

FDLP Forecast Study Data Report

State Forecast Results:

Education



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The FDLP Forecast Study queried Federal depository libraries individually and at the state level to indicate their pressing issues, goals, and viewpoints and to identify their initiatives and needs. The State Forecast Questionnaire focused on the same key topics as in the Library Forecast Questionnaire. State questions largely paralleled those on the Library Forecast Questionnaire. Per the State Forecast Questionnaire instructions, state coordinators were asked to “please answer on behalf of the FDLP libraries in your state representing their collective experiences, their consensus on major issues when possible, and to the best of your knowledge.”

Results from the State Forecast Questionnaire are being presented as five individual Data Reports. Each Data Report presents the overall response rates of the State Forecast Questionnaire and the results of each State Forecast question pertaining to a particular topic.

The five State Data Reports are: Affiliations & Community Marketing, Education, Future Roles & Opportunities, LSCM Projects, and Preservation Issues.

Figure 1 presents the total number of submissions from all respondents and the overall response rate. When the survey closed on November 30, 2012, 45 (47)¹ of the total 56 states² responded providing an overall response rate of 80% (84%).

Figure 1: Overall Responses

FDLP Jurisdictions Categories	Jurisdictions Totals	Number of Respondents	Response Rate
States	50	42	84%
DC & Territories	6	3 (5)	50% (83%)
Totals	56	45 (47)	80% (84%)

There was one question pertaining to Education in the State Forecast Questionnaire:

- *Question 8: “Would FDLP libraries in your state participate in GPO-facilitated virtual meetings or seminars on topics of interest to the FDLP community?”*

This report documents the data gathered from this question. Please note: totals may not always equal 100% due to rounding.

¹ Total responses received were 45 (47) meaning that the total number of physical questionnaires received was 45; however, the questionnaire for the state of Florida included the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

² As defined in the State Forecast Questionnaire, a “state represents state, district, or territory.”

QUESTION 8

“Would FDLP libraries in your state participate in GPO-facilitated virtual meetings or seminars on topics of interest to the FDLP community?”

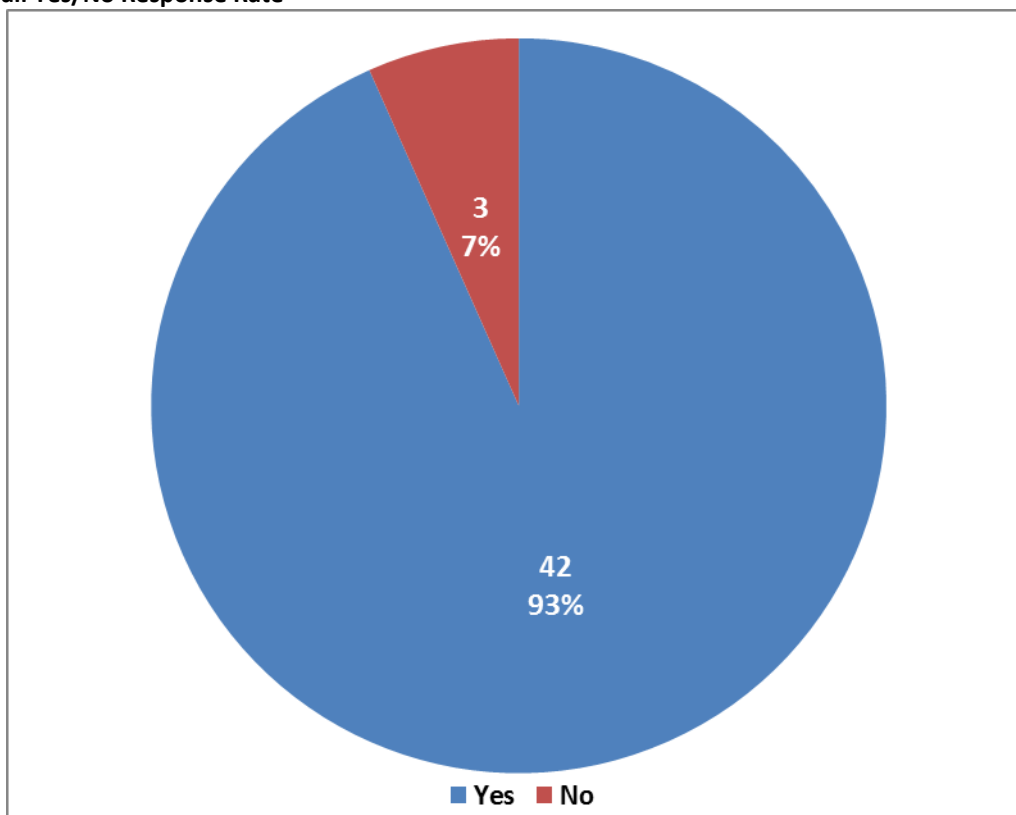
Response options were:

- 1) no
- 2) yes (Please tell us what topics would be most helpful to you)

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Of 45 state respondents to Question 8, 42 (93%) responded “yes,” while 3 (7%) responded “no.”

Figure 2: Overall Yes/No Response Rate



QUALITATIVE RESULTS

Forty-two (42) states indicated that they would participate in GPO-facilitated virtual meetings or seminars on topics of interest to the FDLP community. States were also given the opportunity to describe those training topics that would be most helpful. Respondents were not limited to the number of training topics that they could indicate. The following figures depict the results of the qualitative analysis, and the findings of the individual open-ended responses.

Individual open-ended responses totaled 119 observations (individual training topics specified). Observations were grouped into five over-arching categories for reporting purposes:

- 1. Depository Administration/Management** refers to training provided by GPO staff on issues that relate directly to administering or managing a depository library. Examples of responses include: marketing/promotion/outreach and collection management and development.
- 2. GPO Tools and Services** refers to training GPO could provide for tools or services created or maintained by the agency. Examples of responses include: FDsys, cataloging, and the Catalog of Government Publications.
- 3. Non-GPO Content Facilitated by GPO** is training that GPO staff lack expertise to provide because it is not based on GPO services; however, it could be facilitated and hosted by GPO. Examples of responses include: digital and online Government information products of other agencies, digitization, and legislative research & resources.
- 4. Out of FDLP Scope** is training falling outside the scope of FDLP content, and therefore GPO is unable to provide training. Examples of responses include: specialized subject area training and general online research.
- 5. Unspecified Topics** refers to any response without specific suggested topics for training. Examples of responses include: “unsure” or responses indicating interest in training on “any topic.”

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate training topic responses by category.

Of the total number of observations reported by respondents, 29% reported interest in training on Depository Administration/Management, 28% reported interest in training on Non-GPO Content Facilitated by GPO, 21% reported interest in training on GPO Tools and Services, 19% reported interest in training on content that is Out of FDLP Scope, and 3% did not indicate specific training topics.

Figure 3: Training Topics: Responses by Category

	Depository Admin/Mgmt		GPO Tools and Services		Non-GPO Content Facilitated by GPO		Out of FDLP Scope		Unspecified Topics		Total Freq	Total %
	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%	Freq	%		
Total	35	29%	25	21%	33	28%	23	19%	3	3%	119	100%

Figure 4: Training Topics: Responses by Category

