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Dear Federal Depository Library Director –

Happy New Year from the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)! We appreciate your library's continued participation in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).

Federal Depository Support Services (FDSS) provides outreach and education to the 1,100+ libraries in the FDLP community, and we would like to share some important GPO news from 2022 and upcoming plans for 2023.

Major News

- GPO Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern's 23-member Task Force on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program ("Task Force"), in 2022, explored the feasibility of a digital Federal Depository Library Program and made their recommendations in this report: [Feasibility of a Digital Federal Depository Library Program: Report of the GPO Director's Task Force](#). On February 8, 2023, Director Halpern [transmitted his response](#) to the Task Force, expressing his intent to adopt the Task Force's recommendations.
- New Superintendent of Documents – GPO welcomed Scott Matheson in October 2022 from Yale Law Library as our new Superintendent of Documents. [Read the press release here](#).

2023 Plans

- 2023 is a [Biennial Survey](#) year. This required survey is used every two years to report on the conditions of depository libraries in the FDLP. The survey generally launches in October.
- May 1-2, 2023 is our [Spring Depository Library Council Meeting](#), a valuable networking and professional development opportunity. We hope you will join GPO staff and the DLC for this annual event. [Register here](#).
- [National Collection Service Areas](#) –this service model is in development to provide outreach, training, and collaborative opportunities to FDLs within four designated geographic areas of the country.
- FDSS is expanding and developing several new initiatives for personalized and high-touch service during the coming year.

So, with 2022 behind us, I would like to thank each and every one of our depository

libraries for all the hard work and passionate commitment to the FDLP that library staff employ every single day to provide public access to, and services for, the provision of Government information to the public. I share my best wishes that your 2023 is happy, healthy, and productive.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact our FDSS team members through [askGPO](#), or by phone at 202-512-1119.

Sincerely,



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