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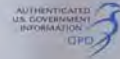
# Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program

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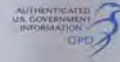
# Background

- Created in response to community comments

- Information extracted from the FDL Handbook and other policies

- Team of GPO librarians and FDLP specialists

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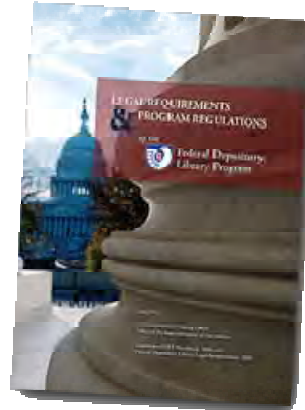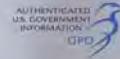Keeping America Informed I www.gpo.gov

# Background

- Concise document
  - Reduce
  - Clarify
  - One source

# Three Parts

- I – Authority Statement

- II – Legal Requirements
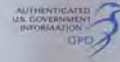
- III - Regulations

# Part I: Authority Statement

- Laws applicable to the U.S. Depository Library Program are found in Chapter 19 of Title 44 of the United States Code. Sections 1901-1916 set forth the parameters of the program.
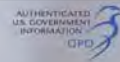
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# Authority Statement

- Under **44 U.S.C. §1909** the Superintendent of Documents is charged to uphold U.S. Depository Library Program laws.
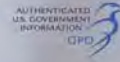
## Authority Statement

- These duties include the requirements to:
  - investigate depository library conditions
  - ascertain whether a library is compliant
  - make recommendations
  - if necessary, to terminate noncompliant libraries from the Depository Library Program.
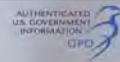
## Part II: Legal Requirements

- Must be read in conjunction with the FDLP Regulations

- Selective and Regional Depositories
  - What's applicable to both

**Legal Requirements**

- Selective Depositories Served by a Regional
- Selective Depositories not served by a Regional
- Regional Depositories



**Legal Requirements**

- Depository Libraries with Executive Departments, Service Academies, and Independent Agencies

- Highest State Appellate Court Libraries

# Part III: Regulations

- Lists the most current regulations of the Superintendent of Documents
- Condensed and succinct
- Organized by topic
- Applicable to the designated depository and selective housing sites

# Regulations

- Basics – overarching responsibilities
- Collection development
- Bibliographic control
- Physical facilities and maintenance of the collection
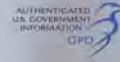
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## Regulations

- Staffing
- Public service
- Cooperative efforts –
  activities that libraries undertake to participate effectively with GPO and other depositories in the FDLP
- Specialized regulations applicable only to regional depository libraries and highest state appellate court libraries

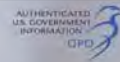GPO U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
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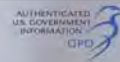


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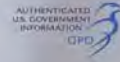*Free Information, Dedicated Service, Limitless Possibilities*

## Regulations

Two new regulations

NEW ITEM #13: Cataloging of current tangible receipts

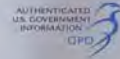NEW ITEM #38: Identifying your library's depository status virtually

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## Free, public access

Keep the following in mind regarding **free, public access**:

- Access involves making Federal depository resources in all formats available and usable for all library patrons regardless of library affiliation, disability, age, or other patron status.

- Any member of the general public may use depository resources in all formats at a Federal depository library free of charge and without impediments.

- Public access involves bibliographic, physical building, tangible collection, onsite computer, and Internet access.
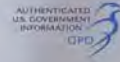
## Comparability

Keep the following in mind regarding **comparability**:

- Depository services and assistance for the library's depository information resources must be of the same quality or comparable to that for other library collections and services.
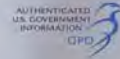
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## Questions?

- Guidance providing additional explanatory information will be on the FDLP Desktop and is forthcoming.
- ***Anytime*** though, please ask us questions about the requirements or regulations in general or as they apply to your library.
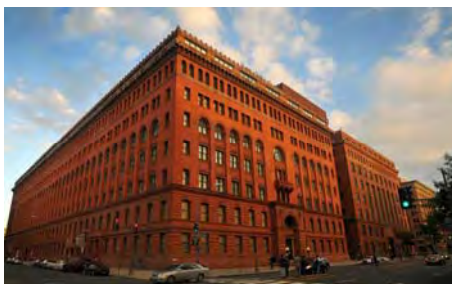
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