

Responsibilities

of Federal Depository Libraries

- Provide free, unrestricted public access to U.S. Government information resources.
- Provide reference services to patrons searching for or using U.S. Government information.
- Develop library staff expertise to provide these services, particularly in the library's subject strengths.
- Identify U.S. Government information needs in your community, and catalog selected resources or develop resource finding tools to meet those needs.
- Provide access to essential resources such as the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications, **govinfo**, and Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government.
- Offer publicly-available computers, along with downloading options.
- Identify your library as an FDLP member on your website and at the library entrance with GPO-provided materials.
- Comply with ADA building standards, or offer alternate access options/mediated service.
- Designate a Coordinator who serves as the point of contact with GPO.
- Participate in the Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries.
- Sign-up for the FDLP News & Events email alert service.
- Maintain an entry in the Federal Depository Library Directory.
- Collaborate with nearby depository libraries.

Contact GPO's Federal Depository Support Services team and learn more:

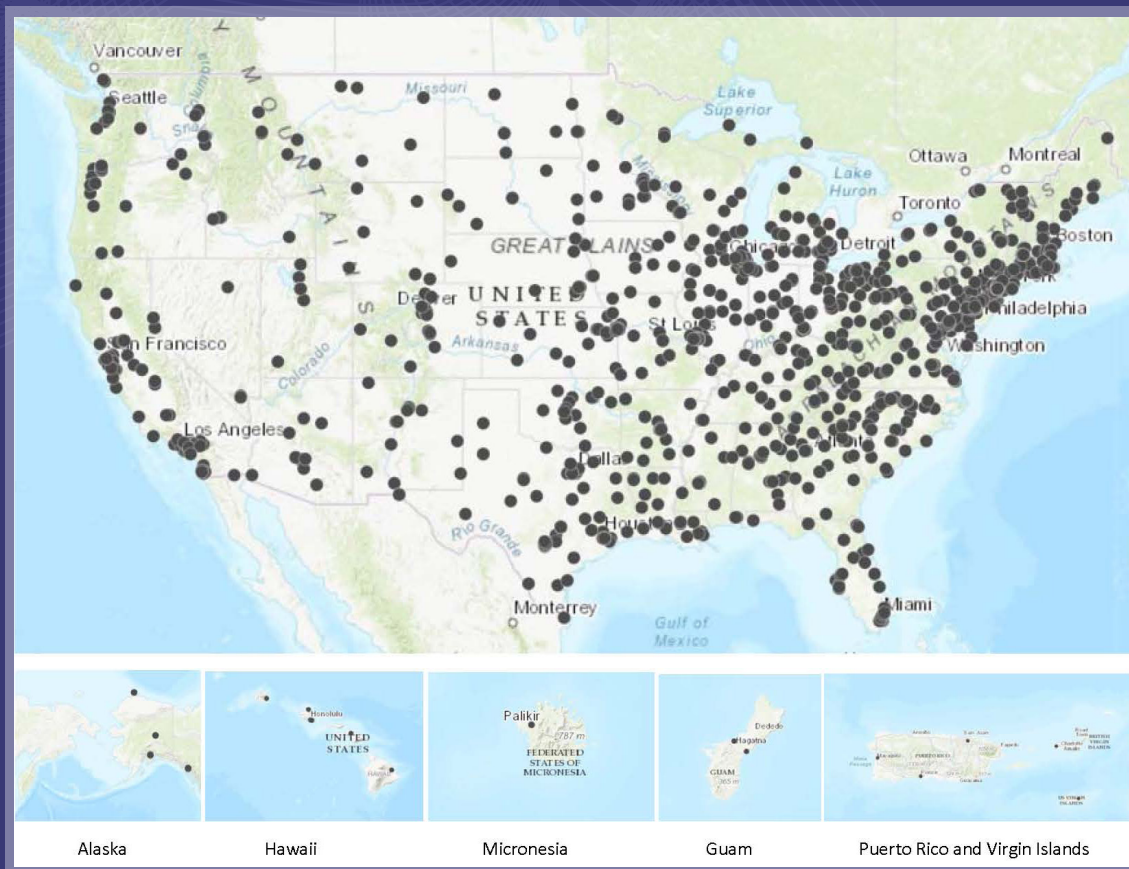
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Benefits

of being a Federal Depository Library



- **Membership** in a strong local and national network of Government information experts.
- **Access** to a vast collection of official U.S. Government information resources, in a variety of formats, both current and historic.
- **Flexibility** to select tangible publications, to provide access to all-digital materials, or a combination of the two. You craft your collection to meet the needs of your patrons.
- No-cost educational **training** opportunities through distance learning, collaborative virtual tools, and conferences.
- **Consultation** with GPO staff.
- **Collaborative reference** with other libraries in your region, as well as in the nationwide network.
- **Guidance** materials for managing your library and your collection.
- Additional **options** for access to cataloging records from the national authority on U.S. Government publications.
- **Access** to primary resource material that supplements curricula or local initiatives.
- **Special offers** from GPO to enhance your collection.
- Tangible and digital no-cost **promotional materials**.

Through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), over 1,100 libraries throughout the United States and its territories collaborate locally and nationally to provide access to current and historic official U.S. Government resources.

The U.S. Government Publishing Office administers the FDLP and provides these libraries with support services.



Why Should my Library be a Federal Depository

- Providing free access to official Federal information demonstrates your library's commitment to a core democratic value. Your library visitors will pursue their interests, explore new topics, and learn new skills with the information you provide.
- It enhances your collection with official, primary source materials, including books, periodicals, maps, brochures, websites, databases, and more.
- Participation provides a wider range of resources for the adults, students, and children who visit your library.
- More information leads to a more informed citizenry. Provide information on health care, Federal benefits, laws, regulations, small business opportunities, and much more.
- Serving as a Federal depository and official partner of the U.S. Government elevates the prestige and credibility of your library and enhances the political goodwill of your institution's designated members of Congress.