



FDLP Preconference

Updates from GPO

September 16, 2026



Welcome

- Updates on projects and initiatives
- Multiple breaks for Q&A
- Event survey: coming soon to your email

Julie Balutis, Managing Director, Library Services & Content Management



Agenda

- Updates from the SuDoc
- Congressional Outreach
- FDLP Promotion
- America 250 & Constitution Day Celebrations
- FDLP.gov Refresh
- FDLP Rules & Instructions
- FDLP Community Needs Assessment
- FDLP Recommendations from GPO's Office of the Inspector General
- FDLP Academy
- Partnerships & Preservation Stewards
- GovInfo & Digitization Efforts
- DiscoverGov 2.0
- GPO Cataloging Guidelines
- SuDoc Classification



Updates from the SuDoc

- Welcome
- Thanks for your dedication
- Amazing work done in LSCM

Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents



Congressional Outreach

FDLP Promotion

America 250 & Constitution Day Celebrations

FDLP.gov Refresh

Kelly Seifert, Strategic Communications Coordinator



Congressional Outreach

- Collaboration with GPO's office of Governmental Affairs
- Expanding outreach to Congressional offices
- Generating greater awareness of the FDLP & communicating its value
- Briefs for Senators and Representatives
- 75 members of Congress reached thus far



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SEPTEMBER 22 – 23, 2026 ★ #FDLCONFERENCE

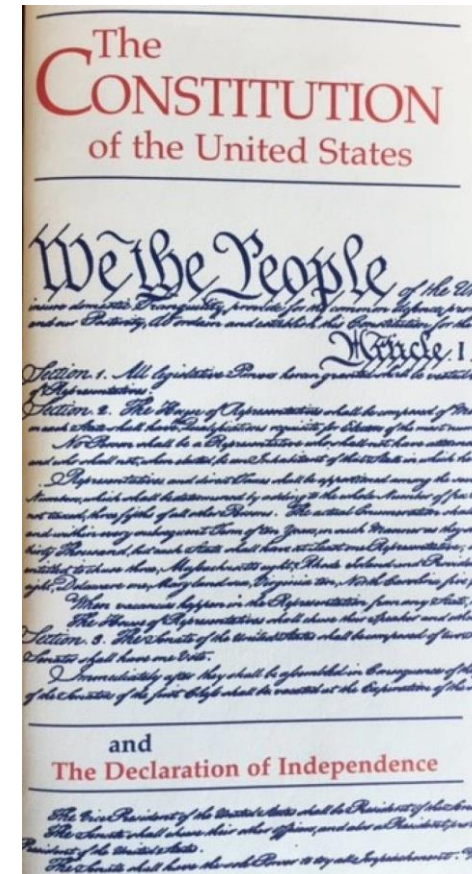
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FDLP Promotion

<https://www.fdlp.gov/promotion/fdlp-promotional-materials>



<https://bensguide.gpo.gov/>



<https://www.fdlp.gov> | <https://catalog.gpo.gov> | <https://www.govinfo.gov>

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America 250 & Constitution Day

<https://www.fdlp.gov/promotion/america250>

<https://www.fdlp.gov/promotion/celebrating-constitution-day>



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**AMERICA'S
FUTURE**
COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

To Celebrate America250
we invite you to paint a canvas tile!
Focus on the future! We're looking for personal goals
and hopeful visions. Please keep submissions
non-political and focused on uplifting our community.



**Celebrating the ratification
of the Constitution**

Constitution Day

September 17, 2026

Access U.S. Government information
for free at this library - a member of the
Federal Depository Library Program



FDLP.gov Refresh

Major Completed Tasks:

- Digital FDLP page updates
- Partnerships and Collaborations page
- Contact Us page
- News Alerts prior to 2022
- Main Menu alphabetization
- Depository Tools landing pages
- Duplicative pages & content
- Depository Library Council pages
- Superintendent of Documents pages
- Promotional galleries
- Project pages

Tasks in Progress:

- America 250 and Constitution Day galleries
- About the FDLP page (new)
- Legislative Revisions to Title 44

Heading into FY27:

- Continued site cleanup and streamlining of content
- Guidance vs Instructions
- Overall site navigation

Q&A



FDLP Rules & Instructions

Community Needs Assessment

Recommendations from the Office of the Inspector General, GPO

FDLP Academy

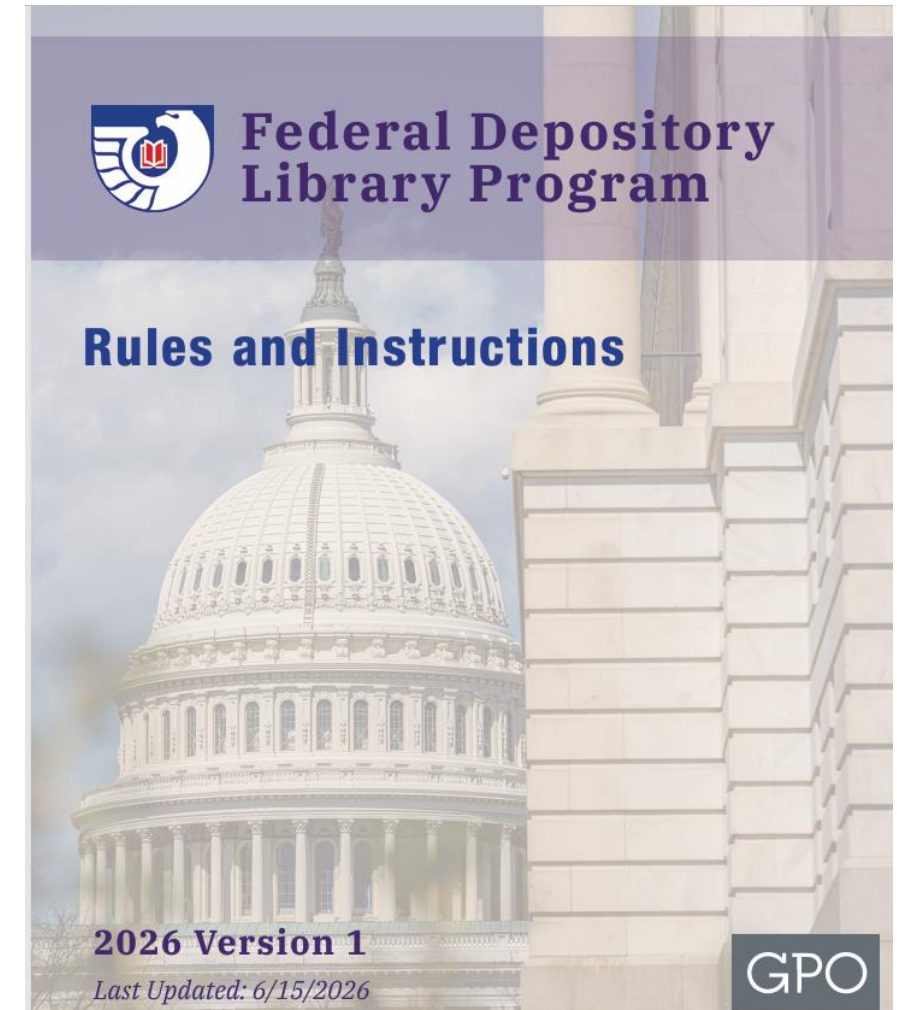
- Kate Pitcher, Chief, Federal Depository Support Services
 - Jessica Law, Supervisory Training Administrator



FDLP Rules & Instructions

- New governing document for FDLP
- Supersedes the 2018 Legal Requirements and Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program
- 1 document for ALL depository libraries

[FDLP Rules and Instructions Version 1: 6-15-2026](#)



FDLP Community Needs Assessment

Completing FDLP Tasks

I am confident I know how to:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Update my library information in the Federal Depository Library Directory (FDLD) .	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Submit a question to askGPO	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Order free promotional material from FDLP.gov	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Review and manage my library's item selection profile for print and electronic materials	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Weed and offer discards from my Federal depository library collection	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use FDLP exchange to offer documents during the weeding process	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Submit a claims form for missing or damaged FDLP material to GPO staff	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use the FDLP Data Manager (FDM) to manage collections	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use LSCM GitHub Repository to obtain bibliographic records for my local catalog	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Identify unreported publications	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐



- Conducted spring 2026
- Randomized
- 75% response rate
- Phase 2 of project continues in FY2027



Recommendation 1: Resume conducting firsthand investigations.

Revised definition and criteria developed for "*firsthand investigation of conditions for which need is indicated*" in spring 2026.

Structure developed for how to conduct firsthand investigations.

Framework in development:

- Assessment procedure will be put in place to offer guidance and training for libraries' implementation of the new FDLP Rules and Instructions.
- Investigations are only warranted when there is evidence of serious non-compliance, using the FDLP Rules and Instructions and compliance checklist.

Framework documentation being packaged for review by project team in September of 2026.

Content includes:

- Templates for conducting assessments and investigations
- Rubrics to assess compliance

Next steps:

- Testing of new structure
- Evaluation
- Communication and education for FDLP



Recommendation 2: Update Superintendent of Documents policy - SOD 312.

Drafted newly revised policy: [Firsthand Investigations of Federal Depository Libraries \(Draft 07/07/2026\) | FDLP](#)

Submitted for public comment.

Comment period closed August 18th. Report on the comments is forthcoming.

Final draft under review for posting by September 30th.

[File Repository](#) > [About the FDLP](#) > [Superintendent of Documents](#) > [Draft Policies](#) >

Firsthand Investigations of Federal Depository Libraries (Draft 07/07/2026)



Firsthand Investigations of Federal Depository Libraries (Draft 07/07/2026)

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework to implement flexible and streamlined firsthand investigations of Federal depository libraries, as required by statute. It supersedes SOD 312. This draft version of SOD-PPS-9-2026 was released for public comment.

[Download \(PDF, 114.43KB\)](#)

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Request for Comments: Firsthand Investigations Draft Policy

Last Updated: July 13, 2026 **Published:** July 13, 2026

The Superintendent of Documents seeks your comments on the draft policy, [Firsthand Investigations of Federal Depository Libraries](#) (SOD-PPS-9-2026). This is a proposed revision of Superintendent of Documents Policy [SOD 312](#).

The purpose of this public policy statement is to provide a framework to implement flexible and streamlined firsthand investigations of Federal depository libraries, as required by statute. Major provisions of the policy include in-depth investigations that are conducted when serious non-compliance issues are discovered and spot-checks that are based on a sample of libraries.

You are strongly encouraged to [submit comments](#) by **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**. Your voice is important!



Recommendation 3:

Request JCP approval for measures that are considered necessary.

Approval process and criteria for notifications to JCP created in Spring 2026.

Criteria developed for:

- Day-to-day operations of FDLP
- When administrative changes would necessitate notifying JCP, but not permissions
- When administrative changes are made and permission is necessary before implementation



Recommendation 4: Develop and use a system of recordkeeping to track notifications to the JCP and JCP approval of Supt. Doc activities.

A tracking system for the recordkeeping of submissions to the JCP for approval of FDLP changes created in Spring 2026.

Contents tracked include:

- Dates of submission
- Decisions made
- Appropriate JCP committee tracked
- Purpose of change



FDLP Academy and Zoom

- Education & Training team
 - 2 FTEs
 - Future growth
- FDLP Academy evolution
 - Establishing program structure
 - Refining current offerings
 - Building a new vision
- Zoom



FDLP ACADEMY

Engage and Empower through Education

Q&A



Partnership Updates

Suzanne Ebanues, Supervisory Management Analyst, Projects & Systems

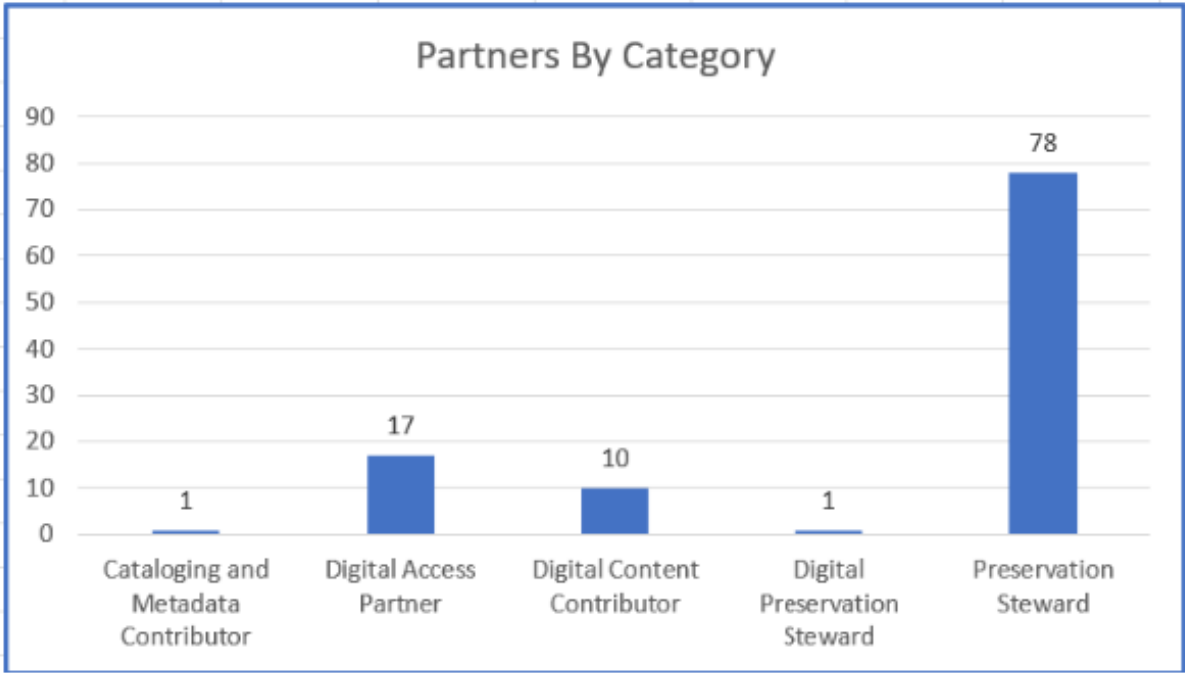


Partner Impact on the National Collection

- Increasing access through cataloging
- Increasing access and preservation by increasing the amount of content available digitally
- Preservation of the tangible National Collection

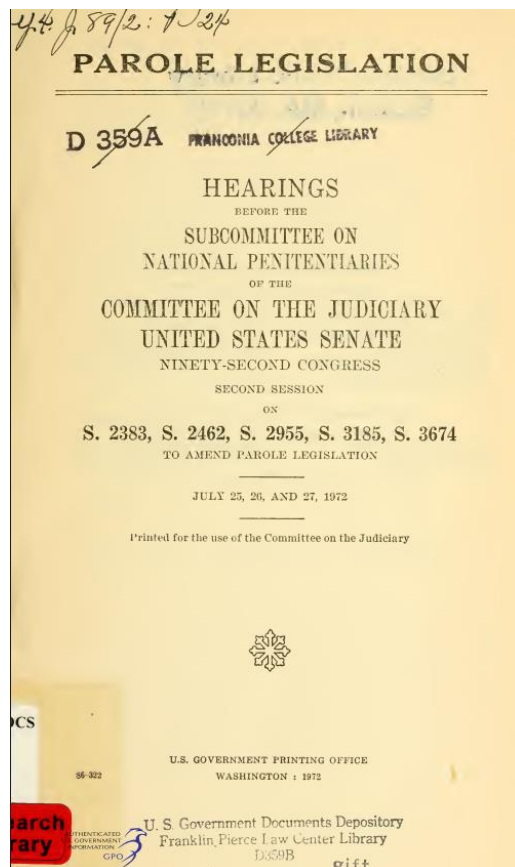


Partners: By the Numbers





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3. Decisions of the Department of the Interior and the General Land Office in Cases Relating to the Public Lands: Volume 32

Interior Department. Tuesday, May 31, 1904.

... publication is the property of the United States and is deposited with - for official and public use. Attention is invited to the following section of the act of Congress approved January 12, 1895 (28 Stat., 601-620). "SECTION 74. Government publications furnished to judicial and executive officers of the United States for their official use ...

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4. Decisions of the Department of the Interior and the General Land Office in Cases Relating to the Public Lands: Volume 31

Interior Department. Wednesday, December 31, 1902.

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5. Decisions of the Department of the Interior and the General Land Office in Cases Relating to the Public Lands: Volume 30

Interior Department. Sunday, June 30, 1901.

... XXX. Edited by S. V. PROUDFIT and GEORGE J. HESSELMAN. WASHINGTON: GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. 1901. DEPART'VE-1' OF THE IK'ERIOR, Washington, D. C. This publication is held for sale by the Department at cost price, as follows: Volume 1, from July, 1881, to June,





Preservation Stewards

New Agreements

- UCLA Darling Law Library
- University of Nevada, Reno
- Michigan State University
- University of Mississippi
- Arizona State Library
- Texas A&M University

- University of Washington
- University of Houston, Clear Lake
- University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Expanded Agreements

- Colorado School of Mines
- New York State Library



Preservation Stewards: Match-Making

- LSCM's Collection Management Librarian monitors offers in [FDLP eXchange](#) and through other channels and seeks to transfer good condition print volumes to historic Preservation Steward collections.
 - Gap-filling is optional under those Partnership agreements.
 - GPO provides a pre-paid shipping label to cover the costs of these shipments.
- 720 vols were transferred to historic Preservation Steward collections in FY26.
- A few FY26 highlights:
 - 189 NASA volumes to University of Alabama, Huntsville
 - 220 volumes of the bound Congressional Record to Idaho State University
 - 111 volumes of FRUS to the Indiana University Jerome Hall Law Library
 - 43 volumes of the Bound Serial Set to California State Library



Preservation Stewards: PDT Commitments

20 Copy

- Congressional Record (bound- Proceedings and Debates)
- Congressional record (bound- Daily Digest)
- Serial Set (bound)

50 Copies

- Code of Federal Regulations (Current only)
- Minerals Yearbook
- Decisions and Orders NRLB
- Foreign Relations of the United States
- Congressional Directory (Current Only)
- Opinions of the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Dept. of Justice

Unlimited

- United States Statues at Large
- Nautical Almanac
- Astronomical Phenomena
- Astronomical Alamac
- U.S. Reports
- Constitution of the United States, Analysis and Interpretation
- U.S. Code



Call to Action: Northeast NCSA

20 Copy

- Forest Atlas of the U.S
- Forest Service 7.5 minute map series
- Forest Service maps and charts
- Forest Service RG series
- Scientific Investigation maps (current)
- NPS Maps
- Fish & Wildlife maps and charts
- BLM 1:1,000,000 scale maps
- BLM maps and map folders
- Senate Documents
- Senate Treaty Documents
- Senate Reports
- Senate Executive Reports
- House Documents
- House Reports
- Journal of the Executive Proceedings of the U.S. Senate

50 Copies

- Economic Report of the President
- Budget of the U.S. Government
- Analytical Perspectives
- Budget Appendix

Unlimited

- Congressional Record Index
- Journal of the House
- Journal of the Senate



Call to Action: South NCSA

20 Copy

- Forest Atlas of the U.S
- Forest Service 7.5 minute map series
- Forest Service maps and charts
- Bureau of Fisheries maps
- FCC Record
- NPS Maps
- Fish & Wildlife maps and charts
- BLM 1:1,000,000 scale maps
- BLM maps and map folders
- Journal of the Executive Proceedings of the U.S. Senate (Historic)
- Precedents of the United States House of Representatives

50 Copies

- Code of Federal Regulations (Current)
- CFR Index and Finding Aids
- U.S. Court of International Trade Reports
- Economic Report of the President
- Budget of the U.S. Government
- Analytical Perspectives
- Budget Appendix
- Economic Indicators



Call to Action: Midwest NCSA

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- Forest Service 7.5 minute map series
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- Forest Service RG series
- Bureau of Fisheries maps
- FCC Record (Current)
- Scientific Investigations Maps
- NPS Maps
- Fish & Wildlife maps and charts
- BLM 1:1,000,000 scale maps
- BLM maps and map folders

50 Copies

- U.S. Court of International Trade Reports



Call to Action: West NCSA

20 Copy

- Forest Atlas of the United States
- Forest Service maps and charts (Current)
- Forest Service RG series (Historic)
- Bureau of Fisheries maps
- NPS Maps (Historic)
- Fish & Wildlife maps and charts (Historic)

50 Copies

- Agricultural Statistics
- Tax Court Reports
- U.S. Court of International Trade Reports
- Budget of the U.S. Government



Contact the Partnership Team

[askGPO](#): Use the **Partnership** category

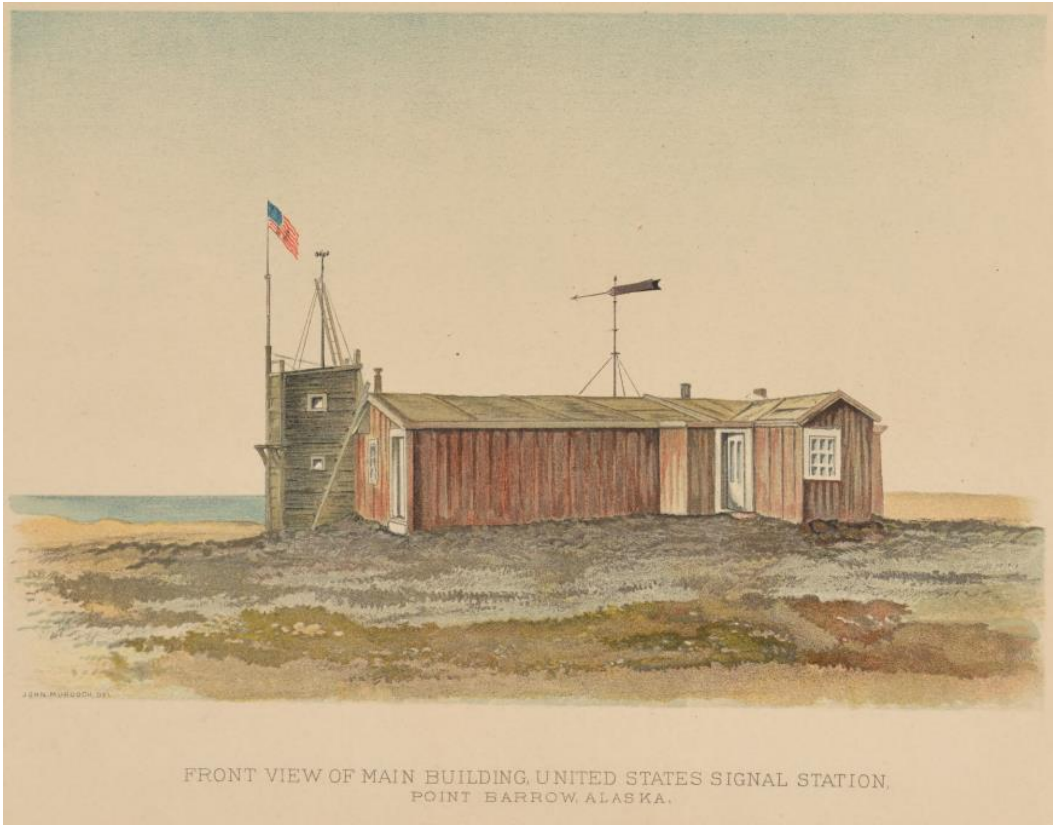
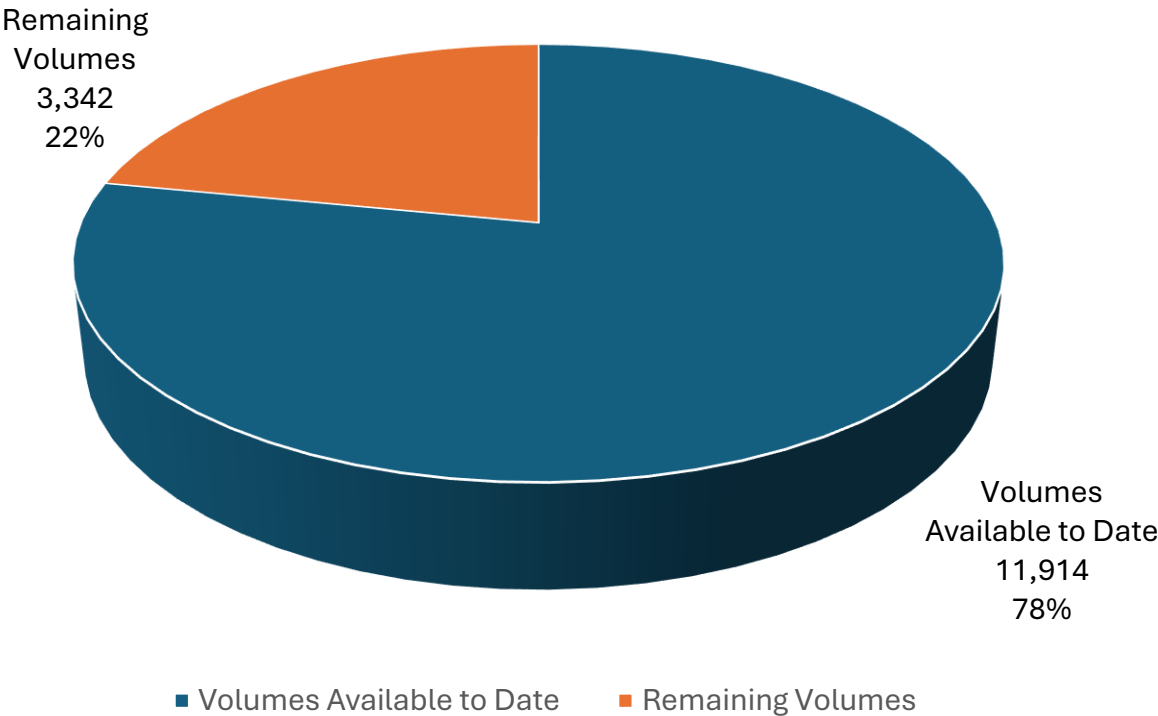


GovInfo & Digitization Efforts

- Megan Minta, Collection Development Librarian, Library Services & Content Management
- Heidi Ramos, Lead Program Planner, Agency Strategic Programs & GovInfo

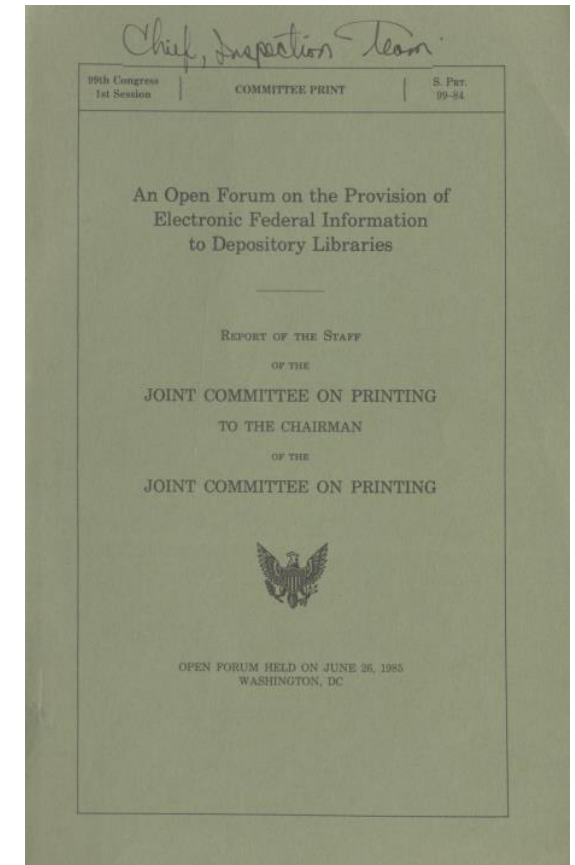
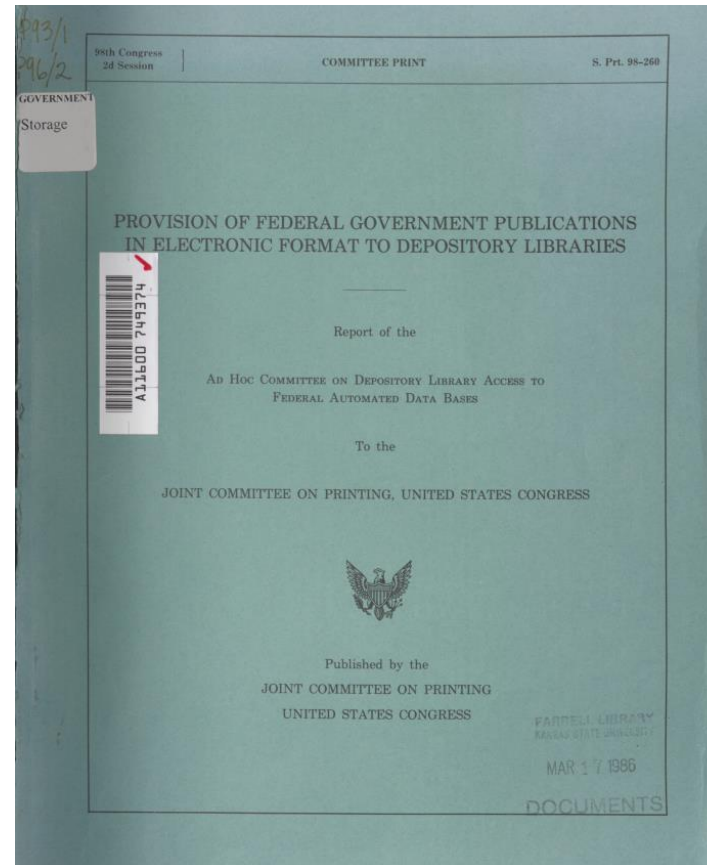
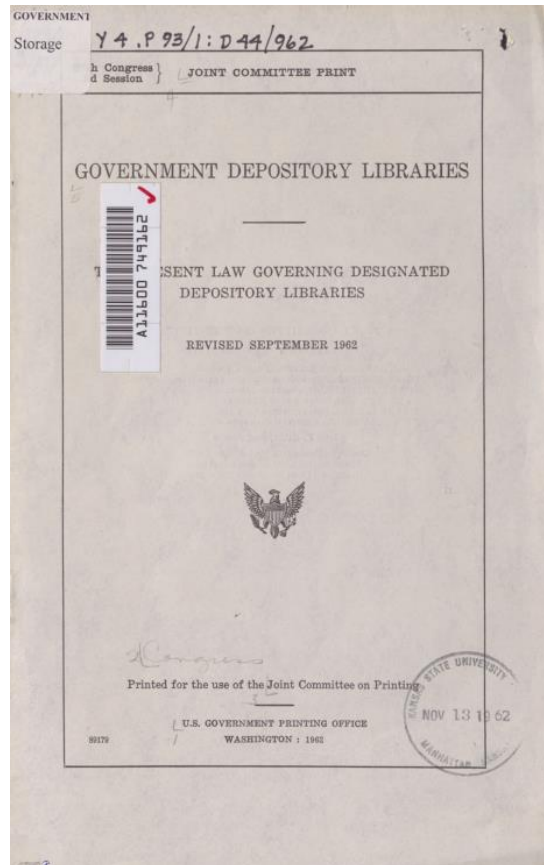
U.S. Congressional Serial Set

Serial Set Volumes Available through GovInfo





Congressional Committee Prints

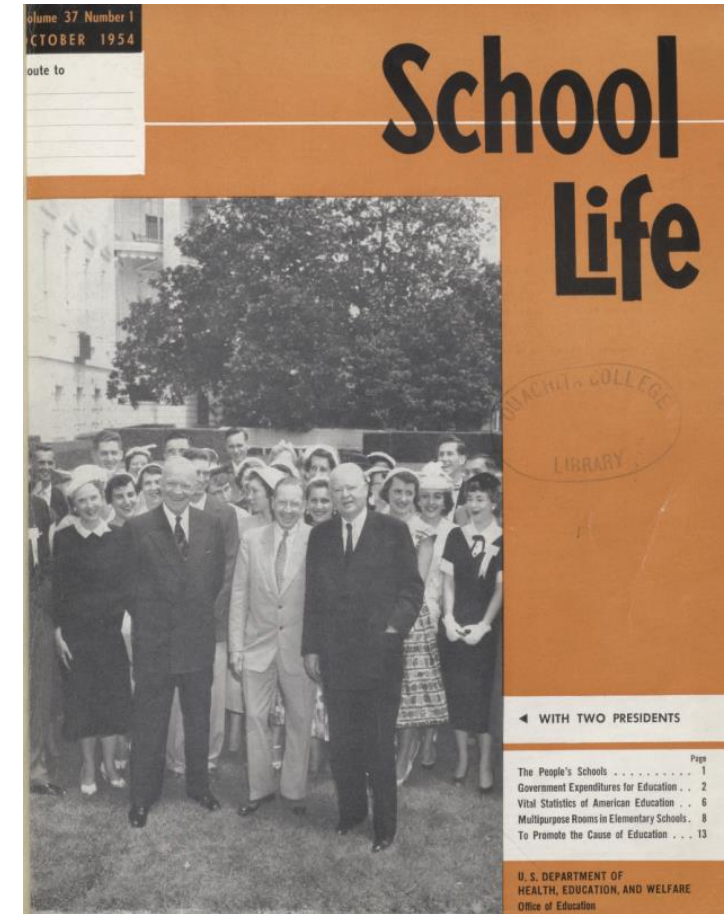
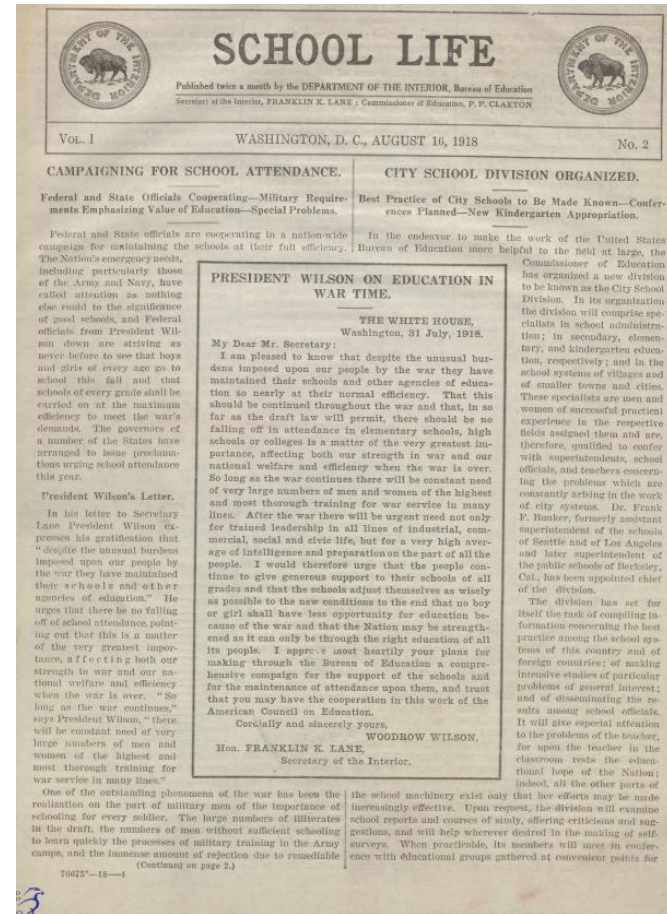




Office of Education (I 16) and Bureau of Education (FS 5.7)

1,810 publications, including:

- Bulletins
- Circulars of Information
- Education Pamphlets
- Higher Education Circulars
- Monthly Record of Current Educational Publications
- School Life
- Teacher's Leaflets





Statutes at Large USLM

- Project to add USLM XML for v. 1-116 has been completed.
- USLM XML available for download in the [Bulk Data Repository](#).

Monthly Catalog XML

- In addition to launching the Historic Monthly Catalog on the CGP, XML was also added for digitized Monthly Catalog issues on GovInfo, enhancing search and retrieval.



In Progress

- Code of Federal Regulations
- Foreign Relations of the United States
- Congressional Hearings

GPO Needs List LibGuide

<https://libguides.fdlp.gov/gpo-digitization>

GPO Needs (Spreadsheet)	SuDoc	Publication Dates
Code of Federal Regulations	AE 2.106/3:	1987-1996 (select issues)
Astronomical Phenomena for the Year...	D 213.2:AS 8/	1951-1958
The American Air Almanac / The Air Almanac	D 213.7:	1952-1968, 1975, 1987
The American Nautical Almanac	D 213.11:	1953-1959
School Life	FS 5.7:	1939-1964 (select issues)
Word Division : Supplement to Government Printing Office Style Manual	GP 1.2:W 89/3/ and GP 1.23/4:ST 9/SUPP.	1968-1982
Depository Invoices	GP 3.16:	1914-1921 (select issues)



Current Content

- Statutes at Large, vol. 137 (118th Congress, 1st Session)
- Congressional Directory, 119th Congress
- FY 2027 Budget of the United States Government
- Economic Report of the President, 2026
- Privacy Act Issuances, 2024-2025 Biennial
- 2025 GPO Annual Report
- 2025 LSCM Year in Review
- Congressionally Mandated Reports

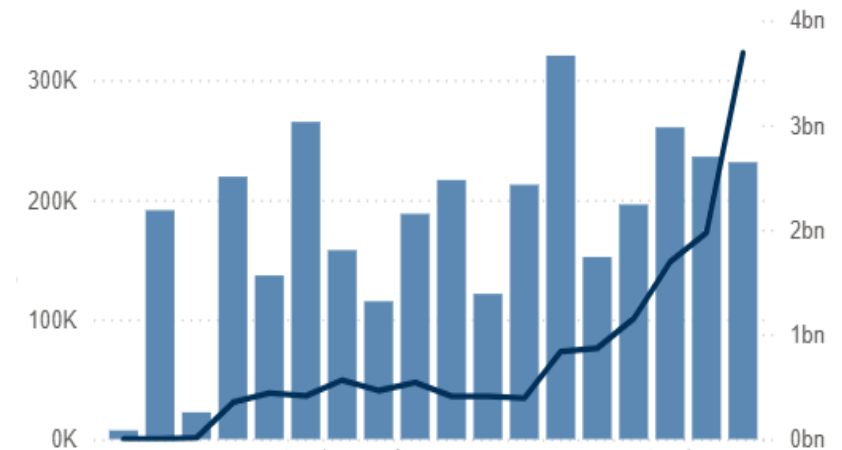
GovInfo Enhancements





Milestones and Metrics

- 231K packages added to GovInfo for FY26 through the end of August
- 3.7B public file retrievals for FY26 through the end of August (compared to 1.97B for all of FY25)
- 335M average monthly file retrievals from GovInfo for FY26 through the end of August (compared to 164M for all of FY25)
- 18.4B public file retrievals (1994 through the end of August 2026)
- 291 RFCs, 7 production deployments, 32 feature articles to date



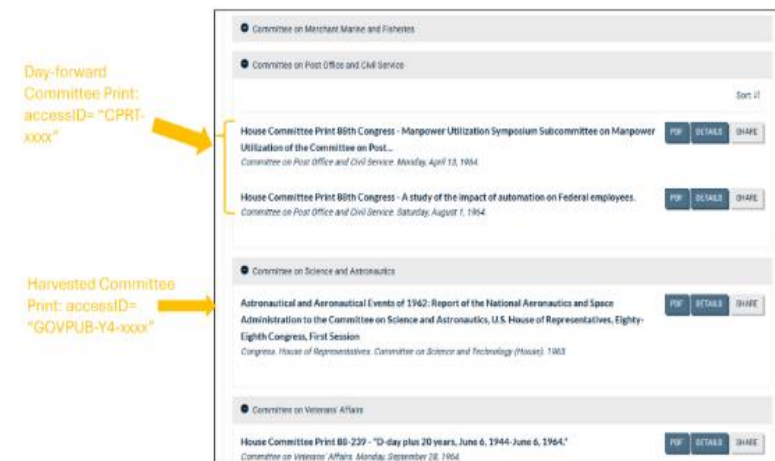


FY26 Highlights

- Model Context Protocol (MCP) server public preview
- Integrated Additional Prints into the Congressional Committee Prints Collection Browse and Search Results
- API enhancements: USCOURTS courtCode search field and related endpoint to query FR documents that share the same docketID metadata



<https://www.govinfo.gov/features/mcp-public-preview>





FY26 Highlights

- Related Documents for Congressional Hearings to directly associated Congressional Bills
- Content Details page modernization and Document in Context “Jump to”
- Search Box “Clear” Function

Content Details

H.R. 3522 (IH) - Forest Improvements through Research and Emergency Stewardship for Healthy Ecosystem Development and Sustainability Act

Summary

Related Documents

Sponsor: Moore, Blake D.

Committee Assignment: House Committee on Natural Resources

House Committee on Agriculture

Bill Versions

Bill History

Congressional Record

Congressional Hearings

Date ↑ Name

05/23/2023 Serial No. 118-30 - H.R. 188; H.R. 934; H.R. 1450; H.R. 1726; H.R. 3389; H.R. 3396; H.R. 3499; H.R. 3522; And H.R. _____, "FOREST SERVICE FLEXIBLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS ACT OF 2023"

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Content Details

Budget FY 2027 - Department of Transportation

Summary

Document in Context

Category: Budget and Presidential Materials

Collection: Budget of the United States Government

SuDoc Class Number: PREX 2.8:2027

Date Issued: April 3, 2026

Publication Title: Budget of the U.S. Government, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2027

Fiscal Year: 2027

Content Details

Budget FY 2027 - Department of Transportation

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Document in Context

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Release Notes

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DiscoverGov 2.0

Continuing Innovation

Catherine Bloom, Automation Librarian, Projects & Systems



What Happened?

Following the launch of DiscoverGov in the winter of 2024 and building off a multi-year research initiative including a year-long documentation of our AS-IS state work processes...

In late August, we launched the DiscoverGov 2.0 Project!



What's Going On?

We're getting new software to modernize back-end systems controlling cataloging and data management and legacy work processes.

You're getting upgraded interfaces and modernized discovery.



What Did We Select?

- Alma by Clarivate / ExLibris
- Primo VE flavor TBD pending agency approvals.



What's Next?

- Onboarding meetings are being scheduled, and training has begun.
- The timeline is still being finalized so we will have an update for you at the 2027 Spring Conference.



GPO Cataloging Guidelines

Oksana Osborne, Metadata Integrity Librarian, Metadata and Collection Services



History of Cataloging at GPO

- 1813: Federal Depository Library Program established [1](#)
- 1861: Government Printing Office established [2](#)
- 1895: Cataloging & Indexing Program established [3](#)
- 1895-1975: GPO cataloged according to its own rules and subject thesaurus [4](#)
- 1975-76: GPO joined OCLC; began cataloging in MARC using LCSH and AACR [5](#)
- 1977: Library of Congress and GPO established NACO [4](#)
- 1980: GPO adopted AACR2 [4](#)



History of Cataloging at GPO, cont.

- 1983: 1st edition of GPO Cataloging Guidelines (CGs) published in loose-leaf [6](#)
- 1988: 2nd edition of CGs published [7](#)
- 1990: 3rd edition of CGs published [8](#)
- 2002: 4th edition of CGs published in HTML and PDF [9](#)
- 2013: GPO adopted RDA [10](#)
- 2013: GPO began issuing CGs as continually updated website [11](#)
- 2016: GPO established Cataloging Policy and Documentation Committee (CPDC)



GPO CGs: Purpose

- GPO's policies & practices, developed by CPDC, with input from MCS staff
- Indicate when PCC standards must be met
- Provide reinforcement and clarification for RDA and PCC guidance
- Specify GPO's preferences when RDA and PCC have options
- Generally don't include procedures specific to OCLC or our ILS



Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)

- International program supported by the Library of Congress
- GPO is a member
- Highest standards for bibliographic and authority records
- In bibliographic records:
 - All access points (authors, series, subjects, etc.) are supported by authority records
 - PCC bibliographic records are identified by MARC 042 = pcc

Cataloging/Metadata Encoding Levels

- Full (PCC)
- Full (non-PCC)
- Basic

Cataloging Level	MARC Encoding Level	Required Descriptive Metadata Elements	Required Access Points	Examples of Workflows
Full (PCC)	Blank	All descriptive elements required by BIBCO or CONSER PURL(s), if applicable Full SuDoc Item number, if applicable	All authorized access points required by GPO	Higher priority resources Lower priority resources that meet all cataloging level requirements, without additional authority work
Full (non-PCC)	Blank	All descriptive elements required by BIBCO or CONSER PURL(s), if applicable Full SuDoc Item number, if applicable	All authorized access points required by GPO, with exceptions for lower priority resources and temporary exceptions for higher priority resources	Higher priority resources pending authority work Lower priority resources that meet all cataloging level requirements
Basic	3	Descriptive cataloging form code “i” (ISBD) Descriptive convention source code “ local/GPO ” (do not code as RDA or provider-neutral) ...	At least one available LCSH term that describes the main content of the publication One Federal corporate body access point for the first named agency; use the lowest level body already established	Materials designated by MCS management (with specific instructions for the workflow, process, or project)

Cataloging/Metadata Encoding Levels Chart



Cataloging History References

1. FDLP: <https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/agency/services-for-agencies/federal-depository-library-program>
2. GPO - History: <https://www.gpo.gov/who-we-are/our-agency/history>
3. Title 44, ch. 17: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2024-title44/pdf/USCODE-2024-title44-chap17.pdf>
4. Public Documents Highlights, no. 41 (August 1980): <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/GOVPUB-GP3-91a34dd34d2e41b92dfdfa02decedaf3>
5. Public Documents Highlights, no. 14 (February 1976): <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/GOVPUB-GP3-6481716f344bd3059989992fbf8ff2eb>
6. Public Documents Highlights, no. 57 (March 1983): <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/GOVPUB-GP3-e6aa79af717825aff05c7a0d290d4992>



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7. Administrative Notes 9, no. 7 (1988): <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/GOVPUB-GP3-a20e00bee5555d78b054e9e06dfcbd99>
8. Administrative Notes 11, no. 16 (1990): <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/GOVPUB-GP3-e8afab0f473b05c382d14fd42cd8cda5>
9. Government Printing Office Cataloging Guidelines, 4th ed. (2002):
<https://permanent.fdlp.gov/lps20776/gpocatgu.pdf>
10. Update: Effective 1 April, 2013 RDA Standard Implemented at GPO:
<https://web.archive.org/web/20211212135137/https://www.fdlp.gov/news-and-events/1593-rda-standard-implemented-gpo-4-1-13>
11. GPO cataloging guidelines (CGP record):
https://catalog.gpo.gov/F/?func=direct&doc_number=001027622&local_base=GPO01PUB



Superintendent of Documents (SuDocs) Classification System

Dawn Pavao, Metadata Integrity Librarian



History of SuDocs

Adelaide Hasse

- First librarian at GPO, hired in 1895
- Based the classification system on work at the Los Angeles Public Library
- Introduced agency provenance – grouping documents by issuing agency



William L. Post

- Superintendent of Documents, 1906-1909
- Fully developed SuDocs, going further into the levels of agency structure



Category Classes

- .1 Annual reports
- .2 General publications (unnumbered publications of a miscellaneous nature)
- .3 Bulletin
- .4 Circulars
- .5 Laws (administered by the agency and published by it)
- .6 Regulations, rules, and instructions
- .7 Press releases
- .8 Handbooks, manuals, guides
- .9 Bibliographies and lists of publications [OBSOLETE]
- .10 Directories [OBSOLETE]
- .11 Maps and charts
- .12 Posters
- .13 Forms
- .14 Addresses [OBSOLETE]

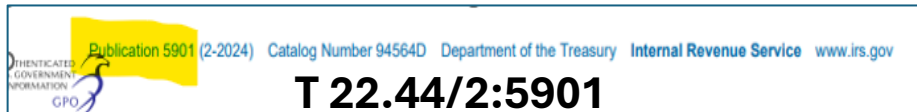
Category classes .1-.14 are reserved for common publication types issued by most agencies (general publications, handbooks, press releases, etc.). **Series and other non-category classes** start at .15 and up.



Class Suffix: Book Number

- Use numeric designation appearing on the resource
 - Series, serial numbering

Examples:



Cooperator Science Series # 151-2023

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- Unnumbered publications use a Cutter number
 - Using C.A. Cutter's Two-Figure Author Table assign a Cutter based on a significant word in the title

C. A. CUTTER'S Two-Figure Author Table (SWANSON-SWIFT REVISION, 1969)

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A			B			C			D			E			F		
Aa	1	Aj	1	As	1	Ba	11	Ca	11	Da	11	Ea	1	Ej	1	Fa	11
Aad	2	Ajc	2	Asc	2	Bac	12	Cai	12	Dad	12	Ead	2	Ejc	2	Fad	12
Aag	3	Aje	3	Ash	3	Baco	13	Call	13	Dac	13	Eag	3	Eje	3	Faf	13
Aak	4	Ajg	4	Asi	4	Bad	14	Cam	14	Dai	14	Eai	4	Ejg	4	Fah	14
Aan	5	Aji	5	Asl	5	Bail	15	Camp	15	Dal	15	Eak	5	Ejm	5	Fair	15
Aap	6	Ajl	6	Asp	6	Bain	16	Can	16	Dall	16	Eam	6	Ejl	6	Fairc	16
Aar	7	Ajo	7	Ass	7	Bak	17	Cap	17	Dalt	17	Ear	7	Ejo	7	Fais	17
Aau	8	Aju	8	Ast	8	Bal	18	Care	18	Dam	18	Eat	8	Eju	8	Fal	18
Aax	9	Ajy	9	Asu	9	Bald	19	Carf	19	Dan	19	Eaw	9	Ejy	9	Fall	19
Ab	1	Ak	1	At	1	Ball	21	Carm	21	Danf	21	Eb	1	Ek	1	Fam	21
Abbo	2	Akb	2	Atc	2	Ban	22	Caro	22	Dani	22	Ebc	2	Eke	2	Far	22
Abd	3	Ake	3	Ath	3	Bar	23	Carr	23	Dank	23	Ebe	3	Ekh	3	Farn	23
Abg	4	Akg	4	Athe	4	Bark	24	Cart	24	Dar	24	Ebh	4	Ekk	4	Farr	24
Abi	5	Aki	5	Atk	5	Barm	25	Caru	25	Darm	25	Ebk	5	Ekl	5	Fars	25
Abk	6	Ako	6	Atl	6	Barne	26	Cas	26	Das	26	Ebl	6	Ekm	6	Fas	26
Abn	7	Akr	7	Ato	7	Barr	27	Casm	27	Dav	27	Ebo	7	Eko	7	Fau	27
Abr	8	Aku	8	Att	8	Bars	28	Cat	28	Davi	28	Ebt	8	Eku	8	Faw	28
Abu	9	Aky	9	Atw	9	Bas	29	Catm	29	Davis	29	Ebu	9	Eky	9	Fay	29

Source: Cutter, Charles A. C.A. Cutter's Two-figure author table, 1969.



Cuttering Example



Issuing agency
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Source

Mill	61
Milli	62
Milm	63
Milt	64
Mira	65
Min	66
Mir	67
Mis	68
Misn	69
Mo	71
Mod	72
Mol	73
Mon	74
Monl	75
Mont	76
Moo	77
Moor	78
Mop	79

Assigned SuDocs class:

HS 2.8:M 69

- HS – Department of Homeland Security
- 2 – Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- .8 – Handbooks, Manuals, Guides
- **M 69** – Cutter based on the keyword “Mitigating”

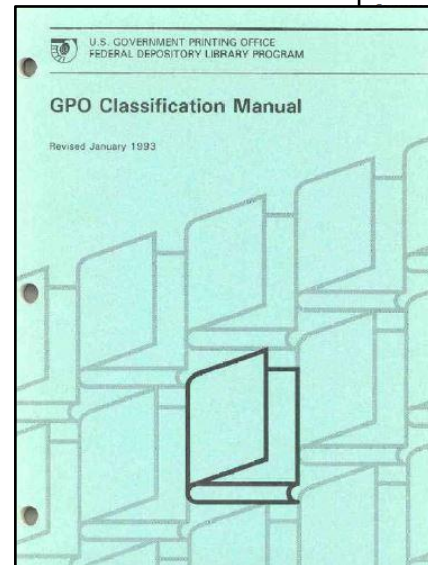
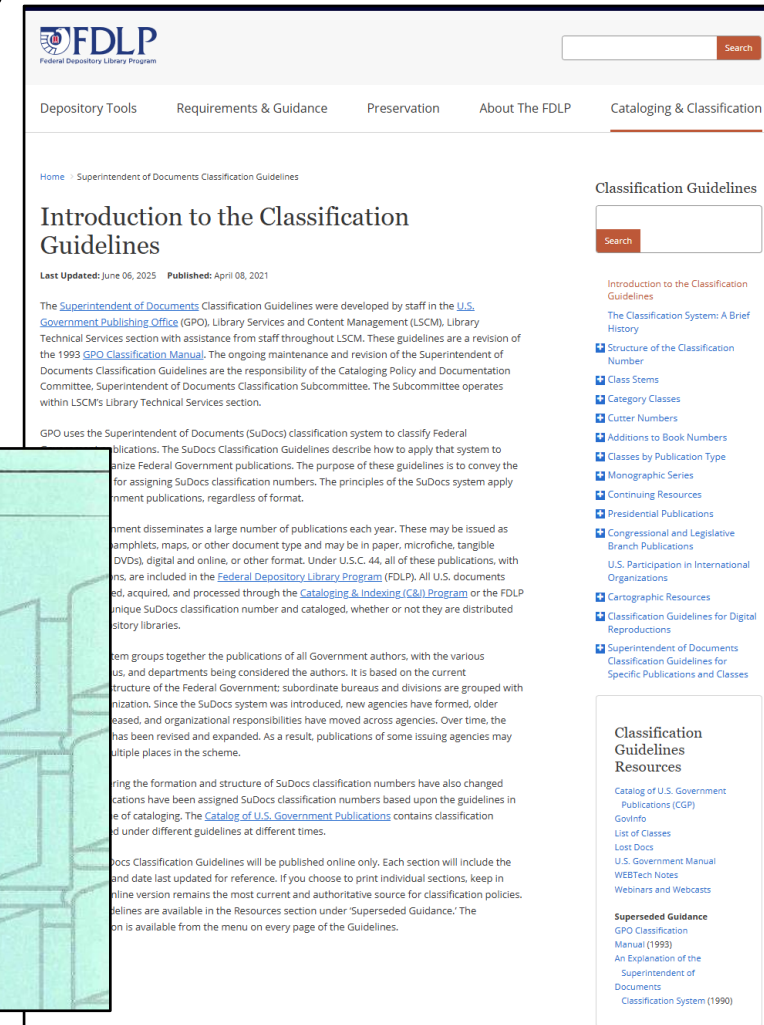
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Classification Guidelines

- Transitioned to an updating website in 2018
- Continuously reviewed and updated
- Consolidated scattered/tacit knowledge into one citable source
- Maintained by SuDocs Subcommittee



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Policy and Procedure Changes

- **Retired category classes (2023)**

- (.9) — Bibliographies and Lists of Publications
- (.10) — Directories
- (.14) — Addresses

- **Introduction of Cutter numbers for continuing resources (2024)**

- Address the growing workload and lag in maintaining the List of Classes

- **10-year limit on retrospective corrections (2024)**

- MCS will change (i.e., correct) SuDocs numbers in catalog records for FDLP materials for up to ten years after the distribution year; when the distribution year is unknown, the cataloging year is used instead



Classifying Continuing Resources

Earth is Blue : Magazine of the National Marine Sanctuaries

C 55.445/5:

**These stems are still actively maintained in the List of Classes as long as the resource is published.*

Fleet composition of rail tank cars that transport flammable liquids

TD 12.2:T 16/

**Cuttered classes for continuing resources do not appear in the List of Classes.*



What's next?

- Continue refining policies and procedures
- Evaluate implications of digital publishing
- Maintain system stability while modernizing



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