



LIBRARY SERVICES & CONTENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Fall 2022

The following highlights accomplishments and updates from the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO's) Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) business unit in FY 2022.

LSCM Welcomes New Superintendent of Documents

The U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO) Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern named Scott Matheson as the new Superintendent of Documents in September 2022. As Superintendent of Documents, Matheson leads GPO in providing public access to Government information published by the U.S. Congress, Federal agencies, and the Federal courts. Matheson will also focus on modernizing the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) in cooperation with Congress and GPO's library partners. He also oversees GPO's Publication and Information Sales unit and GPO's distribution facilities in Colorado and Maryland. Matheson joined GPO in early October 2022.

- [GPO Press Release announcing the appointment](#)

National Collection Strategic Plan

The Superintendent of Documents released the, "National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information: Strategic Plan for FY 2023 – FY 2027," on September 6, 2022. The focus of this strategic plan is building and curating the National Collection thereby ensuring the public's right to free, equitable, and convenient access to past and present public Government information resources. Additional focus is given to transforming the Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) business unit into a primarily digital content and services organization. Comments were received on the draft National Collection Strategic Plan from the depository library community, the

Depository Library Council (DLC), and LSCM staff. The comments resulted in revisions to the plan.

- [National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information Strategic Plan for FY 2023 — FY 2027](#)
- [Report on Public Comments Received: Draft National Collection Strategic Plan for FY 2023 – FY 2027](#)

Task Force on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program

To contribute to the continued evolution of the FDLP, in FY 2021, in response to a recommendation of the DLC, GPO Director Hugh Halpern established a Task Force to study the feasibility of an all-digital FDLP. The 23-member Task Force has representation from the DLC, depository libraries of different types and sizes, library association representatives, Federal agencies, and GPO. The Task Force has been working throughout the year to investigate whether an all-digital FDLP is possible, and if so, to define the scope of an all-digital depository program and make recommendations as to how to implement and operate such a program. The Task Force’s purview included an examination of the current landscape in FDLs, of FDLP-related operations at the GPO, and of the dissemination of publications by Federal agencies. The draft report of the Task Force was available for public comment from September 14 – October 14, 2022. Public comments are being reviewed thoroughly by the Task Force and evaluated for inclusion in the final report, which will be available to the FDLP community in late 2022.

- [Task Force page on FDLP.gov](#)
- [Draft Report: Task Force on a Digital FDLP](#)

LSCM Pilot Projects

LSCM Pilot Projects are an opportunity for collaboration between LSCM and Federal depository libraries. These jointly-conducted projects are envisioned to benefit the larger FDLP community and ultimately to enhance access to the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information.

Two Pilot Projects are currently underway in LSCM. Pilot Project 1 is proceeding with the Merrill Cazier Library at Utah State University and Pilot Project 2 with the University of North Texas Libraries.

- [Pilot Projects page on FDLP.gov](#)
 - [Pilot Project 1](#)
 - [Pilot Project 2 announcement](#)

GPO Partnerships

Since 1997, GPO has developed strategic partnerships with Federal depository libraries and other Federal agencies to increase access to electronic Federal information. GPO has official partnership agreements in place with over 60 organizations to advance free public access to U.S. Government information. Partnerships range from organizations that pledge to permanently preserve Government publications in their libraries, to organizations that make a commitment to retain and make publicly accessible, at no fee, digital resources within scope of the FDLP, to organizations that provide digital content to GPO for ingest into GovInfo, and more.

- [Partnerships page on FDLP.gov](#)

Enhancing Content in GovInfo

GPO continues to increase access to current and historic content in GovInfo. Notable additions in FY22 include:

- The Law Library of Congress and GPO continue to collaborate on digitization of the [U.S. Congressional Serial Set](#). Since the initial public release, 115 additional volumes have been added to the GovInfo collection.
- Ability to [browse the U.S. Congressional Serial Set by topic](#).
- [Monthly Catalog browse page](#) updated to include entry numbers and index contents.
- Over 800 historic [Congressional hearings](#).
- New publications from Digital Content Contributor [Boise State University](#).

- [Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: Barack Obama \(2016, Books I and II\).](#)
- [2021 Government Manual.](#)
- [2020 US Code \(United States Code, 2018 Edition, Supplement 2\).](#)
- [Statutes at Large Volume 128 \(113th Congress, 2nd Session\).](#)
- [Federal Register Index, 2021.](#)
- [Code of Federal Regulations Index and Finding Aids, 2021.](#)
- [Congressional Pictorial Directory: 117th Congress.](#)
- [Railroad Retirement Board publications.](#)
- Seven new courts opted into publishing to the [U.S. Courts Opinions](#) collection, bringing the total number of courts participating in the program to 156.

GPO is actively digitizing, and current needs are posted to the [GPO Digitization: GPO Needs Lists LibGuide](#). Offering weeded depository material to GPO supports the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information and increases public access to Government publications.

Another way to support the National Collection is to contribute digitized content to GovInfo. If you are interested in becoming a Digital Content Contributor, please contact us via [askGPO](#) using the Partnerships category.

Trustworthy Digital Repository Audit and Certification of GovInfo

In December 2021, GPO was awarded re-certification of GovInfo ISO 16363:2012 Trustworthy Digital Repository compliance. Certification of GovInfo from an accredited certifying body validates GPO's commitment to standards-based digital preservation practices and activities across 109 criteria. GPO is currently undergoing its annual surveillance audit required to maintain certification.

GPO is also pursuing certification under CoreTrustSeal. CoreTrustSeal offers a core level certification based on the DSA–WDS Core Trustworthy Data Repositories Requirements catalogue and procedures. By participating in the CoreTrustSeal process, GPO may also be better positioned to engage with other Federal institutions that have data and information repositories that may have difficulty navigating the ISO 16363:2012 standard and turning its

requirements into actionable procedures. GPO's application for certification under CoreTrustSeal was submitted June 28, 2022.

- [Trusted Digital Repository page on FDLP.gov](#)

Microfiche Phase Out

In December 2021, libraries were alerted to the phase out of microfiche distribution in the FDLP. The Discontinuation of Microfiche Distribution to FDLP Libraries project is underway to manage the transition away from the format.

- [Phase Out Announcement](#)
- [Discontinuation of Microfiche page on FDLP.gov](#)

National Collection Service Area Framework

National Collection Service Areas (NCSAs) group Federal depository libraries into four regions as a means of ensuring geographically-dispersed permanent public access to Federal Government information products, sharing resources among depository libraries, and receiving services from LSCM. In 2015, the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) specified there be no fewer than four geographically dispersed tangible copies of a publication in the FDLP. The Superintendent of Documents used a modified Census region map to create four National Collection Service Areas: Northeast, South, Midwest, and West.

- [NCSA page on FDLP.gov](#)

The Depository Library Council

The DLC serves in an advisory capacity to the GPO Director on matters that relate to improving public access to our Government's information through programs of the Superintendent of Documents. The work of the DLC and its working groups can be explored on FDLP.gov.

- [DLC page on FDLP.gov](#)

Library Technical Services Information Portal: FDLP LibGuides

An FDLP LibGuide, the LSCM Library Technical Services (LTS) Information Portal, is available. The resource provides information and news about the ongoing work of LSCM's LTS staff, their initiatives, projects, and major developments in the cataloging/metadata field that impact access to U.S. Federal Government publications. Recent updates to the LibGuide include data tables on the chronological, geographical, and topical coverage of the records cataloged for the Law Library of Congress historical legal reports project.

- [LSCM LTS Information Portal](#)

Congressional Research Service Reports

LSCM continues to catalog Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports in accordance with the agreement made with the Library of Congress in October 2018. As of September 2022, LTS staff have cataloged over 8,191 separate, unique CRS report titles. This is approximately 78% of all reports available on the site.

- [CRS Reports](#)

Cataloging Historical Legal Reports

In August 2022, LTS surpassed the 2,500-record milestone for the project. As of September 30th, 2,360 reports have been cataloged. LTS created the Law Library of Congress Reports Collection in the CGP on GitHub repository. The collection provides files of the 2,275 MARC records cataloged through September 16th for downloading and a records display with links to the publications and the records. This CGP expert mode search [wlts=lclawlib](#) retrieves all records for the reports.

- [Law Library of Congress Reports Collection in the CGP on GitHub Repository](#)

Web Archiving

LSCM continues to archive websites in the FDLP Web Archive, advancing FDLP collection development efforts.

- LSCM has increased the size of the FDLP Web Archive collection to 44.5 TB, with over 454,000,000 URLs.
- There are 215 website collections available on the FDLP Web Archive on Archive-It and 269 records available through the CGP.
- [FDLP Web Archive](#)

Cataloging Record Distribution Program

Openings are available for libraries to join the Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP), which provides free, GPO-produced catalog records to participating Federal depository libraries through a contract with MARCIVE, Inc. Participating libraries of all sizes and types, with many different library systems, receive monthly sets of new catalog records. Libraries may add additional services, such as a list of publication titles in the records or a monthly set of changed records. They may also select customization options, for example, selecting only online publications or just those after a specified publication date. In FY 2022, 256 Federal depository libraries, or 23% of all depositories, participated in the CRDP.

- [CRDP page on FDLP.gov](#)

Promoting Your Library

LSCM offers a wide variety of resources to help you promote your library and the FDLP. An ordering site offers free promotional products exclusively to FDLP libraries. A variety of photo galleries are also available to inspire events and activities at your library. In addition, LSCM offers a Digital Marketing Toolkit with downloadable graphics, and guidance is available related to promotional tips and celebrating your depository's anniversary.

- [FDLP promotional resources](#)

Notable Numbers

Check out FDLP.gov's Notable Numbers page for the latest FDLP and Cataloging & Indexing Program statistics.

- [Notable Numbers](#)