Past, Present, Future – Georgia Depositories on the Path to Collaboration

PAST

The network of Georgia Federal Depository Libraries has historically provided a way for librarians to collaborate via:

- ➤ Annual state depository meetings
 - ➤ Meetings were solely in-person until 2018. Virtual component (Thanks GPO!) now allows more people to attend & for updates from GPO
 - Coordinators give updates about happenings & events at their libraries
- U.S. Depositories in Georgia email listserv
 - Primarily used for announcements & information sharing
- Depositories describes both how the FDLP is implemented in Georgia & how its depository libraries work individually and collectively to ensure access to Federal government information.

PRESENT

Remote working due to COVID-19 provided new opportunities for collaboration around programming and relationship-building.

- FDLP Zoom office hours with Regional Librarian
 - > Every 2 weeks, now monthly



- Constitution Day Planning
 - ➤ Short-term realities this year
 - ➤ Ideas for future collaboration on a state-wide trivia competition, Constitutional read-a-thons, and panels
- Voter registration drives & civic engagement panels

FUTURE

Ideas for future projects include:

- Creation of a shared calendar of annual events (e.g. Women's History Month, Veterans Day) to help depositories prepare for displays, events, and social media posts
- Quarterly government information newsletter with contributions by depository coordinators
- Creation of LibGuides modules that can be shared across institutions
- Collaborative succession planning

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