



## U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE LIBRARY SERVICES & CONTENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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*The following highlights accomplishments and updates from the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO's) Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) business unit in FY 2022.*

### **Task Force on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program**

GPO Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern [appointed a task force](#) to study the feasibility of an all-digital Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Director Halpern is charging the Task Force to determine whether an all-digital FDLP is necessary, and if so, to define the scope of an all-digital depository program and make recommendations as to how to implement and operate such a program. This will include an examination of the current landscape in Federal depository libraries, of FDLP-related operations at the GPO, and of the dissemination of publications by Federal agencies.

The Task Force is comprised of 23 members representing the Depository Library Council, the Depository Library Community, Federal Agencies, and library associations.

The Task Force is divided into the following six working groups:

- Impact on Access
- Impact on Depository Libraries, headed by Will Stringfellow
- Impact on Federal Agencies
- Impact on GPO, LSCM
- Title 44, Legislative and Policy Issues
- Implementation and Strategic Framework

Each working group has outlined their scope of work to study the feasibility of an all-digital FDLP and identified specific stakeholders to reach out to and incorporate feedback.

The Task Force is on track to complete research and discovery this spring, draft the report this summer, make the report available for public comment later this fall, and deliver the final report to Director Halpern in December.

After the Task Force's Meeting in April, you'll be able to review monthly progress reports [on our web page](#). For questions or comments, contact the Task Force at [FDLPTaskForce@gpo.gov](mailto:FDLPTaskForce@gpo.gov).

### **Louisiana and Mississippi Shared Regionals**

The depository libraries at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge (LSU); Louisiana Tech University (LA Tech); and the University of Mississippi (UM) are the FDLP's newest shared regional depository libraries. Senator Bill Cassidy of Louisiana and Senator Roger Wicker of Mississippi approved the arrangement and made the shared regional designations. This regional agreement across state lines is the first between three libraries.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the library deans and became effective October 5, 2021. In accordance with the MOU, each library retains full regional depository status in its relationship to the selective depositories in its state. Furthermore, the regional depositories will collaboratively and comprehensively collect and maintain publications of the FDLP according to agency and format designations outlined in their implementation plan, which was approved by the Superintendent of Documents.

The Superintendent of Documents and LSCM staff offer congratulations and thanks to regional depository library coordinators Hayley Johnson (LSU), Ashley Dees (UM), and Sue McFadden (LA Tech) for spearheading this effort.

As the needs of libraries and their users are ever evolving, LSCM is working to meet those needs by offering new models of service and encouraging collaboration among depository libraries. If you are interested in, or have ideas for, a collaborative regional depository arrangement, submit an inquiry

to [askGPO](#), log in as an FDL, and use the category “Other depository library question or issue.”

### **The Depository Library Council**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/about/depository-library-council>

The Depository Library Council (DLC) serves in an advisory capacity to the GPO Director on matters that relate to improving public access to our Government's information through programs of the Superintendent of Documents:

- Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).
- Cataloging and Indexing Program (C&I).
- GPO's System of Online Access, **govinfo**.
- National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information.

The DLC provides advice on policy and operational matters that deliver and support services to Federal depository libraries and the general public. Much of their work is conducted through established working groups. At present, there are five working groups:

- Collection and Discovery Services.
- Digital Deposit.
- Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives.
- Long-term Implications for Federal Depository Libraries of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries.

The [Digital Deposit Working Group](#) completed its work and will present their final report during the DLC Spring Meeting on Monday, April 11, at 1:35 p.m. (EDT).

The Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries is the newest of the working groups. It was [created by GPO Director Halpern](#) in January 2022, at the request of the Council. It is charged with studying Federal depository libraries at affinity-focused institutions and other FDLs with unique needs and challenges that impact their ability to provide access to tangible and digital depository resources. The Working Group should also determine possible solutions and provide

recommendations that include ways in which the Government Publishing Office can better support these libraries.

At the conclusion of the fall 2021 Federal Depository Library Conference, the DLC began developing formal recommendations and commendations for the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO). On December 10, 2021, [one recommendation and one commendation](#) were presented to GPO.

Learn more about DLC from [their web page](#) on FDLP.gov.

## **FDLP Shipments, Claims, Microfiche Phase Out, and CFR**

### *FDLP Shipments*

During the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, LSCM's Distribution team held all FDLP shipments to Federal depository libraries at GPO's Laurel Distribution Facility. In July of 2020, shipments resumed for libraries able to accept shipments. Shipments resumed in January 2022 for all libraries, unless GPO has been notified otherwise.

### *Claims*

As of March 2022, GPO staff completed the processing and distribution of all materials for the FY 2021 shipping lists. Please note that because shipping list numbers are often processed out of order, the last shipment physically distributed for FY 2021 was 2021-0228-P. The previously-announced last shipping list, 2021-0257-P, is still the last shipment in the number sequence for FY 2021.

As part of our pandemic procedures, GPO temporarily suspended the 60-day claims window and retained claims copies as space permitted. Beginning in March, the normal 60-day window for filing claims was reinstated. GPO is no longer updating the Claims Copies Exhausted page with shipping lists that are not available for claiming. Instead, please check the shipping list to confirm whether the shipping list date is within the 60-day claims window and thus still eligible to be claimed.

Additionally, the list of publications no longer available for claims (formerly provided on the Claims Copies Exhausted page) has been incorporated into

the main claims page. We have also eliminated several redundant claims information and guidance pages. All claims information is now available at: <https://www.fdlp.gov/collection-tools/claims-information>.

### *Microfiche Phase Out*

In December, libraries were [alerted](#) to the phase out of microfiche distribution in the FDLP. As part of the phase out process, selective depository libraries are strongly encouraged to review their item selection profile to identify microfiche that they are currently receiving. Microfiche selectors have an opportunity to select the paper equivalent of microfiche titles.

Additionally, selectives currently relying on another library's microfiche selection may want to consider profiling for the paper format themselves if they feel they need a tangible copy locally.

To add item numbers to a selection profile, log in to [DSIMS](#), and add the paper format item numbers. A [list of microfiche titles](#) and their alternate formats is available. **The deadline for getting selections into DSIMS is April 22, 2022, midnight (EDT).** Libraries that meet this deadline will have their selections activated by Monday, April 25, 2022. Libraries that miss the April 22 deadline can still add paper format item numbers to their DSIMS selection cart; however, they will not be activated until October 1.

Please note that libraries will not need to drop or deselect microfiche item numbers. GPO will inactivate microfiche item numbers as content conversion is completed.

The following resources may help you manage your selection profile:

- [Depository Selection Information Management System \(DSIMS\)](#)
- [DSIMS Quick Start Guide](#)
- [Amending Your Library's Selection Profile](#)

More information about the phase out of microfiche distribution can be found on the [Discontinuation of Microfiche Distribution to FDLP Libraries](#) page. The

page includes a link to the list of titles affected by the phase out and their associated item numbers.

### *CFR Split Out in List of Classes*

Related to the microfiche phase-out, there is a change to the [List of Classes of United States Government Publications Available for Selection by Depository Libraries](#).

Each title in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) has been broken into separate item numbers. This change only applies to the paper format. Libraries will be able to profile for individual CFR titles in which they are interested. For example, some libraries may be interested in receiving just CFR title 3 – The President.

Libraries that selected item number **0572-B** will note an increase in their item selection count. This reflects the one item number being split into 49 item numbers (Title 35, Panama Canal, is no longer published). Selective depositories may log in to DSIMS and deselect unwanted individual titles of the CFR.

This change does not affect the CFR Index and Finding Aids. The CFR Index volume is still available for selection in paper format under item number **0572**.

### **National Collection Service Area Framework**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/about-the-fdlp/national-collection-service-areas>

[National Collection Service Areas](#) (NCSAs) group Federal depository libraries into four regions as a means of ensuring geographically dispersed permanent public access to Federal Government information products, sharing resources among depository libraries, and receiving services from LSCM.

In 2015, the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) specified there be no fewer than four geographically dispersed tangible copies of a publication in the FDLP. The Superintendent of Documents used a [modified Census region map](#) to create four National Collection Service Areas: Northeast, South, Midwest, and West.

### **Our goals:**

- Improve opportunities for regional collecting and weeding flexibilities.
- Ensure adequate tangible copies for access.
- Localized services to depository libraries and NCSAs.
- Foster collaboration among depository libraries in service areas.

### **Immediate Impacts:**

- Potential for resource sharing to ease the burden of space planning as microfiche is phased out.
- LSCM recruiting Preservation Stewards and Print Selectors to ensure permanent public access.

### **Longer Term Impacts:**

- LSCM recruiting Preservation Stewards and Print Selectors to ensure permanent public access.
- Shared reference/ ILL to improve access.
- Preservation opportunities.
- Shared training opportunities.

### **FDLP Academy**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/about/fdlp-academy>

GPO's FDLP Academy is a free source for training opportunities, events, webinars, and webcasts for both the FDLP community and non-depository libraries.

Since its inception in 2012, the FDLP Academy has hosted nearly 600 webinars, with over 77,000 combined registrants and over 142 recorded webcasts.

Training topics cover all aspects of Government information resources and librarianship. These educational offerings are all available via the [FDLP Academy Training Repository](#).

Contact [FDLPOutreach@gpo.gov](mailto:FDLPOutreach@gpo.gov) if you would like to become an FDLP Academy presenter and share your knowledge with the FDLP community.

### *FDLP Coordinator Certificate Program*

The [FDLP Coordinator Certificate Program](#) provides in-depth, virtual classes on managing depository collections in compliance with the Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the FDLP. It brings together GPO and depository libraries in a unique way to strengthen and improve the FDLP. The program is free to participants and open to the public. It is conducted virtually through the FDLP Academy.

Since its inception in 2015, over 270 FDLP community members have completed the program. A further 48 are participating in two spring 2022 cohorts.

A call for fall 2022 participants will go out via [FDLP News & Events](#).

### **Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/guidance/biennial-survey-depository-libraries>

The Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries is the means by which depository libraries report their conditions to GPO; it is administered every two years, and response is required by law.

The Superintendent of Documents, under the direction of the GPO Director, is responsible for administering the survey as required by 44 U.S.C. §1909. Data from the survey is used to administer the FDLP, to identify new trends, and to evaluate the conditions and services of Federal depository libraries.

Analysis of the 2019 survey found that a very high percentage of libraries remain committed to being in the FDLP (92%) and are providing public access (97%) to their communities. Other selected findings include:

- 97% of depository libraries have a tangible collection, but at the same time, the number of digital-only depositories is increasing (from 22 to 62).



- 21% of respondents self-described their collections as "mostly digital."
- Challenges to depository libraries and their operations were reported, including lack of staff, lack of budget, and space pressures in their buildings.

These, along with other findings from the 2019 survey, led to changes and development of targeted outreach to select groups, creation of new offerings for training, and other service improvements and changes.

The 2021 Biennial Survey was released in January 2022 and was open through March 2022. Currently, LSCM staff are following up with libraries and will release preliminary survey results and analysis within the next several months.

### **Enhancing Content in govinfo**

<https://www.govinfo.gov>

GPO continues to increase access to current and historic content in **govinfo**. Notable additions in the first half of FY22 include:

- The Law Library of Congress and GPO continue to collaborate on digitization of the [U.S. Congressional Serial Set](#). Since the initial public release, 115 additional volumes have been added to the **govinfo** collection.
- Ability to [browse the U.S. Congressional Serial Set by topic](#). This feature organizes the collection by the first letter of the topic of the Congressional report or document. The assignment of Library of Congress Subject Headings to the documents makes this browse possible.
- [Monthly Catalog browse page](#) updated to include entry numbers and index contents.
- New publications from Digital Content Contributor [Boise State University](#).
- [Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: Barack Obama \(2016, Books I and II\)](#).
- [2021 Government Manual](#).
- [2020 US Code \(United States Code, 2018 Edition, Supplement 2\)](#).
- [Statutes at Large Volume 128 \(113th Congress, 2nd Session\)](#).

- [Federal Register Index, 2021.](#)
- [Code of Federal Regulations Index and Finding Aids, 2021.](#)
- [Congressional Pictorial Directory: 117th Congress.](#)
- [Railroad Retirement Board publications.](#)
- Three new courts opted into publishing to the [U.S. Courts Opinions](#) collection, bringing the total number of courts participating in the program to 152.

GPO is actively digitizing, and current needs are posted to the [GPO Digitization: GPO Needs Lists LibGuide](#). Offering weeded depository material to GPO supports the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information, and increases public access to government publications.

Another way to support the National Collection is to contribute digitized content to **govinfo**. If you are interested in becoming a Digital Content Contributor, please contact us via [askGPO](#) using the Partnerships category.

### **GPO Partnerships**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/about/partnerships>

Since 1997, GPO has developed strategic partnerships with Federal depository libraries and other Federal agencies to increase access to electronic Federal information. GPO has official partnership agreements in place with over 60 organizations to advance free public access to U.S. Government information.

Partnerships range from organizations that pledge to permanently preserve Government publications in their libraries, to organizations that make a commitment to retain and make publicly accessible, at no fee, digital resources within scope of the FDLP, to organizations that provide digital content to GPO for ingest into **govinfo**, and more.

During FY 2022:

- In partnership with the University of Minnesota Libraries, records for 266 publications from the I 16 SuDoc range in their library's FDLP collection were added to the CGP.

- Over 230 bibliographic records for digital versions of the USGS publications were added to the CGP (partnership with the Colorado School of Mines).
- Bibliographic records for 75 newly-digitized titles on FRASER were added to the CGP (partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis).
- Over 440 bibliographic records for digitized reports from the Library of Congress were added to the CGP (partnership with the Library of Congress).
- Boise State University continued to contribute digitized content to **govinfo**.

GPO is seeking libraries to serve as Preservation Stewards. Our priorities are:

Title	National Collection Service Area
Code of Federal Regulations	Historic- Northeast and West Day Forward- All
Y 4	Historic- All Day Forward- All
Y 1 select series	Historic- All Day Forward- All
Bound Congressional Record, Daily Digest, Index	Historic-Northeast Day Forward- All
Journals of the House and Senate	Historic- All Day Forward- All
Serial Set	Historic-Northeast Day Forward- All
U.S. Code	Historic- South Day Forward- All
Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications	Northeast and West

Visit FDLP.gov's [Partnerships page](#) to view current partnerships and for information on pursuing a partnership with GPO.

## **LSCM Pilot Projects 1 & 2**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/project-list/lscm-pilot-projects>

LSCM Pilot Projects are an opportunity for collaboration between LSCM and Federal depository libraries. These jointly-conducted projects are envisioned to benefit the larger FDLP community and ultimately to enhance access to the [National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information](#).

The implementation of the [LSCM Pilot Projects](#) initiative is underway. Pilot Project Opportunity 1 opened for submissions on September 1 and closed on October 15, 2021.

Pilot Project 1 is scoped as follows:

- Cataloging, item-level inventory, condition assessment, and digitization of between 200-300 monographs from the U.S. Department of War (formed 1789; dissolved 1947) Superintendent of Documents call number stem **W** or other war-era temporary agencies.
  - The scope of the documents should be either the U.S. war years of WWI (1914-1918) or WWII (1941-1945).

The Merrill Cazier Library (MCL) at Utah State University was selected to participate in this pilot. GPO is working with the library to inventory and assess the condition of a small collection of Executive Branch War-time Agency documents. The documents will be cataloged, digitized, and ingested into **govinfo**.

Pilot Project Opportunity 2 opened for submissions on March 1, 2022, and closed on April 15, 2022.

Pilot Project 2 is scoped as follows:

- Cataloging, item-level inventory, condition assessment, and digitization of a collection of 200-300 Federal Government print publications focused on a state, region, common theme, or topic, and

preferably those without records in the [Catalog of U.S. Government Publications](#).

- a. Suggested collections may include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Publications issued by regional Federal offices or agencies.
  - ii. Publications in the areas of voting, civil rights, women's suffrage, or tribal rights.
  - iii. Publications on environmental or geographic region-based topics, such as waterways, land rights, energy sources, or establishment of national parks.

The Pilot Project Review Committee is currently reviewing the applications submitted for Pilot Project 2. A selection will be announced after review has been completed.

For questions about the pilot projects, contact us through [askGPO](#). Log in before submitting your question, and select the category 'Other depository library question or issue.'

Check the [LCSM Pilot Projects web page](#), the [Pilot Project 1](#) web page, and FDLP News Alerts for ongoing information and updates on the initiative, including future pilot project opportunities.

**Trustworthy Digital Repository Audit and Certification of govinfo**  
<https://www.fdlp.gov/preservation/trusted-digital-repository-ISO-16363-2012>

In December 2021, GPO was awarded re-certification of **govinfo** ISO 16363:2012 Trustworthy Digital Repository compliance. The ISO certification audit is performed by PTAB (The Primary Trustworthy Digital Repository (TDR) Authorisation Body Ltd.) Certification Committee. Due to COVID-19, both phase one and phase two, which typically include a two-day onsite visit from the auditing team, were held virtually per ISO auditing procedures.

Certification of **govinfo** from an accredited certifying body validates GPO's commitment to standards-based digital preservation practices and activities across 109 criteria in the areas of Organizational Governance, Digital Object Management, and Infrastructure and Security Management. TDR certification

has been a key GPO strategic initiative and a joint effort of GPO's LSCM and Programs, Strategy, and Technology (PST) business units since 2015.

Certification under ISO 16363 provides assurance to GPO stakeholders, including the FDLP community, that **govinfo** is a standards-compliant digital archive in which Government information shall be preserved, accessible, and usable well into the future. As of September 2020, GPO is currently the only institution in the world to hold ISO 16363 Trustworthy Digital Repository Certification.

In addition to ISO 16363:2012 certification, GPO is pursuing certification under [CoreTrustSeal](#). The CoreTrustSeal Trustworthy Data Repositories Requirements (formerly: Core Trustworthy Data Repositories Requirements) were developed by the DSA–WDS Partnership Working Group on Repository Audit and Certification, a Working Group (WG) of the Research Data Alliance. CoreTrustSeal offers, to any interested data repository, a core level certification based on the DSA–WDS Core Trustworthy Data Repositories Requirements catalogue and procedures. This universal catalog of requirements reflects the core characteristics of trustworthy data repositories and is the culmination of a cooperative effort between DSA and WDS under the umbrella of the Research Data Alliance to merge their data repositories certifications. Pursuing CoreTrustSeal certification provides an opportunity for GPO to participate in a peer-review process of third-party assessment, contribute to a larger community of standards-based repositories, and commit to global transparency efforts.

By participating in the CoreTrustSeal process, GPO may also be better positioned to engage with other Federal institutions that have data and information repositories that may have difficulty navigating the ISO 16363:2012 standard and turning its requirements into actionable procedures. For instance, GPO's participation in both models of assessment might help make existing community resources easily actionable in the context of self-assessments for preservation infrastructure by being able to more closely examine GPO's infrastructure practices as made publicly available through the CoreTrustSeal process.

**askGPO**

<https://ask.gpo.gov/s/>

LSCM continues to enhance the [askGPO](#) site for improved customer service to Federal depository libraries and all GPO customers. [Training materials](#) for askGPO include user manuals and short video tutorials.

Regular releases occur approximately every six weeks, and release notes are available on the [askGPO project page](#). The new releases have incorporated suggestions and feedback from customers and GPO staff and have continued to improve the site's usability and functioning.

Additional enhancements made in fall and winter 2021 included:

- Search and display enhancements to the [Federal Depository Library Directory](#).
- Extending the automatic logout time to one hour.
- New inquiry forms for cataloging-related inquiries, allowing the user to better specify individual publications and associated metadata, or to submit a general inquiry.

askGPO is the primary way to communicate with LSCM or any other GPO business unit. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for the site.

## **Congressional Research Service Reports**

LSCM continues to catalog [Congressional Research Service \(CRS\) Reports](#) in accordance with the agreement made with the Library of Congress in October 2018. As of March 2022, LTS staff have cataloged over 7,825 separate, unique CRS report titles. This is approximately 79% of all reports available on the site.

LSCM is cataloging reports in the *CRS report* series as well as the *In Focus*, *Insight*, and *Legal Sidebar* reports. In January 2022, LSCM also began cataloging reports in the *Infographic* and *Testimony* series. In August 2020, LTS confirmed that the CRS completed publishing its back catalog of reports, which means only newly-published reports (a much smaller number) will need to be cataloged going forward. LSCM has prioritized cataloging any reports concerning COVID-19 and the coronavirus; many of those records are now available in the [CGP](#).

## Cataloging Historical Legal Reports

LTS continues to catalog historical legal reports in collaboration with the Law Library of Congress.

LTS surpassed the 1,500-record milestone for the project. Since November 2021, LTS staff members have cataloged more than 500 reports. Here are some data about the reports.

<b>Total</b>	<b>1,518</b>
<b>World Regions</b>	
Africa	138
Asia	699
Australasia	35
Europe	242
North America	157
South America	45
<b>Selected Nations</b>	
Brazil	21
China	189
Egypt	14
Ghana	10
Japan	171
Kenya	8
Mexico	46
Nigeria	21
South Africa	21
South Korea	40
<b>Publication Dates</b>	
1950s	2
1960s	177
1970s	420
1980s	295
1990s	139
2000s	362
2010s	125



## Free Catalog Records via the CGP on GitHub Repository

<https://github.com/usgpo/cataloging-records>

The CGP on GitHub is LSCM's central repository of sets of bibliographic records that users may download at no charge.

LTS re-organized the [American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian \(AIANNH\) - Subject Based Resources Collection](#) to facilitate the use of these materials. LTS built record display pages for the three Library of Congress Subject Headings lists:

- [American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian terms](#)
- [Oil and gas drilling terms](#)
- [Water resources terms](#)

The pages include the titles, SuDoc numbers, CGP numbers, item numbers, and publication dates. The titles are linked to the online versions of the publications, and the CGP numbers are linked to the records.

LTS added two repositories for the United States Congressional Serial Set Project MARC records. With each release of publications in **govinfo**, LTS will post the records on GitHub.

The record set includes 9,443 monographs and 49 serials in various Congressional publication series, including House and Senate documents and reports. LSCM staff members analyzed and reviewed the records and batch processed global updates and enhancements. The publications range in date from approximately 1818 to 1927. All records have Superintendent of Documents classification numbers for the Congressional publication series and the Serial Set volumes and OCLC numbers. The records do not contain FDLP item numbers.

On GitHub, the records are available for downloading in MARC UTF-8 in the [cataloging-records-serial-set-utf8](#) repository and in MARCXML UTF-8 in the [cataloging-records-serial-set-marcxml](#) repository. The total size of the file is 19 MB (19,000,000 bytes). A .csv file lists the Serial Set volume numbers represented in the records. For more information about downloading records from GitHub, please visit the [Sources of GPO Cataloging Records page](#) on FDLP.gov.

The records are discoverable in the CGP via the Congressional Serial Set Catalog and the standard search modes. In the expert search mode, you can use a local field search to retrieve all of the Serial Set records and combine that search with other elements: [wlts=SERIALSET?](#).

### **RDA/3R Project**

LSCM continues to prepare for adoption of a new iteration of the Resource Description and Access (RDA) cataloging standard. The RDA/3R Project, created by LTS, helps GPO catalogers learn new RDA concepts and gain familiarity with the updated RDA Toolkit.

Although the new RDA became official in December 2020, it has not yet been adopted by the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), of which GPO is a member. Through Spring 2022, LTS is participating in the PCC's Task Group to Test the Official RDA Toolkit. The interorganizational task group is developing a test to assess the usability of the redesigned LC-PCC Policy Statements and newly-created Metadata Guidance Documents.

The RDA/3R Project Team will continue to provide both internal and external training opportunities to LTS staff. Once all PCC tools are finalized, the Project Team will determine where more guidance is needed for cataloging Government information products, and GPO-specific guidelines will be developed.

LSCM will make the switch to the new RDA, along with PCC, no earlier than October 2022. Updates on the RDA/3R Project are provided on the [FDLP website](#).

### **FDLP eXchange**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/collection-tools/fdlp-eXchange>

FDLP eXchange, launched in June 2018, created an automated process to support the exchange of depository publications nationwide and to facilitate communication among Federal depository libraries.

FY 2022 Statistics to date (October 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022):

- Offers: 159,005
- Needs: 4,364

- From Libraries: 4,321
- From GPO: 43
- Training:
  - Seven online training sessions in four states: 75 participants

### **FDLP LibGuides**

<https://libguides.fdlp.gov/>

FDLP LibGuides is a service provided by GPO for depository libraries and the public. Guides are created by LSCM staff on a variety of topics, including those requested by the community. All guides are available for free use. Libraries and agencies can also submit their own guides for inclusion on the FDLP LibGuides Community page. In an effort to provide resources that are useful to all of our libraries, LSCM staff members continue to review the site and make enhancements to the look and content.

As of March 17, 2022, current, published LibGuides are:

- LSCM Guides: 30
- Community Guides: 134
- Total Guides: 164

Subject additions include: student worker training, Government statistics, Government information in Spanish, and general Government information. The LibGuides team is currently seeking content on: guides in Spanish, statistics, and demographics.

### **ILS Enhancements**

In December 2021, four new resources were added to [GPO's MetaLib](#), a service of the [Catalog of U.S. Government Publications \(CGP\)](#).

- Child Welfare Information
- CIA World Factbook
- National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Bookshelf
- SAM.gov

In January 2022, GPO launched newly redesigned and enhanced CGP *Help* pages and an updated CGP *About* page.

The redesigned and enhanced [CGP Help Page](#) and [CGP Help FDLP Login Page](#) feature:

- Updated and expanded content including:
  - Searching SuDoc Class Numbers.
  - Searching Item Numbers.
  - Expanded and reorganized Expert Search CCL codes.
  - More CGP Tips to support searching and managing records.
  - Updated screen captures.
- Modernized look and feel.
- Multimedia tutorials with optional captions and transcripts for increased accessibility.
- PDFs of the complete content.

The updated [CGP About page](#) includes updated and expanded information including:

- Scope.
- History.
  - PURLs to **govinfo** for:
    - Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications (MoCat).
    - Government Document Indexes (GDI).
- CGP Features.
- PURLs.
- Metadata Standards.
- CGP on GitHub.
- Cataloging & Indexing Program (C&I).
- Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).

LSCM welcomes suggestions to further enhance CGP features, such as new topics for the CGP Help pages, tutorial content, or for new MetaLib Resources. To submit suggestions, please use [askGPO](#), and select the category "Suggestion: CGP technical enhancement/MetaLib Resource."

We are already planning future updates, many based on community feedback from the Fall 2021 Federal Depository Library Conference. These future updates are anticipated to be released in FY 2023.

## **FDLP.gov Modernization & Replatforming**

LSCM completed the FDLP Modernization and Replatforming project with the launch of the newly-configured FDLP.gov on January 6, 2022. The website will continue to evolve as we evaluate and implement changes based on user feedback. The following has been accomplished:

- **New FedRAMP server infrastructure:** provides a robust security posture that protects against malicious intrusions to the website, as well as providing instantaneous failover and guaranteed uptime in accordance with FedRAMP standards.
- **New CMS platform:** adds features that strengthen security against cyber-attacks on the application level.
- **New best practices:** new workflow process allows for server level and application level updates to be performed in a more secure and efficient manner.
- **New search engine:** allows for a more accurate and powerful search and provides options to reconfigure the search engine in the future.
- **Updated look:** The look and feel of the website was updated to make it easier to navigate and read. The CMS allows for additional configurations and flexibility to expand interactivity and other options in the future.
- **Content migration:** Content was evaluated, then migrated or archived. The migrated content was reconfigured to allow for modifications and future development.

## **Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government**

<https://bensguide.gpo.gov>

LSCM is currently ensuring that Ben's Guide's website maintenance and security patches are up-to-date with accordance to GPO IT Security policies.

During the last 6 months, LSCM has:

- Provided maintenance upgrades for the system's platform to ensure security.
- Updated backend modules to improve performance.
- Evaluated and adjusted firewall settings as needed to ensure access to end-users while ensuring security policies are followed.
- Updated pages.
- Supplied end users with information about Ben's Guide, as requested, through askGPO.

For new content suggestions, please use [askGPO](#). When submitting your suggestions, click "General Public," then select "Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government."

## **Web Archiving**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/project-list/web-archiving>

LSCM continues to archive websites in the FDLP Web Archive, advancing FDLP collection development efforts.

Through March 31, 2022:

- LSCM has increased the size of the FDLP Web Archive collection to 38.3 TB, with over 392,000,000 URLs.
- There are 213 website collections available on the FDLP Web Archive on Archive-It and 267 records available through the CGP.
- Work continues with new contracted staff to maintain the collection and look at adding new collections.
- Renewed the contract with Archive-It for an additional year where we will continue to add another 9 TB of data to the Web Archive.

LSCM is also working with the Federal Web Archiving Interest Group on a website which will provide information about the group and our individual Federal Government web archiving programs.

Access and full-text searching of the FDLP Web Archive [is available](#).

For any question or comments on the FDLP Web Archive contact [fdlpwebarchiving@gpo.gov](mailto:fdlpwebarchiving@gpo.gov).

### **Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP)**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/cataloging-and-classification/cataloging-record-distribution-program>

Would you like to receive free, monthly sets of GPO catalog records? The CRDP can provide that service and currently has vacancies. If you are interested in having your library join or in learning more about the program, contact the Federal Depository Support Service librarians listed in the Guidance, Questions, and Technical Assistance section of the web page above. You're also welcome to contact staff at MARCIVE, Inc.

The CRDP provides free, GPO-produced catalog records to participating Federal depository libraries through a contract with MARCIVE, Inc. Participating libraries of all sizes and types, with many different library systems, receive monthly sets of new catalog records. Libraries may add additional services, such as a list of publication titles in the records or a monthly set of changed records. They may also select customization options, for example, selecting only online publications or just those after a specified publication date.

For currently participating libraries, please note expanded information in the Current CRDP Participants and Participation Requirements sections of the recently updated CRDP web page listed above. This is a new addition to the Requirements: "When you receive an unusually large number of monthly records, it is understandable if additional time is needed to review the records before they are loaded." Please also note that the annual CRDP survey is taking place in April. Thank you for your survey response.

## Cataloging Guidelines

<https://www.fdlp.gov/cataloging-and-classification/cataloging-guidelines>

GPO continues to update its Cataloging Guidelines (CG) to ensure they are in accord with national cataloging standards, including RDA and the Library of Congress-Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs), and adapt those instructions as needed for local policies and procedures.

Thus far in FY 2022:

- The Cataloging Guidelines have been migrated to the new FDLP.gov platform.
  - LSCM staff continue to review content and ensure all links and navigational menus direct as expected.
- In the *General Policies* chapter, the section on braille publications has been revised.
- In the *Integrating Resources* chapter, the *Integrating Resources: General MARC Field Policies* section has been revised.

## Special Selection Offers

<https://www.fdlp.gov/project-list/special-selection-offers>

LSCM continues to provide periodic Special Selection Offers, allowing depository libraries to make a one-time, title-specific choice to receive a publication of significant interest. Libraries that are all-digital can also take advantage of Special Selection Offers. Publications chosen in this way become part of the library's depository collection and are subject to regular FDLP retention rules.

Recent Special Selection Offers included:

- 2021 National Debate Topic.
- Women in Congress, 1917-2020.

Special Selection Offers are advertised on FDLP News & Events and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.



Please submit questions or feedback through [askGPO](#), and choose the “Other depository library question or issue” category.

### **FDLP PURL Usage Report**

<https://purlreferrals.fdlp.gov/>

In response to feedback from the FDLP community, the [PURL Usage Reporting Tool](#) was enhanced in March 2022. Library users have many different networks and IP addresses used to access PURLs found in catalog records and online finding aids. Up to 10 IP Address ranges were initially allocated for each library’s PURL Usage Report. LSCM received numerous requests to increase the number of IP addresses/Hostname patterns. The enhancement allows for up to 25 IP addresses/Hostnames that can be saved for the creation of custom library PURL usage reports.

### **Promoting the FDLP**

<https://www.fdlp.gov/promotion>

#### *Free Materials*

A wide variety of FDLP promotional resources [are available](#) from FDLP.gov.

From our [promotional materials page](#), click ‘Log In To the Ordering Site,’ use your existing FDLP.gov login credentials, and browse a variety of free products you can use to promote your library and the FDLP. If you need assistance logging in, please use [askGPO](#). Under Federal Depository Library Program, select the category, ‘Marketing, social media, or promotional materials.’

[Downloadable handouts](#) that focus on the benefits of being part of the FDLP and the flexibilities offered to participating libraries are also available.

#### *Showcasing FDLP Retirees*

In 2021, LSCM began showcasing FDLP retirees on the FDLP.gov homepage to offer thanks and congratulations. If you are retiring or know someone who would like to be featured who is a member of the FDLP community, visit [our announcement](#) to learn more.

#### *Library Shelfie Day*

The fourth Wednesday in January, Library Shelfie Day, celebrates libraries, librarians, and booklovers. On January 26, 2022, GPO showcased FDLP libraries via social media to commemorate this special day. View the [Library Shelfie Day gallery](#) to see how FDLP libraries commemorated the day.

#### FDLP Valentine's Displays

On February 14, 2022, GPO showcased library Valentine's décor, displays, and special events via social media and on FDLP.gov. View the [Valentine's Day gallery](#) to see how FDLP libraries commemorated the day.

### **Save the Date: Fall 2022 Federal Depository Library Conference**

Save the date, and mark your calendars. The fall 2022 Federal Depository Library Conference will take place October 17 – 19, 2022. LSCM is currently exploring the feasibility of a return to the hybrid, onsite/virtual conference experience. Stay tuned to [FDLP News & Events](#) for an announcement as more details become available.