

Hello! I am DeAnn Isenhower, and I am presenting a poster which represents research conducted between October 27, 2021, through March 20, 2022, on academic library websites whose libraries participate as a selective depository in the Federal Depository Library Program. Depository libraries have served the mission to keep America informed by providing access to print Government Documents since 1895. The increasing shift to electronic documents proves the need for FDLP libraries to provide access to electronic government documents through their websites while following the legal requirements as written in the 2018 *The Legal Requirements and Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program*. Accessibility was evaluated based on the library's provision of links to their online public access catalog and research guides.

On October 27, 2021, 541 selective FDLP Academic libraries were listed in the Federal Depository Library Directory and 140 academic library websites were evaluated due to time constraints.

Four research questions were asked and answered as you can see on the poster.

Research question one examined the websites in the study for identification with the FDLP with a pictorial Logo, written statement, or both. Seventeen percent of the library websites in the sample did not provide any form of identification as being a participant of the FDLP. It is recommended that the libraries include identification as stated in *The Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program*. The pictorial Logo is available from the FDLP free of charge and easily downloadable from fdlp.gov.

Research literature describes the importance of websites to display the OPAC on the homepage to increase accessibility to library material. This study searched for each library's OPAC on the homepage on the website and found 18% of the libraries in the sample did not provide access to their OPAC on their website. It is recommended that library websites add the OPAC to their websites.

To provide access to library materials through the OPAC, the items must be catalogued. The FDLP provides a free service called The Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP) (FDLP, 2022). The CRDP provides bibliographic catalog records created by the Government Publishing Office free of charge to FDLP libraries that use CRDP will enhance access to FDLP resources and enable legal compliance.

The study indicated that 16 % of the libraries in the study did not use research guides specific to government resources. The FDLP creates Libguides that are free to download and use in libraries at <https://libguides.fdlp.gov>. It is recommended that the 16% of libraries in the research sample of this study with no research Libguides download and use the FDLP Libguides.

By using the OPAC or the free downloadable FDLP Libguide the 8% of libraries that did not provide access to the Basic Collection could amend this situation.

The Federal Depository Library Directory, FDLFD, was the intended source of library website addresses. This study was slowed since not all the information was not correct and further research had to be conducted to find the correct website information. Twenty-nine out of the 140

had incorrect information published in the FDLI. It is recommended that libraries participating in the FDLI keep information current in the FDLI.

FDLI libraries providing access to GPO digital resources ensure patrons are informed of the United States Government Proceedings.

Thank you!

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