

What is the best use of GPO's Community Site:
Consultation with fellow FDLs?
Discovery of GPO Pilot Projects?
Training?

Depository Library Council
Public Libraries Interest Group:
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Real title of this session:
GPO Community: Get connected; Stay Connected

- Explicit message today is: Get connected via the GPO Community site
- Implicit message is: Stay connected to your colleagues *and* to the FDL Program.
- Are public libraries alone interested in this? No, every FDL will find value in GPO Community.
- Later, we'll draw attention to public libraries whose efforts landed them in the Monthly Spotlight/FDL of the Year.

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- Checking GPO Community can round out the results you get from other forums
 - Other forums include Govdoc-L, Free Government Information, Twitter, etc.
 - Cross references to and from each forum abound
 - Where did GPO announce the debut of GPO Community in August 2008? On FGI! [Ric Davis, then Superintendent of Documents, did so as FGI guest blogger.](#)
 - The interdependence of the forums allows the prominence (notoriety?) of certain topics to emerge.

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- Two important distinctions of GPO Community:
 - First, GPO's contributions to discussions are distinctly labeled and are only found under the heading "[GPO Discussion.](#)"
 - Second, this is the only forum where first-hand discussion of GPO's pilot projects occurs, e.g. Catalog Record Distribution, Historic Shelflist, etc.

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- GPO Community tracks how often a post is read. Readers may assign some meaning – or no meaning - to highly read posts.
- GPO Community also easily allows readers to follow a thread, and see related ones.
- GPO Community will rarely be THE source for up-to-the-minute news. Its contents are more of an abiding nature, that linger rather than lead.

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- Noteworthy efforts that could benefit others are great to share on GPO Community site:
 - Individual effort of [Benton Harbor \(MI\) Public Library](#)
 - Led to [handout](#) providing local meaning to national statistics.
 - Group efforts of [Johnson County \(KS\) Library](#), which Donna Lauffer will cover
 - Led to [Gov Doc Kids Group](#)

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Questions? Concerns? Comments?

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