



**DLC 2019**

DEPOSITORY  
LIBRARY  
COUNCIL



SPRING VIRTUAL  
MEETING  
APRIL 15-17, 2019

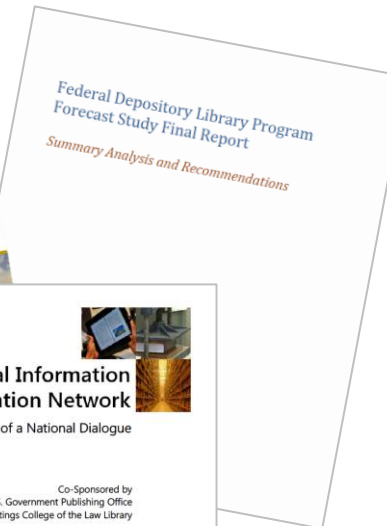
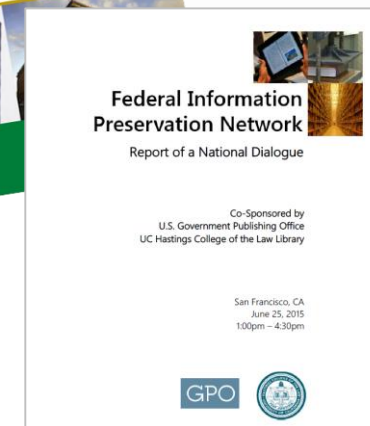
Follow us at #DLCVirtual19

# Preserving the National Collection: Services for Depository Libraries

Cindy Etkin, U.S. Government Publishing Office  
David Walls, U.S. Government Publishing Office  
Elizabeth McDaniel, College of William and Mary



# National Plan for Access to U.S. Government Information



# Government has an obligation to preserve its information

The National Collection of U.S. Government Information will be accessible to future generations.

- Develop a Preservation program within the LSCM business unit of GPO.
- Implement the Federal Information Preservation Network (FIPNet).
- Achieve trusted digital repository certification for **govinfo**.
- Endeavor to have the preservation of Government publications and information products a national priority.
- Digitize, through partnerships, the historical tangible collection of Government publications.
- Maintain an inventory of preservation copies of record.
- Conduct or facilitate collection care and preservation training for Federal depository library staff.
- Continue to participate in the development of preservation guidelines and standards.



**DLC 2019**

DEPOSITORY  
LIBRARY  
COUNCIL



SPRING VIRTUAL  
MEETING  
APRIL 15-17, 2019

Follow us at #DLCVirtual19

# **National Collection of U.S. Government Information**

A geographically dispersed collection of the corpus of Federal Government information dissemination products paid for with Federal funds regardless of format or medium



# Preserving the National Collection: The Challenges

We do not know ...

- The corpus of public documents and Government information products.
- Where titles in the collection are located.
- The condition of the documents.



# User-centric Service Approach To Permanent Public Access

## PRESERVATION SERVICES PILOTS

- Developing collection plans
- Cataloging
- Assessing collection condition
- Conducting inventories
- Conducting bibliographic record comparisons and sharing
- Developing disaster preparedness, response, and recovery plans
- Depositing digital content in Federal depository libraries

# Preservation Services Pilot Strategies

Developing a Multi-State Comprehensive Collection  
FDLP Preservation Services Pilot Strategies

Library Services and Content Management  
Office of the Superintendent of Documents  
U.S. Government Publishing Office

December 20, 2018

- Purpose
- Background
- Objectives
- Expected impacts, outcomes, and developments
- Principle activities

<https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository/preservation/3825-developing-a-multi-state-comprehensive-collection-fdlp-preservation-services-pilot-strategies-december-20-2018>



## Pilots Support National Plan Outcomes

- Federal depository libraries will meet the Government information needs of the communities they serve.
- More online official Government content will be accessible to depository libraries and the public at large.
- GPO's Catalog of U.S. Government Publications will be a comprehensive index to the corpus of Federal Government information.
- GPO's **govinfo** content will be available from more access points.
- Tangible collections in Federal depository libraries will be maintained for access.
- The National Collection of U.S. Government Information will be preserved and accessible to future generations.



# Preservation Services Pilot Initiatives

- Test methods, workflows, processes for:
  - Gathering information for remote cataloging.
  - Inventorying and surveying collections.
  - Conducting record comparisons.
  - Developing collection development plans for geographic regions.
- Collect metrics to measure resources needed



# Pilot Development and Planning Libraries and their Collections

William and Mary: Elizabeth McDaniel

Congressional Budget Office, War Department

Library of Virginia: Mary Clark

Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics

University of Maryland: Celina McDonald

Census Bureau, Education Department

University of Virginia: Barbie Selby

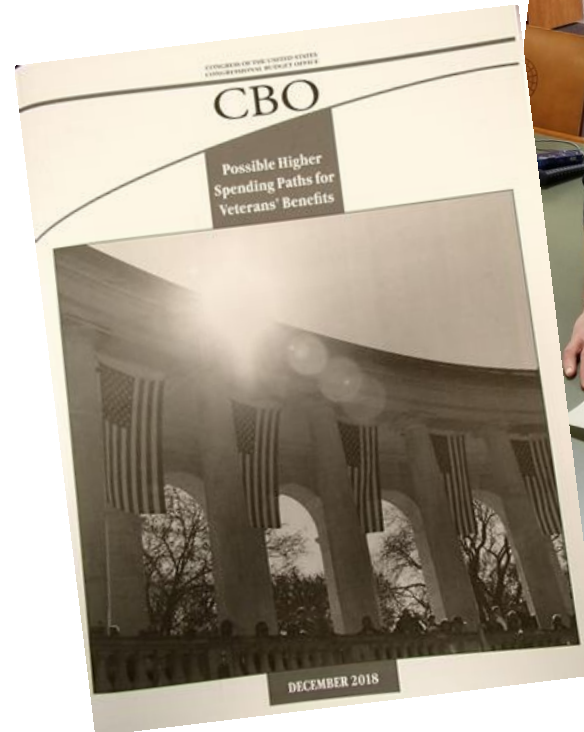
Record comparison and sharing



## College of William and Mary

### Cataloging and Condition Assessment

- Congressional Budget Office (Y 10)
- War Department (W)

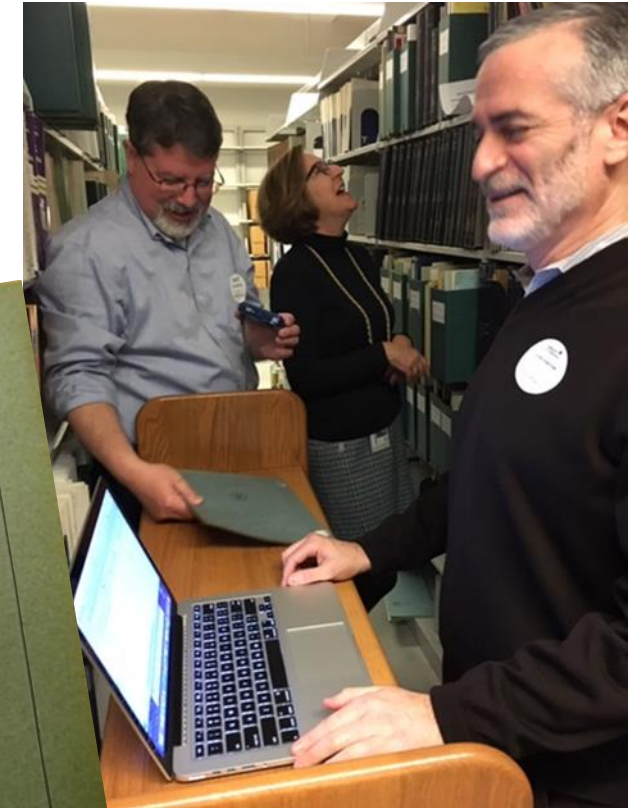
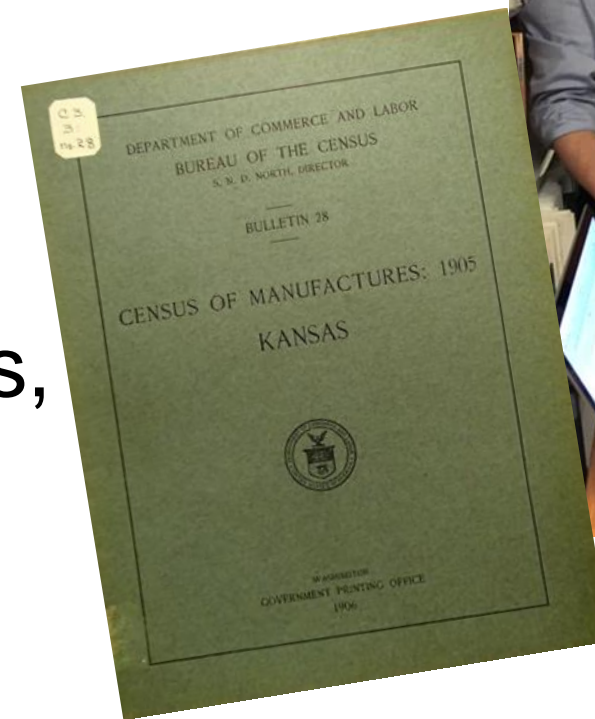


## Library of Virginia

### Cataloging and Condition Assessment

- Census Bulletins (C 3.3:nos.)
- Employment and Payrolls (L 2.9)

Developing disaster preparedness, response, and recovery plans





## Cataloging Methods to Test

- Develop a spreadsheet of essential cataloging elements, and use it to record data from publications at the library shelf.
- Photograph the title and/or cover pages of publication at the library shelf and record essential information to link the photo to essential information not covered by the photo such as dimensions, page numbers, etc.
- Photograph the title and/or cover page and use OCR to create machine readable data from the photos and with human intervention populate the data spreadsheet.
- Photograph the title and/or cover page and use technology tools to extract metadata.
- Determine if the FDLP Collection Inventory is in a machine readable format and whether the data can be used to query OCLC/CGP.





## Condition Assessment

Determine whether a visual inspection conducted during the process of gathering cataloging data is sufficient to assess whether a publication is:

- Fine
- Good
- Fair
- Poor





# Status and Preliminary Results

- Data spreadsheets given to staff to test remote cataloging methods.
- Searched CGP and OCLC for pubs.
- Started to catalog CBO pubs.
- Determined that the Census pubs from LVA are all fugitives.
- Initial OCR test showed promise.
- Bibliographic data can be gleaned from photos.



# Next Steps

- Continue to test cataloging from the various metadata gathering methods.
- Visit UMD for additional data gathering.
- Visit UVA for record comparison methods.
- Work with management to explore and test technology tools.





# About William & Mary Libraries

- Federal Depository designation 1936
- Receive very few tangibles
- ASERL Center of Excellence for Congressional Budget Office
  - Work with CBO directly to receive documents outside the depository program
- We've not done a big weeding or cataloging project.



# Challenges of Working with Our Documents Collection

- We don't know at the item level what is NOT cataloged because we've not done inventory. Previous documents librarian guessed that about 30% of the collection is not cataloged.
- Inconsistent cataloging makes it difficult to find documents in the catalog and generate reports, even when they *are* cataloged. WM continued to use one record for print, fiche, electronic long after GPO decided to stop. Many documents have LC call numbers and are in the stacks (some second copies, some from branch libraries, some pre-date depository status). Hard to find gov docs by SuDoc number in our system (Ex Libris Alma).
- Personnel - lots of retirements recently, including the docs librarian and both catalog librarians.
- System migration - some data still needs to be cleaned up.



# Benefits of Being an FDLP Preservation Services Pilot Development Library

- Free cataloging and preservation advice!
- GPO is really easy to work with
- GPO interest in gov docs has prompted administrator interest in gov docs



# DLC 2019

DEPOSITORY  
LIBRARY  
COUNCIL



SPRING VIRTUAL  
MEETING  
APRIL 15-17, 2019

Follow us at [#DLCVirtual19](#)



# Questions?