



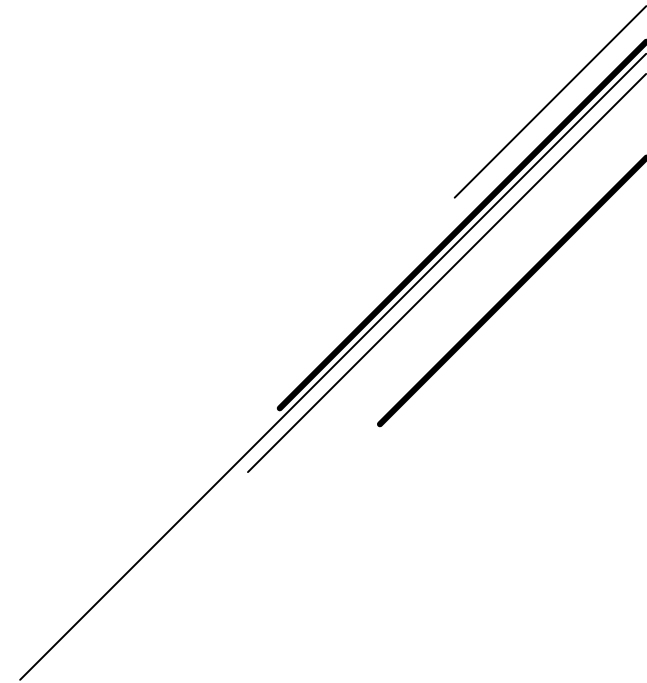
CONTINUING TO SAY “YES” TO FDLP

Professor Billie Jo Kaufman

Mercer University Law Library

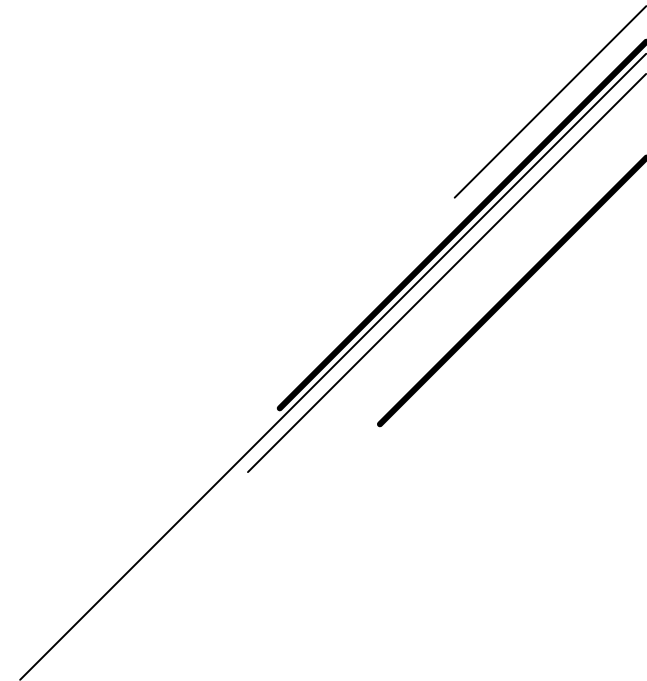
- ▶ Mercer's Law Library has been a depository for nearly 44 years
- ▶ Mercer School of Law is a small, private law school in Macon, GA (1 ½+ hours to the Atlanta area).
- ▶ There are five (5) law schools in the state of Georgia – University of Georgia (Athens), Georgia State University (Atlanta), Emory School of Law (Atlanta) and John Marshall Law School (Atlanta).
- ▶ All but John Marshall are FDLP members
- ▶ The selection % has decreased over the last ten years by 15%

HISTORY



- ▶ Accreditation Standards – American Bar Association
- ▶ [Chapter 6 - 2022-2023 ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools Chapter 6 \(americanbar.org\)](#)

LAW SCHOOL LIBRARIES



(c) In addition to the core collection of essential materials, a law library shall also provide a collection that, through ownership or reliable access,

(1) meets the research needs of the law school's students, satisfies the demands of the law school curriculum, and facilitates the education of its students;

(2) supports the teaching, scholarship, research, and service interests of the faculty;

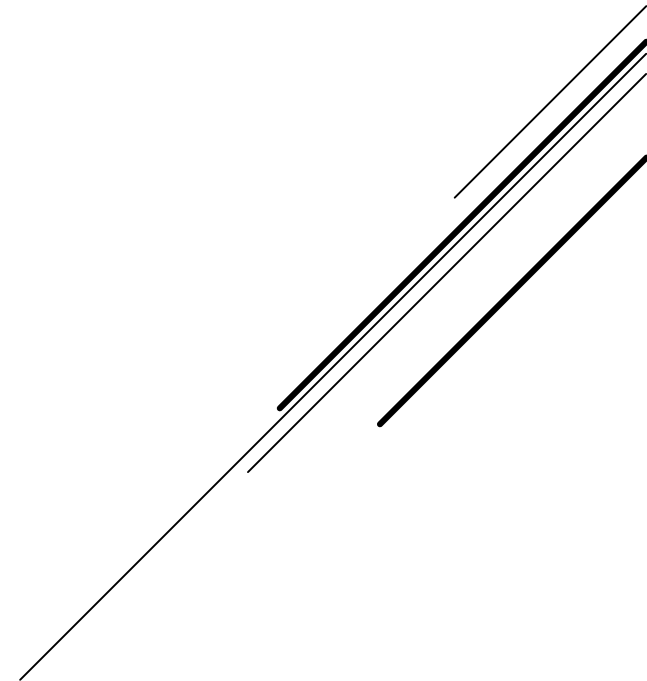
(3) serves the law school's special teaching, scholarship, research, and service objectives; and

(4) is complete, current, and in sufficient quantity or with sufficient continuing access to meet faculty and student needs.

(d) The law library shall formulate and periodically update a written plan for development of the collection.

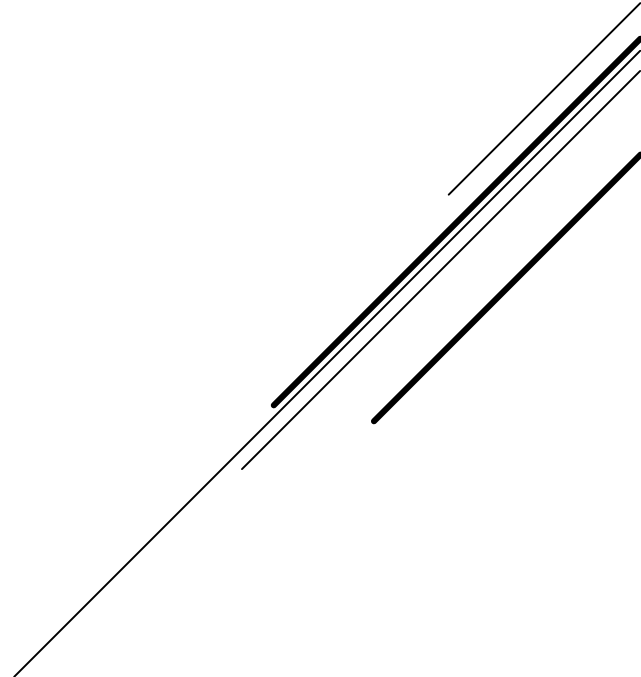
(e) The law library shall provide suitable space and adequate equipment to access and use all information in whatever formats are represented in the collection

LAW SCHOOL LIBRARIES - CONTINUED



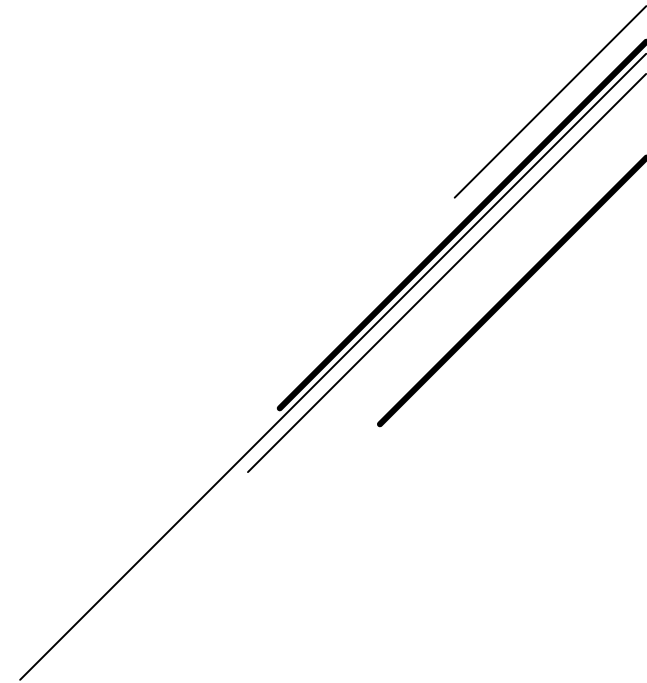
- ▶ Significant piece of law libraries' collection are primary/federal documents
- ▶ Receive the “same” documents in Westlaw Edge, Bloomberg, Lexis+ & Proquest Congressional & Legislative Insight + free and low-cost sites and databases
- ▶ Print & Electronic FDLP

COLLECTIONS



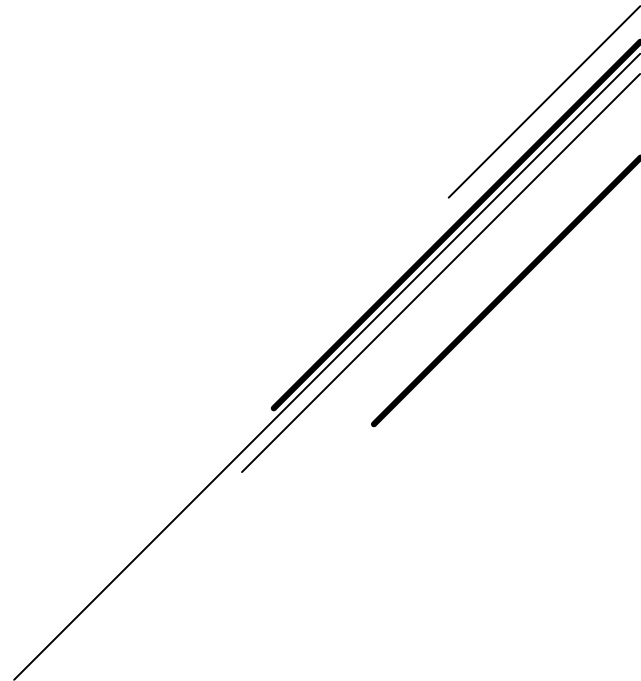
- ▶ Personnel
- ▶ Processing/Cataloging
- ▶ Purchasing of records when necessary
- ▶ Shelf processing of print
- ▶ Duplicative and/or triplicate pieces

COSTS



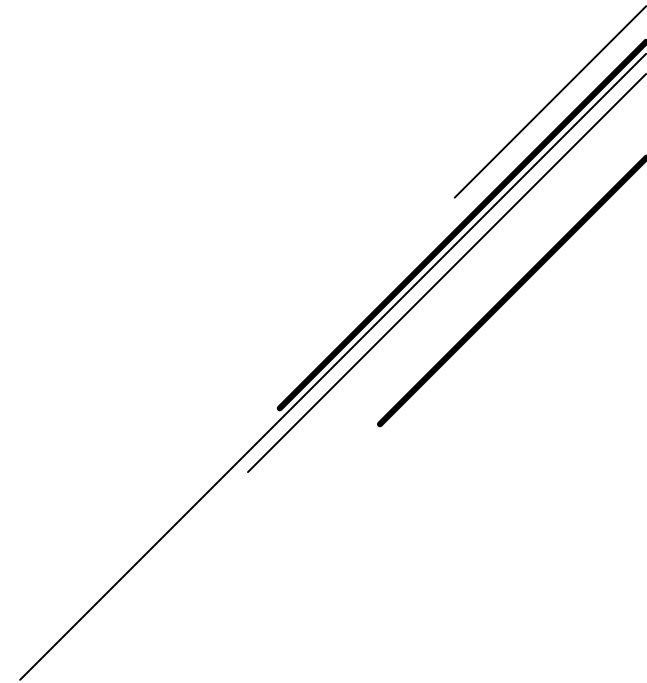
- ▶ Value of the official document – print or electronic
- ▶ Accessibility to the public – Access2Justice Mission
- ▶ Will the databases ALWAYS have – yes, but....
- ▶ What if we have to cancel a database – what do we still own?
Or Not?

RUNNING THE #'S & \$'S



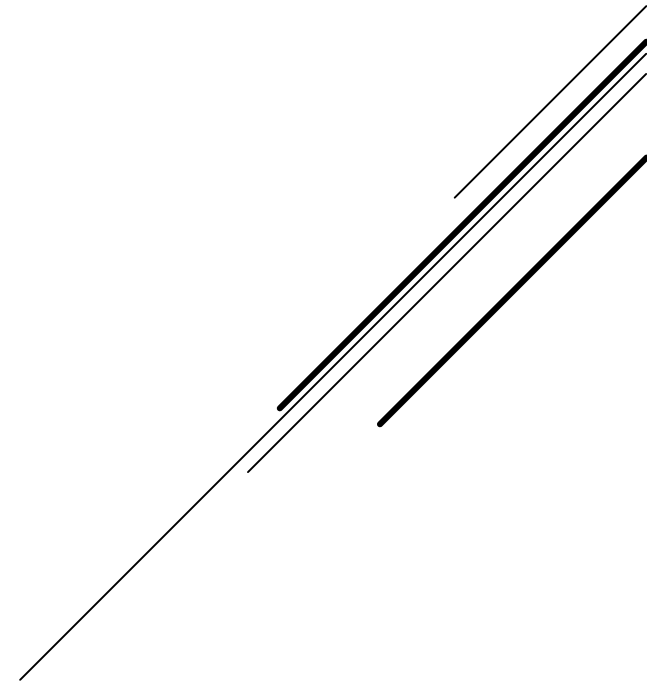
- ▶ WE (Mercer Law Library) agreed the budget piece was neutral
- ▶ WE (Mercer Law Library) continue to say YES

DID THE WORK



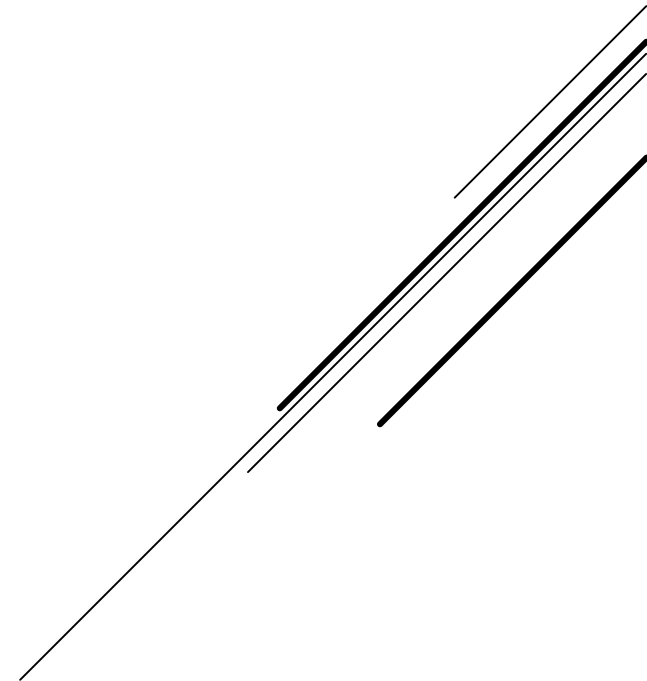
- ▶ Do the same process
- ▶ Do it regularly – things change
- ▶ Survey and monitor the use and usage
- ▶ Short/Long Term Thinking

WHAT SHOULD “YOU” DO?



- Impact on Access
 - [April 2022 Progress Report](#)
 - [May 2022 Progress Report](#)
- Impact on Depository Libraries
 - [April 2022 Progress Report](#)
 - [May 2022 Progress Report](#)
- Impact on Federal Agencies
 - [April 2022 Progress Report](#)
 - [May 2022 Progress Report](#)
- Impact on GPO and Library Services & Content Management
 - [April 2022 Progress Report](#)
 - [May 2022 Progress Report](#)
- Title 44, Legislative and Policy Issues
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- Implementation and Strategic Framework
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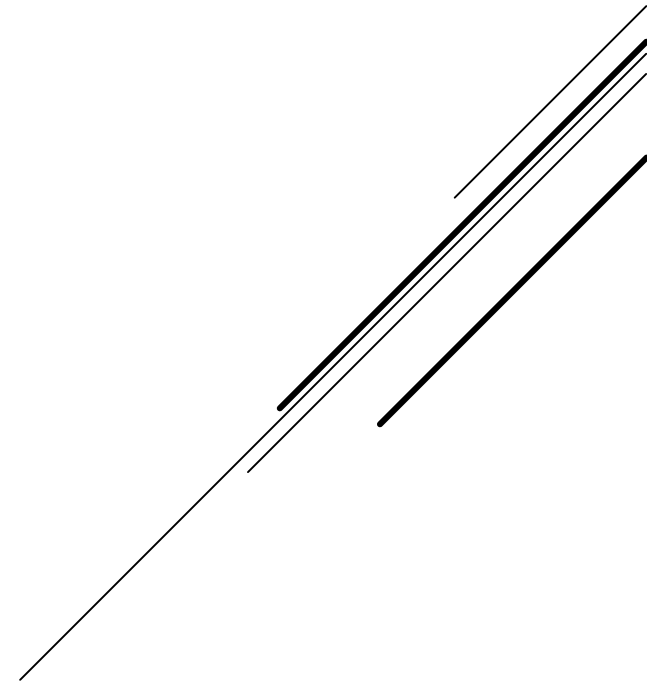
FDLP TASK FORCE – ALL DIGITAL FDLP COLLECTION





Federal Depository Library Program

FDLP IS COOL – KEEP SAYING “YES”



QUESTIONS?

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