



Value Proposition for the FDLP

For libraries that need official and authentic Government information, being a Federal depository library in today's public online environment offers the benefits of a Federal coordinating agency. Drawing upon a century of national service and as valued partners, depository libraries are strong and dynamic stewards that work with the Government Printing Office (GPO) to assure their communities enjoy free, permanent, and open access to the Federal government's wide selection of information resources, both in print and electronic format. As the coordinating agency, GPO specifically:

- > Assists depository libraries with the acquisition of Federal resources, including free access to selected Government fee-based electronic databases and core print primary sources;
- > Catalogs the collection of Federal resources using recognized standards, which provides the capability for Federal depositories to retrieve those records in bulk;
- > Provides free electronic and tangible tools for maintaining the depository collection and supporting public service;
- > Offers and manages a unique collaborative online environment to foster communication among FDLP community members;
- > Makes available a centralized online resource for FDLP libraries to stay up-to-date with the latest innovations and progress of the FDLP and utilize various tools in order to enhance public services;
- > Provides opportunities for specialized FDLP guidance and direction to keep depository library staff abreast of new Federal information resources and depository administration standards;
- > Affords the FDLP community specialized online tools for training and information-sharing;
- > Facilitates collaboration, partnerships, and opportunities to cooperate across geographic and institutional lines in order to make more Federal resources and services available to depository libraries and indirectly to communities;
- > Partners with depository libraries in creating greater access to U.S. Government information through information services to the public;
- > Connects FDLP community members through online registries and services; and
- > Develops marketing materials and electronic media to promote broad public awareness and disseminates them freely to depository libraries.

Unlike other libraries, Federal depository libraries enjoy the singular century of public service to sustain a program of Government information expertise, to manage significant public permanent historical collections, and to work with their communities in positive ways to assure that informed civic choices are made with an open and transparent infrastructure of public information. In today's ever-expanding electronic environment, Federal depository libraries offer the public the convenience of exploring vast collections of materials in a wide variety of formats.

Federal depository libraries, in partnership with GPO, are afforded the privilege of safeguarding no-fee access to a rich historic public information source that contributes to the individual and collective well being of communities throughout the United States.

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Free Information, Dedicated Service, Limitless Possibilities