

GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys): How Does FDsys Improve My Life as a Librarian?



The sunset of *GPO Access* is planned for the end of the FY 2010. At this time, GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) will assume the role as GPO's electronic system of record.

For Federal depository librarians, FDsys offers a wide array of benefits:

- ✓ A one-stop site for authentic, published Government information
- ✓ Ease of search across multiple publications or collections of Government publications from a single search box
- ✓ Advanced search capabilities against robust metadata about each publication from a single advanced search page
- ✓ Ability to construct complex search queries using advanced Boolean and field operators
- ✓ Refining and narrowing searches by filtering, sorting, and searching within search results
- ✓ Convenience of searching publications to a more granular level, thus locating elusive topics within publications
- ✓ Availability of more information about a publication from each search result
- ✓ Access to multiple file formats for each search result
- ✓ Access to metadata or information about Government publications in standard XML formats, such as MODS and PREMIS
- ✓ Ability to download content and metadata packaged together as a single ZIP file
- ✓ Availability of enhanced help options including context-specific file-level help and a searchable online help system
- ✓ Browse features by collection, Congressional committee, and date
- ✓ Convenience in that GetDoc links will no longer need to be generated (direct links persist)

- ✓ Provision of GetDoc redirects and redirects on key HTML Web pages
- ✓ Availability of authentic, digitally signed PDF documents
- ✓ Assurance that links created in OPACs and PURLs assigned will continue to function
- ✓ Assurance that there will be no effect on how the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) is utilized to find records
- ✓ Assurance that Federal publications will be preserved in perpetuity