



Virtual Meeting: Print Selectors & Regional Online Selections

August 19, 2021

Melissa Fairfield, Management & Program Analyst, Library Services & Content Management, GPO
Ashley Dahlen, Outreach Librarian, Library Services & Content Management, GPO



Today's Meeting:

- Meet our Print Selectors
- Testing period overview and expectations
- Test Timeline
- Discussion & Questions



Remember this? March 30, 2021 webinar:

Federal Depository Library Program

NEW Draft Regional Online Selections Policy

- [Draft Regional Online Selections Policy](#)
- [Submit your comments](#) (through May 16, 2021)
- **Goal:** Allow **flexibility** by permitting regionals to select the online format & deselect tangible format for select titles, after public access to the print format is locked in via suitable safety measures
- **Safety measures** (broadly speaking)
 - 4 geographically dispersed Print Selectors
 - On **govinfo** or from official Digital Preservation Steward partners

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

U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE GPO

March 30, 2021 webinar:
Draft Policy: Regional Depository Libraries Online Selections



A Big “Thank You” to our Print Selectors!



	Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Federal Register	State Library of Pennsylvania	Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Paul M. Hebert Law Center	State Library of Ohio	University of Colorado, Boulder, School of Law Library
Congressional Record (Daily)	State Library of Pennsylvania	Augusta University University of South Carolina Vanderbilt University	State Library of Ohio	University of Colorado, Boulder, School of Law Library



- FR
- CR
- FR & CR

Denver

Indianapolis

Pittsburgh

Memphis

Atlanta

Charlotte

New Orleans

Tampa

Miami

UNITED STATES



We are ready to begin the testing period for this policy

Why test?

- We need to ensure the *Superintendent of Documents Draft Public Policy Statement 202X-X: Regional Depository Libraries Online Selections* and the safety net, as currently planned, work.

What will the testing period involve?

- Simple usage statistics and information about patron format preferences gathered by Print Selectors and those regionals who deselect the print format.

What is the testing time period?

- September 1, 2021–December 31, 2021.



Statistics to be gathered by Print Selectors

- Monthly tally
- Only report for title(s) that the library has signed a Print Selector agreement for
- Questions include
 - ILL
 - Requests made for the title
 - Format requests made
 - Reasons cited for format preference



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD (DAILY)	SEPTEMBER
1. How many ILL requests were filled for the print CRD during the month?	
2. How many times was the CRD requested, or a patron referred to the CRD, during the month?	
3. When patrons were referred to the online version of the CRD, how many times during the month did they indicate they preferred to use print?	
4. If patrons indicated why they preferred using the print, please document the reasons.	



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FEDERAL REGISTER	SEPTEMBER
5. How many ILL requests were filled for the print FR during the month?	
6. How many times was the FR requested, or a patron referred to the FR, during the month?	
7. When patrons were referred to the online version of the FR, how many times during the month did they indicate they preferred to use print?	
8. If patrons indicated why they preferred using the print, please document the reasons.	



Statistics to be gathered by those regionals who deselect all tangible formats

- Monthly tally
- Only report for the title(s) that the library is selecting in an online format, without selecting an equivalent tangible version
- Questions include
 - ILL
 - Requests made for the title
 - Format requests made
 - Reasons cited for format preference



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD (DAILY) SEPTEMBER

1. How many ILL requests were submitted to other institutions for the print CRD during the month?
2. How many times was the CRD requested, or a patron referred to, during the month?
3. When patrons were referred to the online version of the CRD, how many times during the month did they indicate they preferred to use print?
4. If patrons indicated why they preferred using the print, please document the reasons.



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FEDERAL REGISTER SEPTEMBER

5. How many ILL requests were submitted to other institutions for the print FR during the month?
6. How many times was the FR requested, or a patron referred to the FR, during the month?
7. When patrons were referred to the online version of the FR, how many times during the month did they indicate they preferred to use print?
8. If patrons indicated why they preferred using the print, please document the reasons.



Expectations during the testing period

- Print Selectors
 - Statistics for September 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 submitted at the end of the testing period
 - Continued selection of the print format
- Regionals who deselect tangible formats
 - Gather statistics beginning when tangible formats are deselected, and submit at the end of the testing period (December, 31 2021)
 - Continued monitoring for any issues or challenges in your region related to the regional library no longer receiving a tangible format
 - Retention of existing print format per normal supersession rules



After the testing period is over

- LSCM will analyze the usage data and any other information gathered.
- The data collected during the test period will inform the final policy, *Regional Depository Libraries Online Selections*.
- LSCM anticipates making additional titles eligible under this policy.



Test Timeline

- **At any time:** Regionals who are interested in deselection are encouraged to discuss the decision with their selectives to gauge if there are any concerns about access to a tangible format.
- **September 1, 2021 :** The Superintendent of Documents will release a statement on [FDLP.gov](https://www.fdlp.gov) and through an FDLP News & Events announcement authorizing regional depositories to deselect tangible formats for the test titles, *Congressional Record (daily)* and the *Federal Register*.
- **September 1, 2021:** Print Selectors begin tracking usage statistics per the [statistics template](#).
- **At any time:** Regionals begin tracking usage statistics if and when they deselect the item number(s). There is no need to alert LSCM. Regionals should download the statistics template on the [Regional Online Selections Policy](#) project page.
- **December 31, 2021:** The testing period ends, and statistics will be sent to LSCM for analysis.



Q & A



Resources

- [Regional Online Selections Policy Project Page](#)
 - List of Print Selectors
 - [Statistics template](#)
- [Superintendent of Documents Public Policies, Guidance, and Reports](#)
 - Draft policy
 - SuDoc authorization letter A red rectangular stamp with the words "COMING SOON!" in white, bold, capital letters, tilted slightly to the right.
- [askGPO](#)
 - Category: Other depository library question or issue