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Depository Library Council Working Group Reports



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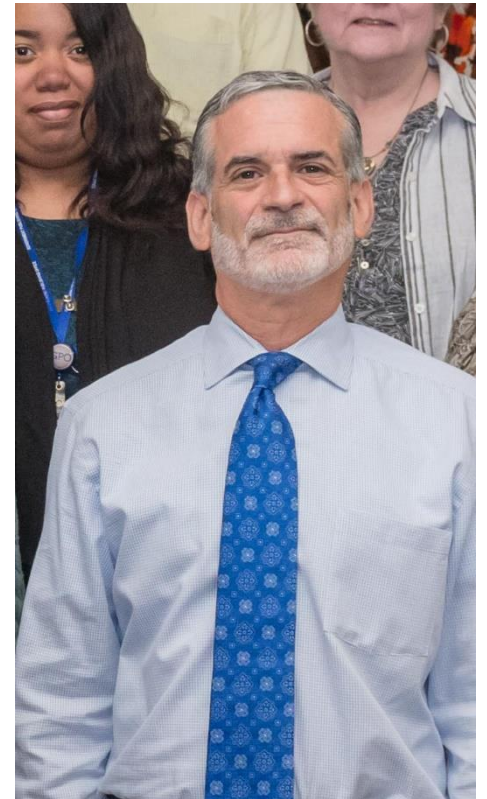
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Working Group on Collection and Discovery Services



Stephen Kharfen, Supervisory Librarian, GPO



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GPO sincerely appreciates the wonderful work of the Group's members, the Federal Depository Library Program community, and GPO staff members, and the great collaboration of the Depository Library Council.



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Proposal for a Working Group

In fall 2019, GPO proposed the formation of a working group to:

- Act as a forum for the FDLP community and GPO to exchange ideas and information about collections and metadata/cataloging issues.
- Explore and develop opportunities for Federal depository libraries and GPO to review and revise FDLP metadata/cataloging operations.
- Discuss GPO's initiatives, projects, policies, and procedures, and the FDLs' feedback and recommendations.
- Collaborate on the enhancement of GPO's current services and products for the FDLP community and to develop new ones.



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Working Group Members and Charge

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Mary Clark, Chair	Beth Downing (Idaho State University)	Fang Gao
Gregory Curtis	Stacy Fowler (St. Mary's University)	Laurie Hall (DFO)
Will Stringfellow	Elizabeth McDonald (University of Memphis)	Stephen Kharfen, Secretary
Yvonne Williams		Cindy Etkin

CHARGE: To assist in coordinating the thoughts, research, plans, and efforts related to cataloging and metadata and expanding and enhancing discovery and access services GPO provides to the depository community and stakeholders; and to engage the depository community in these processes.



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Formation of the Working Group

- The Depository Library Council approved the proposal.
- Mary Clark, DLC member from the Library of Virginia, named as Chair.
- The Working Group meets virtually on a quarterly basis.
- Membership consists of at least 3 DLC members, 3 FDLP community members, and at least 2 GPO staff members, not to exceed 10 members, who will serve two-year terms.
- The Working Group reports to the FDLP community about its activities at conferences, with News Alerts, surveys, blog posts, and in other ways.



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Meetings: January 7 and March 20, 2020

- Talked about and approved its charge, governance principles, and meeting schedule.
- Decided on our first area of activity: GPO's experiments with batch processing of large sets of bibliographic records and adding them to the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications.
- GPO agreed to provide a summary of its initial findings and tests of the processes.
- Started to discuss GPO's first test of batch processing: the National Institute of Standards and Technology Collection Project.



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First Topic: Batch Processing of Records

- Discuss the members' evaluations of the NIST Collection Project records and their responses to GPO's questions and issues about batch processing of record sets.
- The Working Group's preliminary response is positive, and the group agrees that GPO should continue to develop this workflow.
- Identify concerns of and potential impacts on Federal depository libraries.
- Compile a report of the group's observations and recommendations.



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Digital Deposit Working Group

Report of the Depository Library Council Working Group

Robbie Sittel, Working Group Chair
University of North Texas





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Working Group Charge and Members

DLC 2018 Recommendation #3: Council recommends the creation of a working group to explore current and future needs related to digital deposit - both dissemination of content and acceptance of content by GPO.

Working Group Members

- Cindy Etkin, Designated Federal Officer
- Lisa LaPlant, GPO Liaison
- Jessica Tieman, GPO Liaison
- Robbie Sittel, DLC Member
- Will Stringfellow, DLC Member
- Heather Christenson, Community Member
- James R. Jacobs, Community Member



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Proposed Pilot Objectives

- Identify opportunities for FDLs to form a collaborative system for reporting publications to GPO
- Identify aspects of document reporting which can improve GPO staff workflows for cataloging and ingest
- Assess the usefulness of the current LostDocs reporting mechanisms
- Create from a user perspective requirements for a long-term solution to creating an ecosystem approach and eliciting minimum requirements for “Digital Deposit” and its various human-centered and technology-centered components.



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Project Approach

- Scope the pilot to [House Document 116-4 – Reports to be made to Congress](#)
- The working group will recruit volunteers via various means (listservs, spring virtual meeting, LSCM news alerts etc.)
- Capture initial stakeholder needs and user stories
- Explore major aspects of lost documents as they relate to:
 - Collecting documents (FDL community)
 - Cataloging and indexing (GPO)
 - Capture current state-workflows, capabilities, and limitations



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Deliverables

- Documented current-state workflows, capabilities, limitations, stakeholder needs, and user stories.
- Fugitive documents from House Document 116-4 will be collected, described and ready for incorporation into govinfo and CGP.
- Collecting and reporting to Council data and feedback including, but not limited to:
 - Tools utilized
 - Time spent
 - Number of documents searched
 - Number of documents discovered
 - Barriers / challenges



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Proposed Timeline

- April 2020: recommendation from DLC to GPO to implement pilot project
Timeline contingent on approval and recommendation from Council
- Spring 2020: Recruit volunteers; there is no cap on number of volunteers
- Summer 2020: Hold discussions and gather feedback around current workflows, user stories, project processes, reporting metrics, and projected outcomes (as described in 3.1).
- Fall 2020: e, pilot project participants will be under way with collection of fugitives (as described in 3.1.3).
- Spring 2021: Working group reports out pilot metrics and feedback at Spring Virtual Meeting



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Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives Working Group

Report of the Depository Library Council Working Group

Will Stringfellow, Working Group Chair
Vanderbilt University





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For Council's consideration ...

Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives Working Group drafted and submitted a proposed charge and working group operating procedures for Council's consideration and approval on April 13, 2020.



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Why Establish This Working Group?

GPO has used Persistent Uniform Resource Locators (PURLs) to provide Federal depository libraries (FDLs), and other parties, stable URL access to online Federal information since 1998

Indicators of Potential Change

- Changes in library collection policies
- Advances in technology
- Increase in the amount of born-digital and digital-only Federal information
- Increased interest in some depositories becoming mostly or all digital depositories



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Goals and Deliverables

- To better understand PURL functionality, research:
 - Information related to how and why GPO assigns PURLs.
 - Relevant information related to the functionality of PURLs.
- Create a report on relevant historic and current information about PURLs
- Research and consider potential alternatives to PURLs
- Report to Council potential recommendations for PURL alternatives



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Working Group Members

- Alicia Kubas, University of Minnesota
- Rick Mikulski, Portland State University
- Laura Sare, Texas A&M University
- Robbie Sittel, University of North Texas
- Will Stringfellow, Vanderbilt University (WG Chair)
- Ashley Dahlen, Government Publishing Office
- Cynthia Etkin, Government Publishing Office