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FDLP Forecast Study Report: Summary and Recommendations

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Analysis Teams

- Affiliations & Community Marketing
- Collection Management
- Education
- Future Roles & Opportunities
- LSCM Projects
- Preservation Issues

Reporting

- Library Forecast Data
- State Forecast Data
- Working Papers
- Focused Discussion

Recommendations

- Lifecycle Management of Government Information
- Governance & Structure of the FDLP
- Services

NOTE: All the data reports, working papers, SFAPs, and the methodology are on the FDLP Forecast Study Web page.

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Recommendations

Recommendation 1:
Lifecycle Management of Government Information

Recommendation 2:
Governance and Structure of the FDLP

Recommendation 3:
Services

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Lifecycle Management of Government Information


Goal 1.1: Transform LSCM from a print-centric operation to a content-centric operation.

- Assess and re-engineer current work processes to create a more efficient, effective, and format-neutral workflow process.

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Lifecycle Management of Government Information


Goal 1.2: Improve quality control.

- Use improved bibliographic information and publication descriptions to make better acquisition decisions for the FDLP and Cataloging and Indexing (C&I) programs.
- Implement improved quality control across all LSCM operational processes.

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Lifecycle Management of Government Information


Goal 1.3: Increase identification and acquisition of content for C&I and the FDLP.

- Increase harvesting of content from official Government Web sites.
- Collaborate with GPO's Customer Services and develop improved processes to regularly acquire content originating from GPO regional procurement offices.
- Develop a new comprehensive Collection Development Plan for C&I, the FDLP, and FDSys.

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Lifecycle Management of Government Information


Goal 1.4: Enhance records for the *National Bibliographic Records Inventory*.

- Request adequate annual funding to continue cataloging pre-1976 Government publications and increase GPO's cataloging output overall.
- Identify other creators of cataloging/metadata records for Government information dissemination products, establish partnerships for record sharing, and include their records in the CGP.

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Lifecycle Management of Government Information


Goal 1.4 : Enhance records for the *National Bibliographic Records Inventory*. (continued)

- Develop customization methods so libraries can select catalog records by selection profiles, subjects, titles, issuing agencies, SuDocs class numbers, etc.
- Expand record content prospectively to include analytics, more subject headings, and geographic subdivisions. Work with the FDLP community to identify and prioritize needed elements.

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Goal 1.5: Preserve Government information for permanent public access.

- Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to preserve the tangible and digital collections of Government publications.
Dependency: Ability to enter into partnerships.
- Increase the amount of born-digital and converted content ingested into FDsys.

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Goal 1.5: Preserve Government information for permanent public access. (continued)

- Increase the number of formal partnerships for digitizing and hosting digital content.
- Develop training for the care, maintenance, and preservation of tangible and digital depository collections.

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Lifecycle Management of Government Information


Goal 1.6: Allow more flexibility in selection and distribution of FDLP content to depositories.

- Assess the continuing need for item numbers in the digital age.
- Investigate and plan for a print on demand (POD) selection option for FDLs.
Dependency: This objective relies on GPO's development of POD capability.

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Goal 1.6: Allow more flexibility in selection and distribution of FDLP content to depositories. (continued)

- Create a plan and develop requirements for deposit or pushing digital content to depository libraries.
Dependency: The technical capability of GPO to push files to libraries and ability of libraries to host them.

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Governance and Structure of the FDLP

GOAL 2.1: Allow more flexibility for FDLs to manage their depository resources and services.

- Review and revise, as appropriate, *Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program* allowing for flexibility.
- Determine new or evolving roles for depository libraries and depository coordinators in the digital age.
- Use Forecast Study results to identify new roles for GPO to assume that will provide additional support to FDLs.

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Governance and Structure of the FDLP

GOAL 2.2: Explore and identify alternative sustainable structures for the FDLP

- Encourage collaboration, partnerships, and resource sharing proposals by FDLs.
- Employ identified new leadership roles for depository libraries when defining a new sustainable structure(s) for the FDLP.
- Incorporate identified leadership roles for GPO to assume that will provide additional and needed support for the sustainability of the FDLP and permanent public access to Government information.

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Governance and Structure of the FDLP

GOAL 2.3: Undertake future transformation of the FDLP

OBJECTIVE: Develop and circulate for review to the Depository Library Council, depository libraries, and other library community stakeholders, proposals to:

- Change the Federal Depository Library Program name so it is more fitting of the digital age.
- Authorize regional depository libraries to discard some tangible depository materials from their collections if those materials are available on FDsys as an authentic version with the digital signature of the Superintendent of Documents.

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GOAL 2.3: Undertake future transformation of the FDLP

OBJECTIVE: Develop and circulate for review to the Depository Library Council, depository libraries, and other library community stakeholders, proposals to:

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- Provide that the Superintendent of Documents may designate shared regional depository libraries across state lines pursuant to the *Superintendent's Guidelines for Establishing Shared Regional Depository Libraries*.

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GOAL 2.3: Undertake future transformation of the FDLP

OBJECTIVE: Develop and circulate for review to the Depository Library Council, depository libraries, and other library community stakeholders, proposals to:
(continued)

- Authorize the Superintendent of Documents to partner with Federal depository libraries, Federal agencies, and other institutions on the digitization, in accordance with Federal standards, of historic Government documents for authentication and ingest into the Federal Digital System.

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GOAL 2.3: Undertake future transformation of the FDLP


OBJECTIVE: Develop and circulate for review to the Depository Library Council, depository libraries, and other library community stakeholders, proposals to:
(continued)

- Authorize the digitization of previously printed information (historical tangible collection of Government publications) under the auspices of the Superintendent of Documents for online dissemination through FDsys.

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GOAL 3.1: Improve communication

- Analyze current external communication strategies, determining strengths and weaknesses in current methods. Develop and implement improved FDLP communication strategies.
- Fully inform the depository community of all tools and project developments, including setbacks or obstacles (technical or otherwise).
- Improve the usability of FDLP community site.

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GOAL 3.2: Enrich education

- Create new FDL education and training opportunities for FDL staff, including new coordinators and other librarians.
- Collaborating with FDLP community, develop Federal Government information/depository library competencies and CEU opportunities for FDL staff.
- Develop a mentoring program for new Government documents librarians, based on developed mentor/mentee training guidelines.

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GOAL 3.3: Create better discovery tools

- Promote and develop, through multiple channels, awareness and delivery of GPO cataloging records.
- Develop a dynamic/flexible system for FDLs to use in developing online and tangible collections based on expressed needs. Inform the depository community of what's accomplished and progress made.
- Develop better accessibility to Federal Government information through sharing of GPO metadata and content with the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and with open information discovery services.

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GOAL 3.4: Enhance marketing/promotion

- Develop a marketing strategy for the CGP that includes mechanisms for FDLs to promote Federal government resources and the CGP to non-depository libraries.
- Create strategies to enhance and actively promote access to Government Information Online (GIO).
- Develop a repository for depository libraries to share marketing content.

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GOAL 3.5: Increase partnerships and affiliations

- Increase partnerships and affiliations that will add content to the FDLP, increase awareness of, and improve discovery and access to Federal Government information.
- Develop partnerships and affiliations that result in improved usability of all Government information discovery tools.
- Develop partnerships and affiliations with Federal agencies to deliver educational and training opportunities to the FDL community.

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What's next?

National Plan for the Future of the FDLP

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