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Re-examining Core Collections for the FDLP

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The Suggested Core Collections Lists consist of recommended core titles in all subject areas for academic, public, and law libraries acting as depository libraries. The lists, first disseminated in the *Federal Depository Library Manual* in 1993, were last reviewed and updated in 2007, and are currently archived as Appendix A of the *Federal Depository Library Handbook*. Agency publication practices have changed over the years, with new titles created and older ones having ceased. Additionally, FDLP regulations and guidance have been updated. It is time for the community to review these lists again and make any necessary changes that will keep them relevant and useful in the current FDLP environment.

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Appendix A Suggested Core Collections by Library Type

- Consists of recommended titles in all subject areas for academic, public, and law libraries acting as depository libraries.
- First disseminated in the Federal Depository Library Manual in 1993
- The list was updated to indicate what item numbers were inactive as of July, 2007. These items can no longer be selected by depository libraries
- Last appeared in the now superseded Federal Depository Library Handbook in 2008

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- Question: What action should be taken regarding the Suggested Core Collections?

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Option 1:

Keep the Core Collections as an archived, no longer active document

Reason:

- No longer a relevant concept in 2014 and beyond, especially with more/most publications online

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Option 2:

Update the Core Collections and activate them on the FDLP.gov site

Reason:

- Core Collections are still a useful collection development guide, even as more/most government publications are online

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Options 3:

Replace the Core Collections with selection profiles from "model" depositories by size and type of library, and activate them on the FDLP.gov site

Reason:

- Model selection profiles, from real depository libraries, would be more useful for libraries seeking help with collection development.

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Option 4:

Update the Core Collections, AND provide "model" selection profiles, and and activate both on the FDLP.gov site .

Reason:

• Both tools together would best assist libraries in making collection development decisions.

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Would you help?

1. Offer a suggestion for another option regarding the suggested core collections?

2. Update or help to update a suggested core collection?

3. Have your library's selection profile serve as a "model" core collection for a size and type of depository library?

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Would you help?

If you have any interest in assisting with this project in any way, please contact Joe Paskoski at GPO (jpaskoski@gpo.gov; 202-512-1181) and indicate your specific suggestions and/or volunteer interest.

Thank you.