FDLP Library Forecast

In order to obtain the critical viewpoints from the FDLP community on the local environment influencing participation in the Program and to support these viewpoints with quantitative and qualitative data, we have designed the following questionnaire. This questionnaire contains open-ended questions and the time to complete it will vary based on your responses. The information gathered in this study is critically important and it will be used to inform a National FDLP Plan and shape the future of the Program.

The FDLP community has consistently provided statistical data to GPO through biennial surveys but no previous survey has asked open-ended questions designed to allow respondents to share opinions about the FDLP collection and the strengths and weaknesses of the Program; the role of digitization and digital government information; cooperative efforts and partnerships; and the future direction of the program. Your participation is crucial to support future changes for the Program and to inform a National FDLP Plan.

The purpose of this survey is to gather information and direct input from depository libraries. Please answer all of the following questions based on your experience as a coordinator or person with primary responsibility for the FDLP collection at your library, institution, or agency, and to the best of your knowledge. It will be assumed you will be completing this survey on behalf of your library and in conjunction with your director.

Please join us in working together for a vibrant and shared vision of the future of the FDLP.

* Respondents can print each survey page as they progress using their web browser's printing options. Before clicking the "Next" and "Done" buttons, a respondent can use the browser's printing options to print the current page of answers. However, language within text boxes that exceeds the size of the answer box will not appear in the printed page. It is suggested that respondents write their answers in a word processor and then cut and paste their answers into Survey Monkey's text boxes.

*1. Depository Library Number

*2. FDLP Password

＊3. Have changes in funding affected the following areas of your parent library or institution over the last five years (2007-2011)?

	Yes, decreased	Yes, increased	Yes, remained the same	No change
Staffing	○	○	○	○
Services	○	○	○	○
Public Use of the Collection	○	○	○	○

＊4. How does your library anticipate the following areas of your library being affected over the next five years (2012-2016)?

	Yes, decreasing	Yes, increasing	Yes, remaining the same	Will not be affected
Staffing	○	○	○	○
Services	○	○	○	○
Public use of the collection	○	○	○	○

*5. Is there a distinct user group(s) in your library that prefers digital government information? (Examples include but should not be limited to: Users of the Congressional Record, Historians, Professors, Small-business owners.)

○ Do not know

○ No

○ Yes (Please identify user group(s))

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*6. Is there a distinct user group(s) in your library that prefers tangible (this includes paper, microfiche, maps, compact discs and audio visual materials) government information? (Examples include but should not be limited to: Historians, Users of the Congressional Record, Professors, Small-business owners.)

○ Do not know

○ No

○ Yes (Please identify user group(s))

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*7. If your library stores FDLP materials remotely (in-house or offsite), does the time needed to retrieve the item negatively affect the demand for their use by the general public?

○ My library does not store materials remotely.

○ No

○ Yes

*8. In your library, are resources made available by the FDLP an important source of both tangible and digital authenticated government information?

○ Yes

○ No

Please elaborate

*9. Do patrons use commercial resources (Examples include Westlaw and Lexis/Nexis.) to access Federal government information in your library?

○ No

○ Yes (Please identify these sources)

*10. The tangible FDLP collection is: (Please mark all that apply.)

☐ A valuable information asset

☐ Supportive of the library's mission

☐ Viewed as cost and/or space intensive

☐ Other (Please elaborate)

11. If your library does not view the tangible FDLP collection positively, please explain.

*12. In your library, is digital government information available through FDsys an important source for federal digital government information?

  ○ Yes

  ○ No

Please elaborate

Preservation Issues

*13. If your library digitizes FDLP material (in-house or outsourced), where do you store the master digital files? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ My library does not digitize.
- ☐ Local Digital repository
- ☐ Hathi Trust
- ☐ Internet Archive
- ☐ Other (Please identify)

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*14. Does your library plan, within the next five years, to digitize publications from the FDLP/government documents collection?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Already digitizing FDLP publications.

*15. Would it be useful for GPO to provide advice and guidance for libraries that want to plan projects to digitize publications from the tangible collection?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

*16. As government information is increasingly produced and distributed in digital-only formats, what barriers to access, if any, do you anticipate in the next five years?

- ○ I do not anticipate any barriers to access.
- ○ I anticipate barriers to access. (Please identify anticipated barriers)

Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) Projects

✱17. Please rate the following current LSCM projects areas according to how users of Federal government information in your library might benefit.

	Extremely beneficial	Moderately beneficial	Not Beneficial
Projects to provide greater access to government information such as: Simultaneous searching of FDsys and the Catalog of Government Publications; increasing access to United States Courts' opinions provided in partnership with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts available on FDsys.	○	○	○
Projects to increase cataloging services such as: The Cataloging Record Distribution Project; Shelflist Transcription & Bibliographic Record Clean Up; Cooperative Cataloging Partnerships; enhancements to MetaLib.	○	○	○
Projects focusing on collection development and management tools such as: The National Bibliographic Inventory; Library Information System Transformation (LIST), PURL Referral Reports.	○	○	○
Projects focused on education and online communication with FDLP members such as: FDsys training sessions; acquiring an online tool for virtual meetings; scheduling online community forums to discuss current FDLP issues; communication through social media (blogs, twitter)	○	○	○

✱18. Is there another area of service that you would like LSCM to offer? (Please describe.)

○ No

○ Yes (please describe)

＊19. Would you participate in GPO-facilitated virtual meetings or seminars on topics of interest to the FDLP community?

○ No

○ Yes (Please tell us what topics would be most helpful to you)

[text box]

＊20. Would you participate in a mentoring forum hosted by GPO for new or existing coordinators?

○ Yes

○ No

Affiliations and Community Marketing

✱21. Does your library have formal or informal relationships with local non-FDLP libraries to provide Federal government information?

○ No

○ Yes (Please describe these relationships)

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✱22. Does your library market its FDLP collection and services to local non-depository libraries or in other venues where members of your community could learn of them?

○ No

○ Yes (Please describe)

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✱23. How can GPO assist in effectively marketing the services your library provides?

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✱24. If your library has relationships with local non-FDLP libraries to provide Federal government information, do those libraries market your library's FDLP collection and services?

○ Don't know

○ No

○ Yes (Please describe how)

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✱25. Is your library planning to enter into new or additional relationships with local non-FDLP libraries to provide Federal government information?

○ No

○ Yes (Please describe these relationships)

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✱26. Is your library planning to enter into new or additional relationships with other FDLP libraries to provide government information?

○ No

○ Yes (Please describe these relationships)

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Future Roles and Opportunities

✱27. Within the next five years, is your library interested in participating in shared housing agreements to distribute parts of your library's FDLP collection throughout your state, depository region, or multi-state region? (Please mark all that apply.)

☐ State

☐ Depository Region

☐ Multi-state region

☐ My library already participates in shared housing agreements to distribute parts of our FDLP collection.

☐ My library is not interested in participating in shared housing agreements to distribute parts of its FDLP collection.

✱28. Within the next five years, would your library be willing to commit to preserving and hosting a permanent digital collection of Federal government information?

○ My library would be willing to preserve and host.

○ My library would be willing to preserve only.

○ My library would be willing to host only.

○ My library does not wish to preserve or host.

✱29. Within the next five years, would your library be willing to commit to the development of a specific subject area collection and be willing to serve users beyond your local community?

○ No

○ Yes (If yes, please describe these subject area(s))

✱30. What leadership opportunities and roles do you foresee for your depository library in the next five years?

∗31. What would an ideal FDLP look like that met all of your current and anticipated needs for Federal government information?

[text area]

∗32. Thinking about the next five years, what specific things would you like GPO to do to help you and your library improve public access to Federal government information?

[text area]

∗33. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the current and future vision of the FDLP?

○ No

○ Yes (Please explain)

[text area]

✱34. May GPO provide your responses in a cumulative listing to organizers of state or regional level meetings as part of the State Forecasting Project?

○   Yes

○   No

✱35. I certify that I am the coordinator or individual with primary responsibility for the FDLP collection at my library, institution, or agency and that (Please certify below):

☐   My director is aware of and has approved the responses contained in this questionnaire.

✱36. Email address of coordinator, or person with primary responsibility for the FDLP collection, completing this questionnaire. If this email address does not match the address currently on file in the FDLP Library Directory (http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/), please update your entry.