



Library Technical Services (LTS) Update GODORT 2021 Annual Virtual Cataloging Committee Meeting

June 16, 2021

LSCM Webinars

- LSCM staff members presented the following webinars which are available via the [FDLP Academy Training Repository](#):
 - The Modernization of Congress and the Impact on GPO and the FDLP
 - askGPO Update
 - Preservation 101: Basic Planning for Future Access to Collections
 - FDLP COVID Support Services
 - Preservation Stewards and FDLP eXchange

govinfo API Process

In May 2019, Library Technical Services (LTS) started to explore the use of the **govinfo** API for obtaining the metadata of hearings to convert into preliminary MARC records. We provided the specifications for converting the **govinfo** MODS metadata into MARC and wrote the script that obtains the **govinfo** metadata, creates the MARC records, and runs global enhancements.

We tested the process in July 2019 and continued to develop the script and procedures in a beta period from December 2019 through July 2020. The cataloging staff completed 294 records generated by the script. The beta period of the **govinfo** API process has concluded, and we announced that the process is now a standard LTS workflow in a [News Alert](#).

The next steps include incorporating reports into the process. We are working on the metadata specifications and will test the process in the near future.

Cataloging Guidelines

We completed additional revisions of two major chapters of the [GPO Cataloging Guidelines](#). We have posted an update of the Congressional Publications chapter and an update of the FDLP Web Archive Resources chapter.

BIBFRAME Testing with the Library of Congress

In collaboration with the Library of Congress, we will test creating records for Federal Government publications in BIBFRAME 2.0. We will use the Library of Congress' BIBFRAME Editor to catalog a sample set of records. We have examined BIBFRAME records for Government publications that were converted into MARC, and we will analyze the results and report our findings to the Library of Congress.

Law Library of Congress Reports Project and Congressional Research Service Reports

From October 1, 2020 through June 11, 2021, we cataloged 417 digitized and born-digital Law Library of Congress reports and 487 Congressional Research Service reports. In the near future, we will be posting a file on GitHub for all CRS report records created (estimated 7000+ records).

List of Classes Clean-up Project

In an effort to remove select outdated or unused category classes in the GPO List of Classes, an LTS project team has removed a total of 78 classes in the first phase of clean-up.

Updates to Unreported Publications

Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) has discontinued the use of the phrase "fugitive documents." It has been replaced with "unreported publications" and the definition is:

Public information products that are not discoverable through the Government Publishing Office's Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)

Changes to external and internal documentation, public facing web pages on FDLP.gov, and in askGPO have been completed.

Serial Set Project

We continue to work on the Serial Set Project, and we are making good progress. This project continues to present complexities and challenges for which we are developing new processes and procedures that we can also apply to more general cataloging operations and workflows.