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Director



March 14, 2023

Ms. Lisa Pritchard  
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Director, Library Services  
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Hillsboro, MO 63050

Dear Ms. Pritchard:

This letter is in response to your December 5, 2022 transmittal of the Depository Library Council's (DLC) recommendation resulting from the fall 2022 Federal Depository Library Conference.

I agree with the DLC's assessment that the members of the Federal depository library community benefit greatly from professional support, collaboration, and mentoring. I think it is one of the things that has made this network of library professionals so successful and robust throughout the FDLP's rich history.

I have directed the staff in Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) to investigate and make recommendations for collaborative models to further strengthen the network of professionals in our community, and to report back to the DLC as work progresses.

The DLC's recommendation and GPO's response are part of the permanent record of GPO's work. They will be published on [FDLP.gov](https://www.fdlp.gov) for the FDLP community and the general public to access.

Should you have any questions about GPO's response to your recommendation, please contact Superintendent Matheson.

Ms. Lisa Pritchard

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Thank you, Ms. Pritchard, and to all of the members of the DLC, for your continued commitment to the FDLP and to furthering GPO's vision of an *America Informed*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hugh N. Halpern", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

HUGH NATHANIAL HALPERN

Attachment

Cc: Depository Library Council members  
Superintendent of Documents

# Depository Library Council Recommendation, Fall 2022 and Response from the U.S. Government Publishing Office

March 2023

**DLC Recommendation:** Council recommends GPO investigate and report on models that connect professional support, networking, mentoring, and collaboration for government information professionals. DLC requests that GPO's report includes findings and their ideas about how those might be incorporated into an evolving and diverse Federal depository library community.

**GPO's Response:** GPO appreciates and fully acknowledges Council's identification of the challenges present for Federal depository libraries and librarians in serving their communities. We agree that innovative and engaging new practices and models are necessary to fully support librarians and connect them to other practitioners to formulate new ideas for their work in Government information. GPO supports Council's recommendation to investigate, report on, and make recommendations on models for the provision of mentoring and peer networks, development of communities of practice (CoP), and support for new and experienced Government information professionals. LSCM will commit Federal Depository Support Services (FDSS) staff resources and time during FY24 to explore and research possible models for further consideration, including collaboration with community members and external organizations supporting the work of Government information librarians. LSCM will share our findings with the community once research is completed.