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Hello everyone in the if your just joining us welcome Tom depos tore library conference. We'll get started in about two minutes.

Hello. Welcome to the fall 2021 Depository Library conference. My name is Kelly and before we get started I'm going to go through a few logistics with you. We're recording this entire conference and all will get the recording after the event and it will be available in the training depository.

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It is now my pleasure to turn it over to the Depository Library council chair will Stringfellow to officially call us to order and get us started. Take it away, will.

Thank you so much Kelly. Welcome everyone. My name is will Stringfellow and I'm the federal Depository Library coordinator at Vanderbilt and chair. I would like to call to order the 2021 fall federal Depository Library conference and fall Depository Library council meeting. We are still distanced but I am really excited about what will be coming over the next three days filled with all sorts of fantastic programs. I want to take a couple moments and talk about the federal depos tore community. I am going to be honest, the last year and a half has been a challenge, but I have some great news. If we, as a professional group, meet about every six months. Usually in the Spring and once, again in the fall. When we do, it may seem like we haven't made a lot of progress, but if we look back, we have. We look at the beginning of 2020, almost all of us were in our homes. When we made it to the fall of 2020, more of us started coming back into the workplaces and serving our users.

Fastforward, a year later, and more depositories are opening up and we're better serving our users.

One of the things that I recently saw as a recent graduate from the University of Alabama was a phrase. It was about Coach Saben. He was meeting with perspective football player, and the family through zoom. They were talking to the father and he asked, the father said well, we want to be here. We know about the Alabama stance. Coach said what is that? He said you do things right with all your mite. Now, this is the depos tore library conference, not about football, but that phrase about you do things right with all your mite doesn't just fit for a football team. That describes the depository community.

When things are the toughest, all of you strive to make materials accessible. All of you put together digital programming and exhibits. Even when times are tough, you all are the ones that rise to the challenge and are always doing right with all of your mite. This is an incredibly exciting time to be in government information. Some of the really cool things we get to see such as the seriously set coming into government info. And we can select items that are online and. It may seem like a small thing, but it is major progress.

Daysnally, we have an upcoming biennial survey and we have the projects. Things are exciting and I know things have been difficult but quite frankly, this community is thriving. I am so proud to be a part of this. I'm proud of all of the work that each of you all do. It is very humbling to call you all colleagues whether you're with GPO or at a depos tore library or federal agency. This is one heck of a professional community.

I want to give you a short story about my experiences. I live in Nashville, Tennessee. One of the things that we run across in Nashville quite a few natural disasters. We have flooding, and we also have tornadoes. On a regular basis, we usually kind of duck and hope for the best and the early 2020 we had some horrific tornadoes that came flew our city. The first people that reached out to me were you all from this community. You are the ones that had my back and I'm so proud and it talks about the character of each and every one of you. Remember, you do things right with all your mite, it is not just the Alabama standard but what we all set.

At this time, I would like to talk a little about the Depository Library council. for those of you who are new to conference, welcome. Those of you who do not know about the Depository Library council, it is an advisory committee that advises the director of GPO, GPO and the superintendent of documents. Council provides feedback and recommendations and advice on a whole host of issues related to federal depos Tories and the program. Council members are appointed by the GPO director and serve three-year terms. Members are across section of various type of libraries in the Depository Library program.

Currently, there are 13 members that comprise the Depository Library council. At this time, I would like to take this moment to interdawes the members of the Depository Library council.

And I will note that there is also a handout available in the events page with the contact information if you would like more information about the depository library council.

Force so beginning with our introductions, I will start -- I didn't know I had control of the slides.

So to introduce the Depository Library council we'll be gin with those in their third year of their terms. We'll start with Richard Mikulski and Laura Sayre. In their second years on council [Inaudible] Julie, Michigan State university libraries. Renee Boseman, Davis library, Chapel Hill. Lisa Pritchard, Jefferson college library. And Vicky Tate, mark Schreiber university south Alabama.

For the newest members. Jennifer Kirk, Utah State University. Richard lighter, the Schmidt law library University of Nebraska Col of law, Alan moi, de Paul university college of law, and Amy Quinn, Ellensburg, Washington.

At this point, I would like for you to give everyone a virtual round of applause to our members of council who have been working very diligently over the past few months. So speaking of the past few months, now is a fantastic time to talk about council's work in 2021. So if you -- council has addressed quite a few

issues and provided feedback to GPO on various topics related to the delegates Depository Library ies and program. The regional Depository Library's online selections. The relinquishing their designation and provided feed back on the LSCM pilot projects.

Additionally, council has a very robust working groups that also worked and handled other various issues affecting the depository community. Those working groups begin with digital deposit, worked with issues related specifically to that robust topic of digital deposit. We have a working group and looking at specifically idea Fayers to keep online government information available to the public.

We also have a cataloging and discovery services working group that has been covering all sorts of issues related to collections discovery services, not cataloging but cataloging is part of the areas of the working group. And while in the Spring we did add some, we added a new working group for the long term impacts of CoVid and those impacts on access collections and how those policies will affect depositories in the long term.

So At this point, I would like to make note of several of the conference -- of the council sessions so for those of you interested in getting a bit more information about the work the council is doing, we do have two sessions that will be put on by our working groups. The first of which will take place today at 3:15 eastern and will be put on by the digital depository where it will be the program is 15 amazing facts where they will discuss facts and findings from the group. Additionally, the collection and discovery services working group will have a forum taking place on Wednesday at 2:15 eastern and I invite everyone from the community to please be involved and we will be discussing and we want to hear from you about the catalog government publications. We would love to hear your thoughts.

Additionally, there are three council sponsored sessions at presentations. The first of which will take place tomorrow at 2:15 eastern. It will be on the significance of tribal and historically black college and university federal depository libraries. Additionally at 4:45 tomorrow, on Tuesday, we will have a session on connecting students with government information where we'll discuss outreach to students ages from middle school up to graduate students.

And finally, there will also be a session on Wednesday which will be a practical overview -- that will take place at 1:00 p.m. eastern which is a practical overview or nuts and bouts on transitioning to an online or fully digital depository.

Also back by popular demand, we'll have our snacks with council session, virtual smacks with council. We have expanded it slightly. Even though we did it over three days, we'll have four sessions that take place over two days. So for beginning tomorrow, and also on Wednesday, from 12:00 to 12:50 so we extended from 20 minute sessions to 50 minute sessions to interact with the Depository Library council. During those timeslots we'll actually have two concurrent snack sessions which will cover two different topics for discussion. For the first day and so for this you'll have the opportunity to select which topic you want to go into and if there is -- and have an opportunity to Converse with council. On the first day we'll have a meeting room a, a current working conditions discussion which is related to CoVid and the second room we will have promoting collection materials. On Wednesday, the snacks wilt council sessions will in the first room have news from your state, and then the second ram will have civic engagement literacy opportunities in your communities.

We really look forward to you all coming out and look forward to the snacks and I encourage you to bring your own snacks. The one thing I do miss is the afternoon pretzels but I'm sure that with many of

you all having someone der full homemade and brought in snacks and some wonderful conversation we look forward to, as always.

Finally, I would like to make you aware that we have two business working sessions from the council which I not only invite but really would encourage you all to attend. The first which will take place at 3:30 eastern on Wednesday is the council business meeting. There will be working group updates along with other council business and then following that will be the depository library council and conference wrap up and closing sessions which I would also encourage everyone to attend. There will be additional information in that session, as well, and both sessions will have an opportunity for you in the Depository Library community to ask questions, provide input, because you are also an invaluable resource to what is going on in the depository world because you all are the depository special community.

at this point, one of the things that it would not be a FallCon friend without some council Cal Le sten nicks. So at this point, and for many of you, I apologize. I'm stumbling a little bit here. Council Cal sten nicks is for most of you who have been to an in person DLC, in-person FallCon friend, I'm seeing the flags come in. We're going to find out, let's see from where every one is participating. I'm going to turn it over to Kelly to give instructions on how to do the council Khalis then nicks. Kelly.

Thank you, will. If you're on a computer, not a Phablet or phone, but just a computer, upper left corner of year screen towards the top is a gray menu bar. 'S Leck most options is an arrow that points to the right. You click on that arrow once to activate the tool. Then you point your pointer to a place on the slide where you would like to indicate your location. That will be the next slide. If you click on guide and no marker goes down, make sure that you clicked the activation button just once. If you click it twice, you turn it off. So, will, let's go to the next slid and every one can indicate their location.

Wow! I'm just always blown away with this as we're filling up. There are I see a lot of the kind of east side of the council of the United States. We have someone from Alaska, so that might be the furthest away from the GPO headquarters. Wow! Also, I understand that it is still early on the west coast, so -- but we're definitely filling in. Wow! This is really incredible to see this many folks.

All right. Trying to figure out which states we're not having coverage from? It looks like we have almost all 50 states covered. [LAUGHTER] Wow! This is really wonderful to see.

well, this is absolutely fantastic. And this is wonderful -- and we still have more rolling in.

Well, it is just an absolute pleasure to see this many people from the United States joining us for this fall space conference. I want to thank all the presenters who will be preventing over the next three days. There will be all sorts of fantastic programs for everyone to be involved in. You will be able to share some information and you'll have this opportunity to network with many of your other government information professionals across the country. I ask that you take this opportunity to learn something new. And, remember, these sessions will be recorded so if you will have an opportunity to see -- you don't have to make the hard decision of not seeing a session. And I do encourage each and every one of you to reach out to introduce yourselves. We would love to meet you all. Let's get to know each on the and have a fantastic conference.

At this point, it is my great pleasure to introduce the director of the U.S. Governments publishing office, Mr. Hugh Halpern. Director Halpern. booster shot

Thank you, will, for getting us started today. Really happy to be here with you guys again.

Well, I hoped to finally be able to gather together in person, and I know the team is anxious to provide you with a topnotch virtual conference. This event is so special because it is the largest annual gathering of federal depository librarians and stache in the nation. Hundreds of librarians share knowledge and perspectives and information with the ultimate goal of advancing government information literacy throughout our country.

Free and open access to the information of the U.S. Government is one of the foundations of our democracy and as federal depos tore librarians, you're the stewards of that information. If our citizens tones know what their government is doing, they can't make an of the informed decision about the policies they support for whom they elect.

Well informed electorate is critical to maintaining the health of our republic.

Your role in this effort is fundamental and we are grateful to be working with you all towards our mission of keeping America informed.

since I began in December 2019 the Depository Library council has been integral to have the challenges of this. This group represents a variety of perspectives from a variety of library types and a variety of locations. That diverse te of thought provides what the library, staff and patrons are facing throughout the country.

Much of the DLC's work happens in these working groups and these groups provide in sight, per peck stiffis and recommendations and services for the library community and the public.

Currently, there are four working groups. Collection and discovery services, digital deposit, durability of pearls and alternatives, and our newest working group, the long term impacts of CoVid-19 on federal deposes tore access, collections and services. You'll hear more about each of their activities throughout the event and I welcome your for the right field back as each develops recommendations for the future.

While CoVid is an ever present concern, I'm pleased to report we made progress from where we were from the depths in the initial pandemic. GPO's financial footing has rebounded and when our accountants are finish with their work, I should be able to report we had a strong fiscal year to recover from the pandemic and in addition to another wise respect cable financial performance.

We're also integrated some of our most important lessons from those months into our regular work such as our new remote work and telework policy. This policy will leverage the production gained we saw during the enforced telework of the pandemic with increased flexibility for our teammates enabling them to do their best work from wherever they want to.

It is also an incredibly valuable recruitment and tool to allow GPO to draw in talent across the country and having our team closer to you, our library partners, all around the nation.

This new policy is the most groundbreaking change of GPO operations since we started putting government information online in the 'the 90s. It is a win for us. The production teammates are fully engaged in all our facilities. We have about 1,000 in their regular schedules to produce things for Congress, the White House and other federal agencies.

As you probably saw, we're celebrating the 50th anniversary of our distribution center. Many of you may remember the ads sandwiched between Saturday morning cartoons telling you to request government information by writing to Pueblo, Colorado.

That was probably my first introduction to GPO even though I didn't know it at the time.

I had the opportunity to visit the team in Colorado earlier this year and learn about their work for all of us. This center is responsible for distributing and managing the inventory of all professional items as well as providing warehousing and distribution services to 34 federal agencies, including the FDA, National Park Service, and the departments of education.

To dates, they distributed more than 1.3 billion publications since their opening in 1971. That is no small feat. Now I would like to take a few moments to share some news with you. In response to a fall 2020 recommendation of the DLC, I'm establishing a task force to study the feasibility of an all digital F.D. LP. Moving to an all digital FDLP would be a major shift in the operation of a longstanding and well loved program.

It will have huge affects and impact Depository Library ies and GPO, too. our mat operations, that produce the tangible documents we ship to you all year long. That is why we need to make tour GPO gets the best recommendations possible whether moving to a purely digital model to make sense and how to do it.

The task force membership will have representation from the DLC, Depository Library ies of different types and sizes, coordinators and, of course GPL.

Rest assured we'll keep Depository Library assistants informed about the work of the task force.

When they have recommendations, GPO will seek comments on the report and plan.

This is a really important effort toward the future. I welcome your thoughtful participation as we mauve forward.

I have one other small bit of news. We have been overwhelmed by the popularity of the congressional seriously set on GPO's governor info trusted depository. Today I'm pleased to announce we added a new feature to the seriously set collection last week, the ability to browse by topic. The new veer of the seriously set organizes individual seriously set documents into topical categories based on Library of Congress suggested heading.

Each individual document in the seriously set is a signed to at least one topic which makes it'sier for the public to explore the rich material within the serial set.

I want you to follow social media if you don't already. Woe share a lot of news and showcase GPO's history and legacy. For instance, you may have seen that I welcomed Senator Roy Blunt a few weeks ago. He is the ranking member of our congressional oversight committee, a former care of the joint committee on printing and an old friend. During his visit, he got to meet our artisan book banders who crafted the gifts in which he chaired. He got to see the state of the art process. He told me he was really impressed by what he saw.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to update you on GPO's work since the last the last time we got together. I look forward to hearing about your discussions and wreck men days for GPO.

Thanks, again for all you do. Please stay safe and stay healthy. It is now my pleasure to land it over to Laurie hall, superintendent of documents. Laurie.

Hey, thanks, you. It is good to be here again. I wish we were all in Arlington, Virginia having some wonderful coffee and cookies and other things. We really do miss being with you all but that is the way it is and we really like those face-to-face interactions and we have tried our best this time when we put this virtual meeting together to come up with additional ways for us to collaborate and also some things that will hopefully make everybody happy and are a little fun like our social media booth that we had in Arlington, so I want you to make sure you share your thoughts and chat with your fellow attendees and use the FDL conference. And participate with those snacks with council. Those are fun things where we can get together and collaborate in this virtual environment I am hopeful in 2022 we'll be able to talk in person and be back together.

Let cross our fingers that we'll be able to do that. Here is our other ways we've talked about. You can put comments in. We will be looking at the comments in every single session. Use your chat box, share your photos, and participate in the snack part. So we want to hear from you and we can see your names in the chat right now.

I wanted to talk a little about what is going on in LSCM. Most of our staff is still working remotely and a lot of them are in Washington and Maryland, even West Virginia and Virginia. We have people continuing to work 100% telework, but we have some staff coming into the building on a regular basis and we have our folks at the Lauschal warehouse who continue to come in and produce your shipments and we are doing everything possible following all the CDC guidelines and taking all the necessary workforce precautions, safety precautions and advocating for vaccinations and we routinely monitor the health of our staff to make sure they are safe and healthy and we can continue to do the work we need to in our various buildings in Pueblo, Laurel and Maine, GPO. As in July, 2021, as Mr. Halpern mentioned we now started 100% and remote telework for those employees that are eligible. It really has given our team members a lot of flexibility. It really is a huge success SHPO story, because we're working seamlessly on a day-to-day basis and continued to do the necessary work for the FDL and public information projects and programs so I want to thank Mr. Halpern for implementing these and other forward thinking workplace flexibility things. It has really helped us and we continue to do wonderful things. Even though we are geographically separated, I really am very pleased and happy to work with my colleagues, 85 staff members, and LSCM that support you over 1,000 libraries in the FDL.

Okay. So what I want to do, I want to highlight a few things that have gone on in the last year. There is going to be a lot more information coming in this presentations and one of the places that you might want to look at is the LSCM update handout. It is available on the conference web page under the marker of handouts and slides and we're also going to give more information in those handouts. It is pretty thick but we're also having special sessions throughout the meeting, the LSCM update and technical services update so try to attend those if you can. As I said, we record them so you can find out more information about what we have been up to and a little more information in depth information and we're going to -- you can talk to the experts there in charge of all these projects, so also from that slide, you can also get all of the PowerPoint presentations from the conference and any

sessions and handouts created as part of each session. Like we did last year, we kind of expanded our virtual exhibitor gallery and poster gallery and they are also accessible from the conference web page. We have done some additional things with the poster session. For each poster presentation, there is now an accompanying brief Webinar on the FDLP academy where the creator and the presenter of the poster will talk about what their poster is about, why they chose this, what their audience was, or who their audience was, and we're hoping that this will allow you to be a little closer to the way a normal poster session would be when we are together at conference.

You can also chat with the presenter during the Webinar if you have specific questions about their poster. We got this from some of your suggestions in last fall's post conference survey, so Thank you for contributing that information and we do listen to what you tell us in your survey and we try to implement that if possible.

Now we have to have some fun. We have this new thing called the FallCon friend bingo. Okay. All right. Everybody who likes bingo, I hope you participate. You keep your bingo card with you and every time you attend something, you can check it off in the box. You can post your completed bingo card and tag @U.S. GPO. if you get bingo during the session, you can chat the word bingo in the chat box. And attendees at random who post them will get a promotional prize so let's all play and see if we can have a little fun like we normally do at conference when we see each other.

I also want to take a little bit about, real bravely I want to introduce our keynote speaker at 1:30. He is Crosby Kemper, director of the institute of museum and library services. I hope you tune in to his presentation following the kickoff session. LSCM and GPO and IMLS have been kindred spirits. Our missions all line so closely and we're there to help all different kinds of libraries in different situations, so we're very happy to have Mr. Kemper here. When our colleague and former chief of projects and systems Anthony Smith returned to I.M. LS after being at GPO for quite a few years, we knew our partnership would strengthen because Anthony knew us, he brings information about the FDLP to the IMLS. We're looking forward and I'm looking forward to hear Mr. Kemper speak. Thought is in about 20 minutes.

Some brief highlights on things that are really important that have been happening that I think the whole audience would like to know about.

We have talked a lot about the new collection that launched on September 28th. This will be a massive undertaking and a collaborative effort between library services and contact management staff, the program and strategy and technology group, PST. And GPO. and the law Library of Congress. So this is a joint effort. This team, they are working really hard to get this project kicked off and then deliverables so it is going to be continually enhanced over the next ten years. And it is a really big, big effort. Here is a picture of the GPO cross organizational team of staff and contractors who have worked and contributed to this September 28th launch and I really want to thank all of them for all the work they have done. They have gone through incredible hurdles and worked on complex problems they have come across and delivered that first really big set and now the new enhance the for the Browns topic so I want to thank them personally for all they do and the team of the library of conference that we work so well together. I have to say that this project is really, really personal to me. This started, the conversation of digitizing the serial set started between Jane Sanchez and myself when Jane was at GPO as the director of library services and contact management. Jane was really interested in getting them up and available for free. We had long conversations about how to do this. When Jane went to become the law librarian of conference, we finally got together and pick good out away to collaborate and I think

Jane would be very happy if she saw this today and all the enforce harassments. She passed away recently of a very courageous battle with cancer so we're dedicating this to Jane because without the two of us working together and both of our teams of staff working together, won't have gotten where we are so far and we're really looking forward to continuing this project and getting all the volumes up there because there is such rich information that is in those volumes. If you haven't looked at the set and looked at the new feature, please do because it is really a neat collection. We plan to do some additional social media and outreach on the volumes as we add more content.

Okay. So I also want to talk about the great success in September. Do you realize we sent out over 20,500 pocket Constitutions to you all and to your libraries. This is just a little bit of the events that went on in your institutions. And it was really great. Some of you all are so creative. We're glad you sent the photos. We're glad you got people engaged in the work of the government and if you have other things you want to post, take a look. There is some really creative and good ideas. Here are a few examples of how you all celebrated and we still have plenty of pocket Constitutions to give out even if it is not Constitution day.

Thank you, all, for participating getting the word out.

And September has been a busy month for us. We launched on the very first of September our new initiative, the LSCM pilot projects and these are going to be jointly conducted projects between LSCM and members of our community and hopefully it will benefit the community and collection of U.S. Government's information. We do not have gift or grant authority as an agency so we have to carry out these projects in conjunction with libraries and we can assist by providing resources and services on target initiatives so for our first pilot we got a nice batch of very good Appletons and right now the pilot project team is reviewing all the applications we received. And we plan to announce our first select tee sometime in mid November, so be looking for that. We're very excited that this project has gone forward. It took a lot of time to get this organized and figure out how we were going to proceed, but it is there, so -- I'm also glad to announce that along with the PT S group and GPO we are going to seek another certificate for governor info called core trust seal certificate, appear review process to give another validation point to see that we are moving the governor info collection and the system in a good direction. And it is based on 16 criteria. It is based on that ISO 163636 standard. Currently there are 160 depositories worldwide that have the core trust seal certificate and one of the reasons we are interested in doing this is because there are ten that have this that are federally operated so there is NASA, a D.O. E, D.O.T., repository that has been verified. We really think that's important for us to be amongst the group of digital repository advocates and other federal agencies and it also requires us to make our application and the documentation that we do through the process, with full transparency. The timing for this, we're doing the TBR surveillance audit later in 2022 so we hope to do it after we complete our surveillance on it.

We're really looking forward to this opportunity to find -- to get a different certification and get a different perspective.

More information on that from Jessica in the handout.

The next thing. Looking forward to

A fresh list future.

What I want to talk a little more about is what we're going to do. Mr. Halpern talked a little about the task force. Back in -- from our state of the FDLP 2018 to 2019 report, we had 229 libraries whom self describe their collections as mostly digital and during the same time period we have had digital only. There used to be 122. Now we have 62. As of today we have 77 depositories. We're at 25 years ago, we had a report on O Congress. The study to identify measures necessary for a successful transition to a more electronic program. You just heard Mr. Halpern talk about the task force so we're hoping the task force will pick up where that 25-year-old report was and take us into the next 25 years into the totally digital environment.

You know, as I have always said, though, when we try to make that transition, when we bring in something new, we always have to consider to phase out a process or service that no longer meets the needs of our users or doesn't give what it once did. What I'm going to do is talk a of the more about our phasing out of microfiche.

We talked about this before. We various things happened in the environment and things are happening at GPO et cetera but currently we offer three formats of the congressional record, the federal register and hearings. We have heard from many of you that, you know, there is low demand, and you know, the microfiche that is distributed is not preservation quality. And our selection numbers for microfiche items are very low. We have been working on the process of phasing out the distribution of the microfiche for various titles and we did introduce the regional depository library online selection policy which allowed some regionals to be select tangibles so at this particularly point in time we can no longer justify the microfiche and would like to focus our efforts and initiative and funding to other FDLP items. So our goal is to enable the regionals to have more flexibility in their selection and encourage those of you who can select and retain tangible for moots whether regionals or selectives, to do so in cooperation with GPO because it creates a safety net, a preservation Stewart and agreement. That is what we're looking at. There is more coming up and more opportunities to discuss the phasing out of it and what that will mean so look for some things shortly in the FDLP academy.

I also want to talk briefly a little bit or ask about our ask GPO implementation. Since we began working with sales force, we have chalked up 22,000 hours of contractor work and that has gone into the discovery, development, implementation and in our last task order, we came in under budget and as a matter of fact, the project has really become a role model for the rest of the agency in implementing similar tools.

I wanted to talk a little about the news feature which is our new Depository Library directory and it is successful through the ask GPO interface. We launched it this July and there is a network map, exterior library building photos, location maps and individual library pages. I encourage you if you haven't taken a look at the new directory, please do. There is lots more information than the old directory and if you haven't submitted your photos of your libraries, you can do that. We look forward to some more enhance this in the ask GPO implementation but I want you to know how successful that was.

Before I go on to one more important thing we do this time every year and it is the announcing the federal depository library of the year award, I wanted to news flash you and give some folks some congratulations. We recently signed an agreement and shared across state boundaries agreement with University of Mississippi, Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, and Louisiana Tech and it has been effective the first of October and they are getting ready to do news alerts both GPO and the library, so congratulations everyone on working really hard to get that shared agreement together. We're always looking for new ways for libraries and to collaborate not only internally but externally across state

boundaries. With that it is now time for me to honor one exceptional federal depository library for the 2021 federal depository library of the year award.

I am really pleased to announce that the government publications library at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities has been awarded this year's honor.

Here is a picture of folks. This library became a federal depository library in 1907. It is the regional library supporting 69 selective depository. Here is some of the staff and our staff visiting with members in that library when a couple years ago I suspect.

The library's federal document collection consists of nearly 2 million physical items including maps, paper documents, CD rooms and 95% is cataloged. The staff consistently strives to make government information more discoverable and successful and the regional selection is housed over four libraries across campus by subject focus to make sure those researchers can get to the government information where in their perspective academic communities.

One of the things they have also continued to do, the library has been and continues to collect unreported federal documents relevant to their own collections. They support long-term access and preservation as well as a broader access to materials not widely available other ways. They regularly bound their collection and work with the other folks in their libraries to make sure that the government documents get routine repair and as well as larger projects and their serial press very sayings slide. They are one of the first to catalog their library collection down to the library level. The library staff is engaged in answering lots of questions. They had over 130 reference cleaning of the collections last year and they do one on one consulting classroom instructions and I get a kick out of this, because I can imagine how crazy this library would be. Thousands of middle school and high school students come to assist with history day research projects. I bet that is a very busy, busy day.

With that, I would like you to join me in congratulating the 2021 federal depository library of the year and I would like to land it over now to coordinator miss Alicia.

Thank you so much Laurie. I am so honored to accept this award on behalf of the government locations library at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. This award has been many years in the making and I have been so honored to be a part of this program for the past five years as the coordinator. Even before I worked at the University of Minnesota I knew about the program here and all the efforts to catalog the collection.

She was my first mentor in the FDLP world and I'm forever grateful. Many of you are familiar with Julie Wallace who was the coordinator who all of the left her mark on the community and our trajectory of Minnesota. This award is for the phenomenal staff at the library, Lloris, Daniel, Jason and Sara combined have more than 100 years of experience. Supervising student workers, processing material, reviewing count less offers list, cleaning up, so many records, answering hundreds of reference questions and so much more.

That level of expertise and institutional history is invaluable and what makes this so successful.

We have been fortunate to have support and investment especially from the Dean of libraries and her championing to duplicate and catalog our entire regional collection and her support to happy support Michigan selectives under our umbrella in 2013.

Even going back to 1988 when we welcomed the South Dakota selectives, this lie here of the brary has been doing what we can to pitch in and make it successful.

Our Roblenal community and the FDLP community at alarm at large is a delight to work with. We find new ways to increase access and discover built of government information and to offer creative solutions to support the selectives in our region. Thank you to GPO for recognizing the critical work and investments woe made in our depository at the University of Minnesota. Thank you.

They of the thanks Alicia and thanks all of you at Twin Cities and all of the selects that work together.