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DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL MEETING & FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA OCTOBER 2011

GPO's 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) began operation on March 4, 1861, in buildings purchased by Congress on the same corner of North Capitol and H Sts. NW in Washington, DC that we still occupy today. GPO began the celebration of its 150th anniversary with an open house for employees in the Public Printer's office on March 4, 2011. The open house was an opportunity for employees to meet the Public Printer, William J. Boorman, and to see a newly installed selection of over 30 historical photographs in honor of the anniversary.

The celebration continued on June 15 and 21, with the opening of GPO's special anniversary exhibit, "Keeping America Informed: 150 Years of Service to the Nation" in newly renovated space in the main buildings. The exhibit features a broad selection of publications, objects, and photographs which tell the story of what GPO does, who the people are, and how the job gets done. A first printing of the first issue of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation is featured, on loan from the Stern Collection of Lincloniana in the Rare Books and Special Collections Division of the Library of Congress (LC). Eleven depository libraries nationwide lent publications for the display.

The exhibit is currently open to the public Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and will run through December 2011. Those attending the Depository Library Council Meeting & Federal Depository Library Conference (Meeting & Conference) are invited to a special viewing of the exhibit and reception on Monday, October 17, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at GPO.

Concurrent with the opening of the exhibit, GPO's new official history, *Keeping America Informed: The United States Government Printing Office 1861-2011: 150 Years of Service to the Nation* was published. The book updates and expands GPO's previous official history which was published for the 1961 centennial. It features a new narrative text and a wealth of historic photographs from GPO's collection, many published for the first time. The book is available in depository libraries nationwide, and can be purchased from GPO's bookstore in Washington, DC and online at <<http://bookstore.gpo.gov>>.

GPO is sponsoring a special project with the Corcoran College of Art + Design. Students in Corcoran's Master of Arts in the Art and the Book Program will be working with a collection of historic wood display type to print original works on paper that will be unveiled in November at a special event at the Corcoran.

GPO's anniversary observances are being coordinated by Agency Historian, George Barnum. He can be contacted for more information at gbarnum@gpo.gov.

FDLP CONNECTION

In August, LSCM launched the first issue of *FDLP Connection*, a newsletter that highlights the goals, achievements, activities, and stories throughout the FDLP community.

Designed to instruct, inspire, and educate, this monthly Web-based newsletter features:

- Columns from the Superintendent of Documents and the Depository Library Council Chair
- Information on the organizations and staff within GPO that work behind the scenes to produce, protect, preserve, and distribute documents of our democracy
- Insights from GPO staff, depository librarians, Federal agencies, and other FDL community members as they share their knowledge and expertise
- Spotlights on depositories and partnerships that are making a difference to provide free public access to and long-term preservation of Federal Government information
- Updates on GPO projects related to the FDLP
- Tidbits and tips about the FDLP and how to promote services to local communities

Sign-up to receive future issues of *FDLP Connection* via email, and view all previous issues on the FDLP Desktop at <<http://www.fdlp.gov/home/fdlpnews/newletters/archive/listid-2-connect>>.

Help make FDLP Connection a success by contributing content and submitting suggestions for how we can improve the service; use askGPO and choose Federal Depository Libraries as the category and FDLP Connection as the subcategory. A form will soon be available on the FDLP Desktop to submit feedback, suggestions, and content submissions.

GPO'S FEDERAL DIGITAL SYSTEM (FDSYS)

FDsys has been GPO's system of record for online Federal Government information since December 2010. Efforts are underway for the eventual shut-down of GPO Access. The information on GPO Access will soon no longer be updated, but will remain accessible to the public as a reference archive. This will represent the "archive phase" of the GPO Access shut-down. After that archive period, GPO Access will shut-down entirely.

There is no set date yet for the complete shutdown of GPO Access. In order to make the shutdown seamless for users, GPO is working on creating one-to-one redirects from GPO Access content to FDsys. This will ensure that bookmarks, Web links, URLs in print publications, and other GPO Access references point to valid Web resources. In the meantime, Webmasters are encouraged to make their own transition from GPO Access to FDsys on their Web sites by modifying their links from GPO Access to FDsys.

Concurrently GPO has focused FDsys efforts towards increasing the amount of content managed and preserved within FDsys which includes at-risk, born digital content and increasing the ways content within FDsys can be used and reused. GPO has had successes with both goals.

Increasing the amount of content managed and preserved within FDsys:

- The Coastal Zone Information Center (CZIC) collection was added to FDsys through a partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center. This collection provides digital access to more than 5,000 coastal related documents and nearly 30 years of data and information GPO received from the NOAA Central Library.

- Digitized *Statutes at Large* - 1981-2002 were successfully ingested and published on FDsys through a partnership with LC. Total coverage for *Statutes at Large* on FDsys is 1951-2007.
- In partnership with the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the United States Courts Opinions collection is available on FDsys as a public beta. This pilot was entered into at the request of the Judicial Conference to increase public access to select opinions of the United States appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts. Collection holdings date from April 2004 and are authenticated with digital signatures. Initial testing is being conducted with content from three courts. This will increase to twelve courts and after testing this number will increase to more than 30 courts. This collection represents new content within the scope of the FDLP. Please join us on Tuesday, October 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., for a demonstration of the collection and to provide feedback.

Increasing the ways the content within FDsys can be used and reused:

- Excel spreadsheets were added to the Economic Indicators collection.
- The Government Manual collection was updated to be able to accept XML data.
- The Public Papers of the Presidents collection was updated to be able to accept XML data. The XML data is also available through Data.gov.
- Beginning with the 112th Congress, the Constitutional Authority Statements (CAS) printed in the Congressional Record were made available in FDsys as individual documents. This enables users to perform a search on and then link directly to the individual document CAS in HTML and PDF formats.

CATALOGING RECORD DISTRIBUTION PROJECT (CRDP)

In October 2009, GPO announced the launch of a one-year pilot project to address the need for the distribution of cataloging records, produced by GPO, to libraries in the FDLP. The pilot project tested the MARC21 record distribution workflows from GPO's Integrated Library System (ILS), matching with library profile information and finally disseminating bibliographic records to pilot libraries for inclusion in their local online public access catalogs. GPO contracted with MARCIVE, Inc. using MARCIVE's existing MARC record distribution infrastructure to deliver cataloging records to 48 participating depository libraries.

Based on the success of the pilot, GPO implemented a one-year expansion of the cataloging record distribution process, successfully delivering records to 75 participating libraries throughout FY2011. A continuation of this service began on October 1, 2011 and is slated to end on September 31, 2012. Over 70 libraries are participating in the project. GPO is taking lessons learned from this project to assess long-term solutions for bibliographic record distribution. For more information on the project, visit the FDLP Desktop where you can find a full project description, list of participating libraries, and a summary of the former pilot project.

RDA STANDARDS PROJECT (RDA)

All staff members in Library Technical Information Services have been making preparations for the implementation of *Resource Description and Access* (RDA) since early spring 2011. The cataloging team has been training in RDA via reading, webinars, tests, and training records since February 2011. The ILS interface has been updated to reflect labels for the new RDA MARC fields (336, 337, 338). Several RDA records have been created in the ILS and are available for the public to view; the Aleph system numbers for these records are 000818552 (OCLC # 728302331) and 000822999 (OCLC # 728234001). A GPO Cataloging Policy on RDA capitalization rules has been prepared and released on the FDLP Desktop.

GPO continues to monitor the discussion of the Joint Steering Committee for the Development of RDA. RDA is based on Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) and was released in 2010. It has undergone testing at the LC, the National Library of Medicine, the National Agricultural Library, and at RDA National Test Partner Libraries. In July 2011 the test partner libraries concluded that they will delay implementation of RDA until January 2013, pending some improvements the JSC and partner libraries need to make to the RDA documentation and the RDA Toolkit. Currently, GPO is considering an implementation date in the late spring of 2012.

The FDLP RDA Announcement with major policy documentation appended can be found at <http://www.fdlp.gov/component/content/article/184/918-rdaimplications>.

PRE-1976 SHEFLIST CONVERSION PROJECT

Shelflist Transcription

Progress continues with the transcription of the historic Shelflist. In April, GPO began transcribing serial cards, and Integrating Resource cards transcription was started in July. As serial and integrating resource titles are being transcribed, the staff are creating item records for the individual issues. As of September 27, there were 108,360 Shelflist records available through the *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* (CGP). The contract is expected to conclude at the end of December 2011.

Shelflist Digitization

As part of its records management requirement, GPO has been planning for the eventual transfer of the tangible Shelflist to the National Archives and Records Administration for long-term preservation and archiving. Digitization of the Shelflist enables GPO to maintain a copy of the cards for any future internal processing needs. GPO contracted out the scanning and digitization of the cards, and the contract was awarded in January 2011. Digitization of the cards continues. As of October 1, nearly two thirds of the drawers have been digitized.

INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM (ILS)

MetaLib is a federated search tool component of the CGP which is used to retrieve reports, articles, and citations by simultaneously searching across multiple databases. FDsys was configured, as a MetaLib target, to enable the simultaneous searching of FDsys and CGP through a predefined search set, "GPO Resources", in MetaLib.

The following are ILS enhancements:

- Aleph software: applied a minor service pack for the implementation of fields for the new cataloging standard that is coming: Resource Description and Access (RDA). The new MARC fields 336 (content type), 337 (media type) and 338 (carrier type) display in the OPAC MARC display and 338 displays in the OPAC as "Format".
- Historic Shelflist records: continued to make publicly viewable Historic Shelflist records: over 100,000 unsuppressed in 2011.
- New Electronic Titles: In 2011, we added the new fields OCLC number, GPO System Number and New GPO Cataloged Date to the .csv format of the New Electronic Titles static monthly reports.

LEGACY SYSTEMS MIGRATION

Progress continues related to the migration of several legacy systems that have functionality that is essential for meeting the needs of depository libraries. These are systems that are not part of GPO's current FDsys implementation plan. The migration and modernization of these legacy

systems is essential to GPO's growth and efficiency in service to Federal depository libraries and the public.

Library Information System Transformation (LIST)

The LIST project is well underway to migrate DDIS, Item Lister, and Amendment to Item Selection to a modern platform. LSCM is working closely with GPO's IT department and the contractor to complete the development and implement the new system. A successful demonstration of preliminary development was conducted in July, and an additional demonstration will be conducted in October. The project is on track to move into the implementation stage later this year, targeting a launch in early 2012.

Disposition of Depository Materials

Development continues on a new tool to make the disposition of materials in Federal depository libraries more effective and efficient. GPO is working closely with the contractor to test the tool during development, and beta testing is targeted for November.

FDLP & FDSYS PROMOTION

LSCM recently launched a suite of five new informational brochures: Easy as FDL: Federal Depository Libraries, FDSys: GPO's Federal Digital System, Research Federal Rulemaking in FDSys, Search the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications, and Tracking Federal Legislation in FDSys. For the first time, depositories can order these brochures for free or download high-resolution PDF versions for printing at

<http://www.fdlp.gov/outreach/promotionalresources/promomaterials?page=shop.browse&category_id=1>.

As GPO Access transitions and is shut down, Federal depository libraries are asked to assist in promoting/using FDSys and to discontinue promoting/using GPO Access.

In the past, brochures and other literature has been distributed, or available for order, that promote GPO Access; these flyers are now outdated. These include:

- Authenticated Federal Government Documents
- Explore Federal Rules and Regulations Using GPO Access
- Research Each Step in the Lawmaking Process Using GPO Access
- U.S. Government Bookstore

GPO is also requesting that all libraries update your Web site references from GPO Access to FDSys. This includes all logos and links that are currently directing users to the GPO Access Web site. If you do not currently link to FDSys on your Web site, GPO is asking you to please consider doing so. Web administrators can visit <<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsysinfo/logo.htm>> to acquire FDSys logos. When linking to FDSys on your library's Web site, please direct users to <<http://www.fdsys.gov>>.

On Tuesday, October 18 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., all attendees are encouraged to attend, "Shout it from the Rooftops & Laptops: A Focus Group on the Future of Marketing the FDLP." In this lunchtime focus group, attendees will discuss the current state, challenges, opportunities, and future of marketing the FDLP. Led by GPO staff, the discussion will also center around working together to develop useful and cost-effective tools to promote the FDLP to the broadest audience possible. This brown-bag session is open to all; attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch and enjoy an open and collaborative discussion.

DOCUMENT DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Publications that may be in scope of the FDLP but not yet cataloged and disseminated through the FDLP have traditionally been known as “fugitive documents” or “Lost Docs.” In recent years, GPO revitalized the program that aims to identify these publications and bring them into the FDLP, now known as the Document Discovery Program.

- FDLP librarians are submitting more and more Document Discovery requests through askGPO, enabling GPO to more easily track the progress of such requests. These requests receive priority routing and monitoring. AskGPO questions about Document Discovery are being handled expeditiously, as they come in. GPO appreciates the cooperation from FDLP librarians submitting their Document Discovery requests through askGPO.
- A flyer was designed for outreach visits and presentations to Federal agencies, our source for Federal publications. In addition, a new agency Web page and form on GPO’s Web site guides agency staff and encourages them to cooperate with GPO. These tools were designed to help Content Acquisitions make informed decisions about Federal publications regarding the content, its various formats, and its appropriateness for GPO programs. They are not designed for use by FDLP librarians, but specifically for agencies. FDLP librarians who have agency contacts can help Content Acquisitions by directing their agency contacts to the page <<http://www.gpo.gov/libraries/agencies>> or requesting flyers to distribute to Federal agency staff.

HARVESTING PILOT

GPO has formed a Web Harvesting Task Force to assess the implementation of a Heritrix based Web harvesting program to expand GPO's capability to harvest and provide access to Federal agency Web content. The program aim is to electronically capture Federal agency information created directly on the Web or changes made to Web content.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS & PROGRAM REGULATIONS

This summer, GPO released the *Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program*, which provides member libraries with one resource to consult for the current legal and program obligations of libraries in the FDLP.

This publication supersedes the FDLP Handbook (2008) and the Federal Depository Library Requirements (2009). The publication was distributed to Federal depository libraries in paper format under **PURL**: <<http://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo9182>>.

Learn more at <<http://www.fdlp.gov/administration/fdlp-legal-requirements>>.

PUBLIC ACCESS ASSESSMENTS (PAA)

A Public Access Assessment (PAA) is a review by GPO staff of an individual library’s Federal depository operations and services. GPO has the responsibility, pursuant to 44 USC 19, to ensure that the resources it distributes to Federal depository libraries are made accessible to the general public and that participating libraries comply with the *Legal Requirements and Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program*.

The review is intended to be supportive of each individual depository library and involves sharing best practices and recognition of notable achievements that will help each library continue to enhance its operations and services. If needed, GPO advises how to reach greater compliance.

The PAA is organized according to the same categories found in *Legal Requirements and Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program*. These are:

- Basics (overarching responsibilities)
- Collection Development
- Bibliographic Control
- Physical Facilities and Maintenance of the Collection
- Staffing
- Public Service
- Cooperative Efforts

A typical PAA starts with an Initial Review conference call between a library's Federal depository coordinator or staff and a GPO Outreach Librarian. Initial Reviews are currently taking place or will occur soon in these states:

- Colorado
- Mississippi (remaining PAAs)
- Nebraska (remaining PAAs)
- New Jersey
- New York
- Maine
- Vermont

Consultation between each depository library and GPO staff benefits the FDLP.

FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY USER SURVEY

The individual library reports conveying the results of the Depository Library User Survey are now available for printing/downloading. The survey was conducted from October 18, 2010 through March 4, 2011 and responses were received for about 45% of the Federal depository libraries.

The reports contain charts that compare the library's results with the aggregated results for its state or territory, library sector, and for all libraries. Any comments made by users also will be included. Though not all depository libraries had users who participated in the survey, all libraries have a report available to them. If your library had no respondents, the report will convey aggregated results for your state or territory and for all libraries.

See the article on the FDLP Desktop <<http://www.fdlp.gov/component/content/article/19-general/1093-lib-reports-depository-user-survey>> for more information about these reports and instructions for downloading them.

The final report for the Federal depository library user survey, *FDLP Users Speak: The Value and Performance of Libraries Participating in the Federal Depository Library Program*, was released August 24, 2011 and also is available from the FDLP Desktop at <http://www.fdlp.gov/home/repository/doc_download/2021-fdlp-users-speak-the-value-and-performance-of-libraries-participating-in-the-fdlp>.

PARTNERSHIPS

Collaboration with Library of Congress (LC)

GPO has undertaken some very exciting partnerships recently with LC. We received approval from the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) to collaborate on three important projects. Two of the projects involve the digitization of some of our nation's most important legal and legislative documents, and the other project will provide enhanced public online access to the *Constitution of the United States: Analysis and Interpretation* (CONAN).

The first digitization project was the official *Statutes at Large* from 1951-2002. Volumes 65 – 115 of the *Statutes at Large* were digitized by LC and transferred to GPO where metadata was created and the files were digitally authenticated and released on FDsys this past June. LC has just begun to digitize the permanent volumes of the *Congressional Record* from 1873-1998.

The third project will provide enhanced public online access to CONAN, a Senate Document that analyzes Supreme Court cases relevant to the Constitution. The project involves creating an enhanced version of CONAN, where updates to the publication will be made available in FDsys as soon as they are prepared. In addition to more timely access to these updates, new online features will also be available, including greater ease of searching and authentication. This project is a collaboration with the LC's Congressional Research Service (CRS), and is expected to launch in early 2013. This will coincide with the centennial anniversary edition of the printed CONAN.

Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER): Access and Education Program

Working in collaboration the FDLP, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC), and the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) established an education program that will result in more proficient public users of PACER. It also will result in greater awareness of and access to the service as well as provide new content for the FDLP. The Program will be open to Federal depository libraries, public libraries, and public law libraries. Libraries participating in PACER: Access and Education Program will be exempt from the first \$50 of quarterly usage charges.

Building on activities already performed in libraries, Program participants will develop training materials and conduct training sessions. Materials will be housed in a centralized location on the FDLP Desktop <<http://www.fdlp.gov/help/tutorials/pacered>> and be available for all to use and to adapt to meet local needs.

GPO, the AOUSC, and AALL thank the Law Library of Congress and the San Bernardino County Law Library for beta testing procedures and developing training materials. We are now ready to open up the Program to fifty more depository libraries. Priority will be given to those libraries that participated in the PACER pilot of 2007/2008. If you are interested in learning more about PACER or becoming a Program participant, you will not want to miss the session on Tuesday, October 18 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Additional Partnership Updates include:

- GPO continues to process bibliographic records for the U.S. Forest Service that are submitted by the University of Montana. As of September 27, 2011, there are 50 records available through the CGP.
- GPO signed a partnership with the Department of Labor and NTIS in June for permanent public access to the Davis Bacon wage determination on the Wage Determinations Online (WDOL) Web site <<http://www.wdol.gov>>, which is the official FAR-mandated site that contains both current and archived wage determinations.
- GPO signed a partnership with the University of Iowa Libraries for permanent public access to their collection of digitized Federal posters which date from before World War II through the 1990's.

- GPO renewed the partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago for the Government Information Online: Ask a Librarian service. The participating depository libraries provide email and chat reference service for questions about government information. For more information, on the service please visit <<http://www.govinfo.org>>.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Since this year's DLC Spring Meeting, LSCM staff members have been participating in various outreach activities to and with the FDLP community. Below are some highlights:

- **May 11-13, 2011**, Ex Libris Users of North America (ELUNA) 2010 meeting – *Milwaukee, WI*
- **May 16-19, 2011**, Archiving 2011 – *Salt Lake City, UT*
- **May 12-13, 2011**, JPEG 2000 summit at the LC – *Washington, DC*
- **May 17, 2011**, FLICC Forum 2011: The Business of Federal Libraries: Connecting Knowledge to Future Patrons
- **May 25, 2011**, Sharing a Federal Print Repository at the LC – *Washington, DC*
- **May 26, 2011**, Advisory Committee to the Congressional Internet Caucus State of the Mobile Net Conference - *Washington, DC*
- **May 26, 2011**, Federal Legislative History Research Using Library Resources – DOI – *Washington, DC*
- **June 1, 2011**, Vivisimo Federal Day Conference - *Washington, DC*
- **June 2-5, 2011**, North American Serials Interest Group, Inc (NASIG) - *St. Louis, MO*
- **June 7, 2011**, End of Term harvesting partnership meeting at LC – *Washington, DC*
- **June 10, 2011**, FADGI file format subgroup meeting at LC – *Washington, DC*
- **June 12-15, 2011**, Special Library Association (SLA) Conference– *Philadelphia, PA*
- **June 14, 2011**, Institute of International Education, Visit of Russian librarians to GPO – *Washington, DC (held at GPO)*
- **June 15, 2011**, World Learning International Visitor Leadership Program project titled, “American Libraries” Visit of International Librarians to GPO – *Washington, DC (held at GPO)*
- **June 16-17, 2011**, Cartographers Users Advisory Council (CUAC) – USGS Headquarters, *Reston, VA*
- **June 23-29, 2011**, American Library Association (ALA) Conference – *New Orleans, LA*
- **July 12, 2011**, Still Image Working Group - LC, (Copyright Office) *Washington, DC*
- **July 14, 2011**, Transatlantic Roundtable on Privacy & Intellectual Property, Facilitated by Congressional Internet Caucus – *Washington, DC*
- **July 23-26, 2011**, American Assoc of Law Libraries (AALL) – *Philadelphia, PA*
- **August 16, 2011**, Federal Librarians Networking Symposium – *LC Washington, DC*
- **August 17, 2011**, Using ProQuest – Congressional Digital Suite to Research Legislative History – *LC Washington, DC*
- **September 12, 2011**, FLICC/Fedlink Working Groups Planning meeting - *LC Washington, DC*
- **September 14, 2011**, FDsys Demo at SLA DC Chapter & DGI Division joint meeting (37 registrants)– *Lexis/Nexis lab facilities Washington, DC*
- **September 19, 2011**, Towson University joins FDLP
- **September 22, 2011**, Cloud-Enabled Government Conference & Expo Hosted by: Digital Government Institute - *Washington, DC*

TRAINING INITIATIVES

FDsys Training

Part of LSCM's efforts to educate the public on the use of FDsys is the creation of a formal FDsys Training Plan. The plan included the creation of a formal FDsys curriculum, which is now complete. The curriculum is comprised of detailed scripts for planned recorded video modules, step-by-step talking points and instructions for educators, presentation material for each session, and a user manual to bring it all together. The curriculum includes the following:

- Introduction to FDsys
- Background of FDsys
- Basic Searching in FDsys
- Advanced Searching in FDsys
- Browsing Government Publications in FDsys
- Retrieving by Citation in FDsys
- Tracking Legislation using FDsys (including 7 sub-parts)
- Tracking Regulations using FDsys (including 4 sub-parts)
- Help using FDsys
- Tips & Tricks using FDsys (including 15 sub-parts)

Beginning in November, GPO will offer free monthly training courses in Washington, DC via The Institute at GPO. Anyone can register for these courses at http://www.gpo.gov/customers/institute_schedule.htm. Additionally, LSCM will be offering GPO staff monthly training on FDsys, and Congressional training is planned for the near future.

Virtual Training Tools

This summer, LSCM staff began planning for the procurement of virtual training tools and for developing recorded video modules. The virtual training tools will be used to implement virtual FDsys training, replace LSCM's past use of Online Programming for all Libraries (OPAL), and offer dynamic resources to assist the depository community in sharing their expertise.

As of August 2011, OPAL is no longer available for GPO's use; therefore all *Chat with GPO* sessions are on hold until the new tool is procured. Past *Chat with GPO* sessions, along with all other past OPAL sessions, remain available in the OPAL archive at <http://www.opal-online.org/archivegpo.htm>.

LSCM recently posted questions about online training tools and learning software applications on the FDLP Community site. The community posted comments about how content is created and delivered, favorite features, and references to other online training informational resources. The information gained from the FDLP community was used to develop a document that identifies requirements for a system to be used for depository library training and to manage training materials and activities. The next step is to procure software that meets those requirements. Stay tuned for updates via the FDLP Desktop and FDLP-L.

WEB ENHANCEMENTS

FDLP Desktop

Creating a site that meets the evolving needs of the depository community is the paramount concern driving the enhancement and redesign of the FDLP Desktop. Attendees of the spring Depository Library Council Meeting were treated to a glimpse of the proposed template design; meanwhile, the draft homepage and subpages have been shared for comment on the FDLP Community site.

Participate in the evolution of the FDLP Desktop by voicing your concerns and ideas while helping to drive the implementation of the relaunch. Bring your ideas related to areas such as the integration of Web services, creation of new services, ease of login access, the organization of content, and more. On Tuesday, October 18 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., come to the “Choose Your Own Adventure” session and discuss your ideas with GPO Web staff.

Ben’s Guide to U.S. Government

Attendees of the spring Depository Library Council Meeting were introduced to the redesigned Ben character that will be used on the redesigned Ben’s Guide to U.S. Government Web site. Since then, efforts have focused on the design of the Web interface.

Users will be able to explore Ben’s Guide as an Apprentice, Journeyman, or Master. The redesign of Ben’s Guide will remain true to the mission to educate children about the Federal Government and civics, but will also feature more in-depth explanations of the Federal Government that have been requested by adult users of the site.

Come see the proposed draft homepage and sample Master Web page during the Meeting & Conference. These posters will be displayed near the registration table. Attend the “Choose Your Own Adventure” session on Tuesday and share your thoughts on the proposed drafts.

FDLP Community

Efforts are currently focused on redesigns of the FDLP Desktop and Ben’s Guide to U.S. Government. Once the redesign of these sites is released, work will begin on the redevelopment and official release of the FDLP Community site. The FDLP Community is an exclusive social networking site for those interested in and involved with Federal information.

The site has great potential for collaboration and knowledge sharing among community members. Help us shape the features and functionality of the site by sharing your insights and ideas at the Tuesday session, “Choose Your Own Adventure”.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

As announced at the spring 2011 DLC Meeting in San Antonio, there will no longer be a spring Depository Library Council Meeting. This year’s fall Meeting & Conference was extended an additional day. Proceedings and documents from the Meeting & Conference will be made available on the FDLP Desktop.