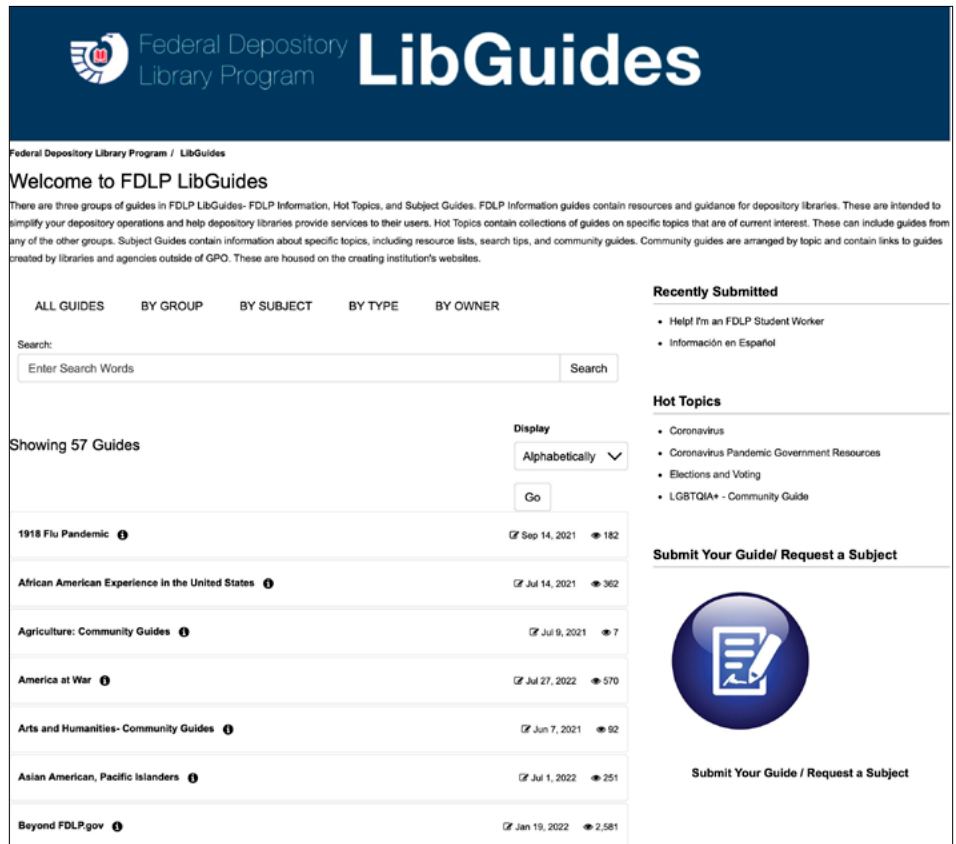# What are LibGuides?

LibGuides, known as library guides, are online guides for libraries including those who participate in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Librarians and their users are able to search for resources on topics they are frequently asked about. Often, librarians typically search for information based on subjects, rather than only Government agency documents. The LibGuides content management platform allows libraries to easily create subject, course, or topic guides without extensive web development skills. This handy tool serves as another way GPO is realizing its vision of an *America Informed*.

Federal Depository Support Services manages FDLP LibGuides, which began in 2016. The LibGuides team includes FDSS Librarians Kathy Carmichael and Helen Keremedjiev; Technical Services Librarian, Todd Scudiere; and Automation Librarian, Catherine Bloom and they use a variety of methods to develop content. Often, the LibGuide team members will search the LibGuides Community Website for topics or receive requests to create guides from depository libraries. The depository libraries also create topical LibGuides based on local interests or to showcase eclectic Government information.

As an example, the University of South Alabama's Marx Library in Mobile, Alabama has created the popular, "*What's Cooking? Recipes and Cookbooks*" LibGuide, which brings together multiple sources of Government-published cookbooks from the U.S. Agriculture Department, the Dept. of Health and Human Services, and even the Department of Defense. All these various sources are used to emphasize the diversity and relevancy of materials produced by the Federal Government for the public at large.

FDLP LibGuides home page showing guides alphabetically.

FDSS Librarian, Kathy Carmichael (left), Automation Librarian, Catherine Bloom (top right), and Technical Services Librarian, Todd Scudiere (bottom right) are part of the FDLP LibGuide team.