

Business of the Depository Library Council



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Council Business: Standing Items

- Roll call
- Review and approval of the minutes from the DLC Fall 2021 Meeting
- Election of Secretary
- Working Group Reports:
 - 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

Collection and Discovery Services Working Group

Spring 2022 Update





Working Group Charge

To assist in coordinating the thoughts, research, plans, and efforts related to cataloging and metadata and expanding and enhancing discovery and access services GPO provides to the depository community and stakeholders; and to engage the depository community in these processes.

The Collection and Discovery Services Working Group was established at the request of GPO in the fall of 2019 and is a standing working group.

Working Group Membership

Depository Library Council	U.S. Government Publishing Office	Depository Community
Jennifer Morgan (Chair)	Cynthia Etkin (DFO)	Beth Downing
Will Stringfellow	Fang Gao	Stacy Fowler
Vicki Tate	Stephen Kharfen (Co- Secretary)	Michael Maben
Valerie Glenn		Elizabeth McDonald (Co- Secretary)





Activities, 2021 - 2022

- Analyzed findings, drafted and submitted final report to Council on lessons learned at the working group's spring 2021 DLC Meeting Open Forum.
- Held Open Forum on the new CGP at the fall 2021 Federal Depository Library Conference.
- Analyzed findings, drafted report on lessons learned from the Open Forum on the CGP of the Future.

Digital Deposit Working Group

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Recommendations of the DDWG for Council's Consideration

1. The Digital Deposit Working Group recommends that GPO adopt the following definition of digital deposit:

The practices, services, and workflows for the collaborative acquisition of born-digital and digitized Federal government information for the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information.

2. As a model to inform GPO and libraries of workflows needed to implement the distribution of born-digital content, the Digital Deposit Working Group recommends the scoping and implementation of a pilot project that explores the GPO-to-Library approach to digital deposit. GPO should undertake a pilot project with one or a small number of libraries to work out the details of a digital deposit service, in particular a service where GPO facilitates the delivery of digital files to FDLP libraries. The pilot would:

2.1. Use the findings from this group's interviews toward the project.

2.2. Explore delivery issues (push vs pull, file types, etc.) that were brought to light by this group's interviews.

2.3. Draft a high-level workflow for notification and push/pull delivery mechanisms.

2.4. Document the necessary training requirements to support delivery mechanisms.

2.5. Identify opportunities for technical solutions or enhancements to support delivery mechanisms.

2.6. Report back to the Depository Library Council on the findings and outcomes of the processes explored in the pilot project.

Recommendations of the DDWG for Council's Consideration

- 3. GPO should take steps to outline a vision of how policy, coordination, and support for digital deposit could fit in with current and future models of the FDLP.
- 4. The Final Report of the Digital Deposit Working Group should be presented to the recently announced Taskforce on a Digital FDLP.
- 5. To address knowledge gaps related to digital deposit, notifying GPO of unreported publications, and to better develop the search skills of government information professionals, the Digital Deposit Working Group recommends the following FDLP Academy sessions:
 - Introduction to Digital Deposit.
 - Reporting the Uncataloged, which would introduce the concept of uncataloged government publications and the processes for discovery and reporting.
 - Explaining APIs and how FDLs can utilize govinfo.gov APIs for collection development.
 - Exploring more effective searching within the Catalog of Government Publications (CGP).

Thank you

This concludes the Digital Deposit Working Group Charge



Exploring the Durability of PURLs and their Alternatives

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Working Group Charge Summary

Since March 1998, GPO has used Persistent Uniform Resource Locators (PURLs) to provide Federal depository libraries (FDLs) and other parties stable URL access to online Federal information. Due to changes in library collection policies, advances in technology, and an increase in the amount of born-digital and digital-only Federal information, along with an increased interest in some depositories becoming mostly or all digital depositories, Council created a working group to investigate the durability of PURLs and their alternatives and to present findings and recommendations to Council for consideration.

Working Group Membership

Depository Library Council	U.S. Government Publishing Office	Depository Community
Will Stringfellow, Chair	Ashley Dahlen	Alicia Kubas (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)*
Renée Bosman	Alec Bradley	James R Jacobs (Stanford University)
Rick Mikulski	Cynthia Etkin (DFO)	Shari Laster (Arizona State University)
Allen Moye		Robbie Sittel (University of North Texas)*
Laura Sare		

Activities of the Working Group

- Continued Research into PURLs and other PIDs
- Presentations at DLC meetings
- Compile Findings
- Create PID principles
- Draft Final Report
- Draft Recommendations



What's Next

- Complete Final Report
- Submit Final Report to Council (Fall 2022 Meeting)
- Sunset Working Group



Long-term Implications for Federal Depository Libraries of the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Working Group Charge

"This working group will examine the practices, policies, and procedures enacted by FDLs since March 2020 as they adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it will assess the long-term impact of these efforts at the institutional and national level. It will examine pandemic practices, policies, and procedures enacted by FDLs and the GPO relating to services, procedures, collections, staffing, etc., and it will assess whether such policies may or should continue into the post pandemic era."

Working Group Membership

Depository Library Council	U.S. Government Publishing Office
Aimée Quinn	Lara Flint
Allen Moye	Abigail McDermott
Lisa Pritchard (Secretary)	Cynthia Etkin (DFO)
Richard Leiter	
Rick Mikulski (Chair)	





Activities, 2021-2022

- Group formed in 2021 to address the long-term impact of COVID-19 on the FDLP community.
- Group compiled an ongoing bibliography of recent publications to aid in eventual drafting of a report.
- The group, working with GPO staff, drafted a question (Q6) for the 2021 Biennial Survey.
- Group is preparing to analyze the Biennial Survey data to identify and examine trends.
- Group will report preliminary findings at Fall 2022 DLC Meeting.



Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations FDLs Working Group Spring 2022 Update







Working Group Charge

The Working Group will study Federal depository libraries at affinityfocused 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.

The Working Group should deliver a report to Director Halpern on these matters by March 31, 2023.

Working Group Membership

Depository Library Council	U.S. Government Publishing Office
Renée Bosman	Jaime Hays
Jennifer Morgan	Todd Scudiere
Allen Moye, Co-chair	Celeste Welch, Ph. D.
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- We have had a preliminary organizational meeting, April 6, 2022.
- We will be organizing regular meetings.
- We will have smaller teams.
- Stay tuned for more later.



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