I've helped before.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:26 PM

+1 Elisabeth

from Brianna King to everyone: 12:26 PM

Weeding the collection is a challenge for me, especially in helping others understand the complex nature of the process and the difference between superseded materials and the rest of the collection.

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:26 PM

Haha! I agree, @Andie

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:27 PM

I've had to remind my counterpart librarian who is in charge of all the other collection development to keep me in the loop when there are changes to areas on the floor. That person doesn't always remember, can be frustrating. Our Gov Info print items are interfiled in LC with all our collections, which is a positive thing for our community college population. But sometimies I am not always kept in the loop until the last minute if a change is happening on the floor, and I have to remind that we have a set of rules to follow.

from Lori Driver to everyone: 12:27 PM

+1 Brianna

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:27 PM

I've been luck and my last two directors had been gov doc librarians. I confess, I am constantly talking about gov docs to the point it is almost a joke. There is a doc for that too.

from Amy Fitch to everyone: 12:27 PM

+1 Tiffany

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:27 PM

When I was at Trinity College (CT) head of reference had me do short sessions for other reference

librarians

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:27 PM

Value of the FDLP new handouts: https://www.fdlp.gov/news/value-fdlp-new-handouts-fdlp-staff

from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:27 PM

Also very lucky here with supportive supervisor, AD, and dean!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:27 PM

I do want to give a shoutout to my colleagues, who really seem to value both the expertise and the

gov docs collection.

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:28 PM

My positive - all of YOU!!!

from Becki White to everyone: 12:28 PM

I put the presidential rulers and copies of the Constitution on the front of the Reference Desk. That's started a few conversations that wouldn't have happened otherwise.

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:28 PM @Andie Yes, I can see how that would be a big issue

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:28 PM

+1 Andie

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:28 PM

In these times of lacking resources, I have the quote - "Do what you can with what you have." It's

been oddly comforting.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:28 PM joys - most generous community - so helpful

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:28 PM

That quote is over my desk.

from Tiffany Mair Panzarella to everyone: 12:28 PM

Joy - We do a Day in Reference training where we talk about different aspects of what REF does and offers customers. I get to lead a Gov Docs portion and share the value and importance of FDLP and what we provide

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 12:28 PM

Very fortunate to have an Exec Dir/Assoc Dean who is very supportive of the Gov Info collection

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:28 PM

All of 5 of us value each other for what we do and bring to the table.

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:29 PM

I have a Ben that lives in the children's room, great conversation starter! I make sure to keep a list of

children's materials available!

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:29 PM

The Value of the FDLP (library administration) https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/value-fdlp-

library-administration

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:29 PM

Depository joys - colleage contact and whenever a patron discovers something unexpected.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:29 PM

Ariella - great idea!

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:29 PM

My supervisor-- who has only been at the state library for two years and came from a public library and was unfamiliar with goc docs-- has absolutely embranced everything about our gov docs collection. He is so excited to show them off to visitors and legislators and I'm thrilled that he's so supportive.

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:29 PM

The Value of the FDLP (library staff): https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/value-fdlp-library-staff

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 12:29 PM

I think the administrators in my library are starting to pay more attention to our government publications and our participation in the FDLP because we've started talking about succession planning as a couple of us are looking at retiring in the next couple of years. I've been able to start some mentoring here.

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:29 PM

Best community ever!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:29 PM

We really are a great group!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:29 PM

Yay!!!!

from Scott Briggs to everyone: 12:29 PM

I appreciate the Listserv. I see so many questions and all the community reaching out to try and

help each other get answers for patrons!

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:29 PM

I agree! I really enjoy this community.

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:29 PM

I love helping somone with a difficult question and finding the answer:)

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:30 PM

When I first got my position I was overwhelmed by how much the collection wasn't cataloged or cared for and I was worried about not being a "good" fdl. And I came to this conference and learned that I was not alone in any way

from Scott Briggs to everyone: 12:30 PM

+1 Susanne

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:30 PM

So true Stephani

from Trillian Hosticka to everyone: 12:30 PM

+1 Nia

from Gwen Sinclair to everyone: 12:30 PM

+1 Susanne

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:30 PM

My depository coordinator/library coordinator is wonderful and supportive! Patrons are usually excited to find out about what the collection contains!

from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:30 PM

+1 Nia

from Becki White to everyone: 12:30 PM

This community is the best thing for those of us in tiny public libraries, who otherwise would have

no one else to talk to about things other than the current best seller. :)

from Jacqui Celecia to everyone: 12:30 PM

+Stephani

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:30 PM

@Scott the Listserv is so valuable! :)

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:30 PM

\*library director

from DeAnn Isenhower to everyone: 12:30 PM

Please share wierd docs.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:30 PM

Democracy in Action - my mom said that when I started as Docs support staff bak in 1986

from Brianna King to everyone: 12:30 PM

I love working with our collection, especially discovering the many unique items within it. Since much of the collection is not yet cataloged, I enjoy the responsibility of creating records that make these materials discoverable. I also find it rewarding to design and refresh public displays that showcase the richness of government information.

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:30 PM

@Elizabeth - that's so awesome for you!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:30 PM

It's not weird, but there is a Smithsonian publication on the history of sewing machines.

from Leslie Carr to everyone: 12:30 PM

I displayed our Army/Air force Cookbooks from World War 2--the public loved it!

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:31 PM

Everyone is always fascinated by all the weird and wonderful material we have

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:31 PM

DeAnn - we are looking for people to help with Weird and Wonderful documents in GODORT - you

don't need to be a member to help! https://godort.libguides.com/weird

from Bruce Pencek to everyone: 12:31 PM

How do others share the joy with colleagues and experts who work with gov info that isn't GPO-centered? Our PTO Resource Center is in a different department from our data unit, and both are

different from mine. And the sponsored research and university relation folks are entirely outside the library.

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:31 PM

+1 Becki

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:31 PM

Godort Weird and wonderful is always looking for submissions https://godort.libguides.com/weird

from John Olson to everyone: 12:31 PM

We have 145+ years worth of depository docs collection and I'm always amazed at the cool

historical items that i can then promote.

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:31 PM

@Elissa, that's really great to hear!

from Becki White to everyone: 12:31 PM The braille NASA publications are really coo.

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:31 PM

I love it when colleagues come to me and mention how much they appreciate my displays-I think the best compliment I received was they loved how accessible I made it.:-) Also-more on the silly side-my supervisor loves my Ben outfits for different displays ,.:-D

from Becki White to everyone: 12:31 PM

\*cool.

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 12:31 PM

Yes, there's something for everyone. Military History and NASA are big in Minneapolis!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:32 PM Susanne--I've seen that publication. Super cool.

from Scott Briggs to everyone: 12:32 PM

It's interesting to see the cycle of research as what was looked at 40-60 years ago comes back to be

revisited today.

from J. Wendel Cox to everyone: 12:32 PM

Geological maps of other planets, moons, etc. Those are priceless.

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:32 PM

+1 John

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:32 PM

Great job, @Ella!

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:32 PM Focusing on what we have and what's out there!

from DeAnn Isenhower to everyone: 12:32 PM

Thanks, Jenny!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:32 PM

Our Education Liaison librarian asks me about gov docs publications she can share with her K-12

teachers in the community...

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:32 PM

@Elissa -Thank you! :-)

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:32 PM

You can recommend wonderful docs to GODORT at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd05NCwd6yFHMep2j1gWR-

sFQNfKPfHWL5P5x5tZZ4vKESfSw/viewform?usp=header

from Adrienne Teague to everyone: 12:33 PM

I am the first gov docs librarian in 12 years at my library. Nobody knows what I'm doing

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:33 PM FDLP Academy really helped me learn my job

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 12:33 PM

I like that, Ariella!

from Brianna King to everyone: 12:33 PM

Working at a state library, I especially enjoy searching the FDLP eXchange for South Carolina federal documents. It is rewarding to help South Carolinians discover more of their state's history through the lens of federal publications.

from Kristina Edwards to everyone: 12:33 PM

I thought is was kinda cool when I found a small "personal" library of the docs related to JFK Assasination. Annoyed but interesting they wanted to have them in a secret place for their interest.

from Cass Hartnett to everyone: 12:33 PM

Yes, Charlie about browsing stacks at a place like Suzzallo (Univ of WA).

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:33 PM

I had a patron discover Alaska mailboats through old contract announcements that were hidden in

the Serial Set and other fed pubs.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:33 PM

susanne caro started the wonderful guide - thanks!!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:33 PM

@Bruce can you expound?

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:33 PM

Working in a law library, government documents are very relevant to what we do.

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:33 PM

Thanks for posting the link Cindy

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:33 PM

Yay Susanne!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:34 PM

@Ella, yes, Ben outfits. I still have one that my student worker made several years ago, for

Halloween, she dressed Ben up as Dracula.

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:34 PM

Display the cool stuff! Never fails to get interest in my library

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:34 PM @Adrienne That's a gift to be used well!

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:34 PM

@Elisabeth -LOL- I love it!!!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:35 PM

Kristia- it's a conspiracy!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:35 PM

Same, Ariella.

from Beth Harper to everyone: 12:35 PM

When I have to do my annual review, I look over the gov docs questions I've answered--in our ref

stats database, and in my email.

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:36 PM

So true Angie

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:36 PM

@Beth, yes! I document all interactions I have with students, anyone that emails my department with a government related question. You'd be surprised how they add up over an academic year.

from Eileen Snyder to everyone: 12:36 PM

Shout out to Lloyd!!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:36 PM

Yes Angie!!

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 12:36 PM

I recently showed this graphic novel from the CDC from 2011 to a much younger colleague. They

were impressed! Preparedness 101: Zombie Pandemic

from Beth Harper to everyone: 12:36 PM

I do!!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:36 PM

I have a Washington State comic handout from 2018, telling us what to do in a pandemic...

from John Olson to everyone: 12:36 PM

I found a document that was published by GPO in 1880's that listed all the nicknames of the Civil

War Army regiments.

from Eileen Snyder to everyone: 12:36 PM

I do! He's retired, and I'm in his old job (plus now covering fed docs at WHS)

from Beth Harper to everyone: 12:36 PM

Lloyd is great!

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:36 PM

@Andrea - Preparedness 101 is probably one of my favorite documents to share.

from Cass Hartnett to everyone: 12:36 PM

Can we add LIS classes as a joy? Not only for those of us who teach them, but LIS students who intern at our libraries or at GPO. They are frequently coming from other fields with a real fire for

public access!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:37 PM @Andrea, I remember the Zombie comic as a student!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:37 PM

+1 Cass

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:37 PM

I like to watch the surprise on students' faces when they stop by our Library Expo tables (we just had it this past week), and I have tons of freebies, but I pull a variety of print items from different agencies (usually more unusual and "pretty docs", and talk about the how to get to electronic docs, and sites like govinfo, congress.gov, ben's guide. They all act the same - they didn't know these things were available to them.

from Scott Briggs to everyone: 12:37 PM

I mentioned the Zombie comic to a coworker just in the last few days.

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:37 PM

I had an email response from a very happy student that said i was a rock star. I kept that on my wall

by my computer for days that were tough.

from Eileen Snyder to everyone: 12:37 PM

+1 Beth

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:37 PM

My aunt is a nurse and she showed me that one pre-COVID and pre-GovDocs Librarian

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:37 PM

Sill my favorite

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:37 PM

One of my favorite classes in library school was the govdocs one. One of the few taught by a

practitioner.

from Sara Winger to everyone: 12:37 PM William Sudduth was my Gov Docs Prof

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:38 PM

I've had the Zombie comic out for Library Expo and National Library Week:)

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:38 PM

I still tell people about it even though I was in undergrad then!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:38 PM

One of my favorites. :)

from Monica Dorame to everyone: 12:38 PM

Love it @Susanne...you are a rock star!

from Chris Bloodworth to everyone: 12:39 PM

Who among the govdoc veterans are willing and available to mentor inexperienced depository

manages

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:39 PM

It's actually one of the things that got me interested in gov docs.

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:39 PM

Yes, love the Braille NASA docs!

from Becki White to everyone: 12:39 PM

@Chris - that is one of the quesitons on the current Biennial Survey.

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:39 PM

I would be willing to mentor

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:39 PM

Chris- I woulndn't considermyself a veteran but I'd be happy to mentor. susanne.caro@dca.nm.gov

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:40 PM

Is chat being captured? So we can go find cool docs?

from Vicki Tate to everyone: 12:40 PM

Squeaks Discovers Type!

from Ronnie Joiner to everyone: 12:40 PM

Has anyone else heard the ICE podcast advertisement? That's a Gov Doc.

from Chris Bloodworth to everyone: 12:40 PM

Who among the govdoc veterans are willing and available to mentor inexperienced depository

managers?

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:40 PM

Chat is being captured

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:40 PM

I don't necessarily think someone needs to be a veteran to be a mentor! Just need someone who

cares and tries.

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:40 PM

Yep, chat is saved!

from Angela J.A. Kent to everyone: 12:40 PM

Shout out to our Poster presenters. I had a first glance and can't wait to read them more closely!

from Amanda Carter to everyone: 12:40 PM

I work with gov info that isn't GPO centerd and I'm here because I love to hear about what's going on

so I can point my patrons to it when needed. <3 FDLPs are awesome!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:40 PM @Susanne - I would consider you a great veteran :)

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:40 PM

I literally tell my family and friends about government information outside of work.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:40 PM

I volunteered to mentor a gov docs newbie but matched with someone in another area

from Cass Hartnett to everyone: 12:40 PM

Yeah -- I connect with our PTRC Patents librarian and our Engineering Librarian who is a TRAIL key

member and tech report expert!

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 12:40 PM

+! Angela Kent

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:41 PM govinfo.info and their local depository libraries!

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:41 PM

@Cassandra - me too. Sharing govinfo with familiy and friends.

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:41 PM

.gov

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:41 PM

I share federal, state, and local gove docs with everyone in my library. I offer stuff for displays, I bug

them about promotional materials, I'm a bit of a menace

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:41 PM

People are probably tired of hearing this- my Federal Friday covers a lot of federal and state

resources https://libguides.nmstatelibrary.org/govdocs/Federal\_Friday

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:41 PM

Typing too fast over here

from DeAnn Isenhower to everyone: 12:41 PM

BEN

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:41 PM

Ben

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:41 PM

Ben!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:41 PM

Ben!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:41 PM

bem

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:41 PM

**DANG IT** 

from Brianna King to everyone: 12:41 PM

Ben!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:42 PM

\*Ben

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:42 PM More promotional material coming up?

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:42 PM

Ben!~

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:42 PM

I want that Ben!

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 12:42 PM

DeAnn Isenhower - winner!

from John Olson to everyone: 12:42 PM

I'm also the map librarian as well as the docs librarian so I get to promote all the great maps from

USGS and the NOS.

from DeAnn Isenhower to everyone: 12:42 PM

YAY!

from Jacqui Celecia to everyone: 12:42 PM I wish the ben bookmarks would come back.

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:42 PM +1 John, yes, so many amazing maps!

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:42 PM

I had a feeling it was coming but my cursor wasn't in the chat box:'(

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:42 PM

There's a mentoring question on the Biennial Survey.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:43 PM

my mom worked at Yales Library - am I the only one who knew about FDLP as a kid? Well, and my

kid who made up a fed docs joke at 8 years old

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:43 PM @Susanne Me too-that is a great Ben!

from Bruce Pencek to everyone: 12:43 PM

To clarify: There are experts in federal gov info in other silos in big universities. We may have

complementary expertise and understandings of patron needs.

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:43 PM

Has GPO offered any Al webinars? I haven't seen any but maybe I missed it

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:43 PM

@Jenny what's the joke?

from Tiffany Mair Panzarella to everyone: 12:43 PM

Yes!

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:43 PM Yes I've ordered material from Pueblo

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:43 PM

LOVE the promotional items from GPO - need to bring back the ID badge holders (mine is wearing out from constantly taking out my ID to swipe our door) and updated Presidential rulers - those

were big hits here

from Lori Driver to everyone: 12:43 PM

Yes!

from Beth Campbell-Yingling to everyone: 12:43 PM

oh I do remember that

from S Golden to everyone: 12:43 PM

the Pueblo commercials have a cult following

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:43 PM

Where does Sue keep her boat? SuDocs her boat at the pier

from Kristine Stilwell to everyone: 12:44 PM

The "West Wing" had an episode with GAO intern Winnifred Hooper that schooled Sam (and the TV audience) about the value of government information.

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:44 PM

I just finished teaching a 4-session class to community members in our city. It was a small class, just 5 people but they were so interested, so involved in the class. They loved learning about all of the gov info resources online...it was great....compared to teaching it to 18 year0olds that is!

from Becki White to everyone: 12:44 PM

I learned about gov docs in college working at the library; nobody else was willing to shelve them so I did. :)

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:44 PM

I stock up on a bunch of freebies for tabling events

from Leslie Carr to everyone: 12:44 PM

i did a practicum in government documents at the university i got my mls from--I thought it was the area for me, interesting historically and professionally

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:44 PM

Doc

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:44 PM

LOL!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:44 PM @Brynlynn, we take some of ours to table as well

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 12:44 PM "where does Scott dock his boat?..."

from Cass Hartnett to everyone: 12:44 PM

Charlie's compliments give me a real lift! Can you just imagine what a tapped-in student Charlie was?! Now Charlie is connecting more and more learners of all ages to gov info and services!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:44 PM @Kristine - now I'm going to have to go look that up!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:44 PM

Thank you Becki!

from Elissa Lawrence to everyone: 12:44 PM

Perfect, Kelly!

from Monica Dorame to everyone: 12:44 PM

+1 Becki

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:45 PM

I was a student working in Gov Docs where I work now so I already knew SuDocs when I got hired

back to my department

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:45 PM

@Becki! That's so great! Filing the microfiche because no one else would! :)

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:45 PM

@Cass I did my best! You hooked me with Smokey, and then Watergate stole my heart.

from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:45 PM

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from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:45 PM

PLease ignore the barcode :-)

from Wendy Robertson to everyone: 12:45 PM

I probably shouldn't admit I studied in the Gov Docs area in college becaue NO ONE went there

and it was very quiet

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:45 PM

Just a reminder, cause I forgot, you need your Director to approve the survey before submission. So

work a little ahead!

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:45 PM

Haha! I've done the barcode before!:)

from Cass Hartnett to everyone: 12:46 PM Wendy, a lot of people have said the same!

from amy hanmer to everyone: 12:46 PM

I'll be doing shelf reading after coll moved back after being moved.

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:46 PM

@Wendy Me too! I studied in FSU's Dirac because they had movable stacks and quiet students!

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 12:46 PM

+! Ariella. It can take a bit.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:46 PM

Oh, the AI hallucination citations for gov publications

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:47 PM

I use Shelf length x#shelves x sections x range. It makes sense in my head at first, then I confuse

myself.

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:47 PM

It probably wasn't trained on gov info and then to make things worse it makes up info to try to satisfy

your answer.

from Mark Hamilton to everyone: 12:47 PM

Thank you Elisabeth! Sometimes I am not so good at multitasking. :-D

from Jonathan Underwood to everyone: 12:47 PM

What about using prompt engineering to find government information?

from Lucy Duhon to everyone: 12:47 PM

I started an OER libguide using gov information last year: https://libguides.utoledo.edu/govoers

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:47 PM

I would have to check with our coordinator for what we do.

from Kelly Seifert to everyone: 12:48 PM History Lab AI at 2:15 (eastern) in this room

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:48 PM

@Lucy - awesome!

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:48 PM

Thanks Kelly

from Sinai Wood to everyone: 12:48 PM

Thank you Lucy for sharing!!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:48 PM

Thank you for all of the enthusiasm and encouragement.

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:48 PM

Yes its GREAT!!

from Josh Finnell to everyone: 12:48 PM

Great job!

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:48 PM

YES!

from Lia Vella to everyone: 12:48 PM

yes! good job!

from Bernadette Johnson to everyone: 12:48 PM

Thank you!

from Becki White to everyone: 12:48 PM

Thumbs up to this listening session!

from Tom Rohrig to everyone: 12:48 PM

Yes, a great addition!

from Scott Briggs to everyone: 12:48 PM

This is a great session!

from Lori Driver to everyone: 12:48 PM

It was great!

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:48 PM

Done well! Please keep!

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:48 PM

I love this listening session!

from Ella Shurr to everyone: 12:48 PM

This was great! Please bring it back!

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:48 PM

I loved this session! Thank you!

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:48 PM

I can't sem to get the conference libguide pages to open for some reason

from Amy Fitch to everyone: 12:48 PM

It was like hanging with friends. I loved this session.

from Jacqui Celecia to everyone: 12:48 PM

Thank you, this is helpful

from Michael Bingham to everyone: 12:49 PM

I agree! This has been really informative

from Brianna King to everyone: 12:49 PM

Thank you!!!

from John Olson to everyone: 12:49 PM

Yes Yes YESS!!! love the session!

from Lori Driver to everyone: 12:49 PM

+1 Amy

from Lee Ann Fullington to everyone: 12:49 PM

Thank you! As a very new gov docs librarian I really appreciate all of this!

from amy hanmer to everyone: 12:49 PM

how long is the chat available?

from Leslie Carr to everyone: 12:49 PM

council is Listening is a great addtion to the lineup--we get a chance to reaffirm our passion and

purpose as a group--very powerful!

from Robin Haun-Mohamed to everyone: 12:49 PM

This session was great!

from Angela J.A. Kent to everyone: 12:49 PM

DLC has discussed how to facilitate mentorships. In additon to responding in the survey, please

share your thoughts and suggestions to a DLC member!

from Andrea Stelljes to everyone: 12:49 PM

Good job, DLC facilitators!

from Lucy Duhon to everyone: 12:49 PM

Thanks, everyone!

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:49 PM

For more information about the Depository Library Council and its work:

https://www.fdlp.gov/about/depository-library-council

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:49 PM

Crafts with council?:P

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:49 PM The chat will be uploaded with the videos.

from Sarah Erekson to everyone: 12:49 PM

I just had a well attended intro to Government Information workshop at my library. It came about when my colleagues created alibrary wide workshop series. With that format, I was able to use their advertising and structure. It is easier for me to volunteer within someone else's structure. RE: communication and doing regular meeting within state

from Amy Singer to everyone: 12:49 PM

Good stuff!

from Sandy Himel to everyone: 12:49 PM

Thank you. Yes. Continue

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:49 PM

Thank you!

from Trina Magi to everyone: 12:49 PM

I agree--no break-out rooms.

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:49 PM

@JoAnna -:)

from Julie Huskey to everyone: 12:49 PM Yes -- keep this session in future meetings

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:50 PM

Could have a short practice with the breakout rooms. I'm sure many would show for a short, 30

minute, test run?

from Daniel Cornwall to everyone: 12:50 PM For this session, please no break out room.

from Cass Hartnett to everyone: 12:50 PM

Very enjoyable. Hearing your warm dialogue and the reading of the chat = gave me lots to think

about!

from Cassandra Wenzel to everyone: 12:50 PM I think this session is useful with no break out rooms.

from Jacqui Celecia to everyone: 12:50 PM

+Brylynn

from Brent Abercrombie to everyone: 12:50 PM

It's nice to have an informal session with everyone, but also have a breakout session that is NCSA

Region specific.

from Susanne Caro to everyone: 12:50 PM

<3 GPO

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:51 PM

GPO is amazing!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:51 PM

HOTTOGPO

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:51 PM

@Lisa LOLLLLL

from Elisabeth Garner to everyone: 12:51 PM I wondered why we'd changed the date! Thanks

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:51 PM

@Brent - that's a good idea

from Kris Abery to everyone: 12:51 PM

+1 Lisa

from Stephani Nia Rodgers to everyone: 12:51 PM

Thank you everyone!!

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:51 PM

Thanks everyone!

from JoAnna McCulley to everyone: 12:51 PM

Yess!

from Lisa Pritchard to everyone: 12:51 PM

A downloadable craft.

from Brylynn Ellis to everyone: 12:51 PM

Crafternoon with council!

from Ariella Mason to everyone: 12:52 PM

+1 Brylynn

from Perveen Rustomfram to everyone: 12:52 PM

Thanks everyone. Great session!

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:52 PM

We have Crafternoons here at my institution, started them last year:)

from Angela J.A. Kent to everyone: 12:52 PM

Crafts = outreach materials:)

from Amy Lovell to everyone: 12:52 PM

I would love it if future conferences were hybrid

from Charlie Amiot to everyone: 12:52 PM

https://discord.gg/BBvvXMaG Discord link, one more time, for the crafters.

from Jenny Groome to everyone: 12:53 PM

I can't get the handouts to open up - can someone send me the direct link - not through icore?

from Amy Lovell to everyone: 12:53 PM

I wonder if there could be regional in person meetings as part of fall FDLP

from Cynthia Etkin to everyone: 12:53 PM

Jenny - the value links?

from Amy Lovell to everyone: 12:53 PM maybe libraries could host regionally?

from Andrea Andie Craley to everyone: 12:53 PM @ Jenny - https://www.fdlp.gov/2025-fdl-conference