



LIBRARY SERVICES & CONTENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Fall 2023

The following highlights accomplishments and updates from the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO's) Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) business unit in FY 2023.

Digital FDLP Implementation

Since Director Halpern's response to the Task Force Report on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), GPO's Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) staff identified strategic imperatives to implement a digital FDLP. These include planning a framework to support the four National Collection Service Areas (NCSAs), developing a comprehensive plan for both tangible and digital resources of the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information, expanding digitization efforts, and building an outreach strategy for Federal agencies, among others. A complete list of our objectives can be found on FDLP.gov on our Digital FDLP Implementation page.

- [Director Halpern's response to the Task Force Report on a Digital FDLP](#)
- [Digital FDLP Implementation](#)
- [Evolution of a Digital FDLP: A Transition Timeline](#)
- [Print Distribution Titles \(PST\) List](#)

Congressionally Mandated Reports

On December 23, 2022, Public Law 117-263, the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act, directed GPO to establish and maintain an online portal that allows the public to access congressionally mandated reports in one place. Since that time, a team of GPO staff members from LSCM and from GPO's Programs, Strategy, & Technology unit has been working to implement this initiative. On June 21, 2023, GPO, in collaboration with the Office of Management and Budget, issued Guidance to all Federal agencies with detailed instructions on compliance in submitting reports to GPO. On October 1, 2023, GPO officially opened registration for the online portal that will collect these reports.

Beginning October 16, 2023, GPO officially began collecting these reports from agency and Congressional staff through the submission portal. In December 2023, GPO will debut the new collection on GovInfo for Congressionally Mandated Reports.

- [Congressionally Mandated Reports](#)

LSCM Pilot Projects

LSCM Pilot Projects are an opportunity for collaboration between LSCM and Federal depository libraries. These jointly-conducted projects are envisioned to benefit the larger FDLP community and ultimately to enhance access to the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information.

Two Pilot Projects are currently underway in LSCM. Pilot Project 1 is proceeding with the Merrill Cazier Library at Utah State University and Pilot Project 2 with the University of North Texas Libraries.

- [LSCM Pilot Projects](#)
 - [LSCM Pilot Project 1 with Utah State University's Merrill Cazier Library](#)
 - [LSCM Pilot Project 2 with University of North Texas Libraries](#)

GPO Partnerships

Since 1997, GPO has developed strategic partnerships with Federal depository libraries and other Federal agencies to increase access to electronic Federal information. GPO has official partnership agreements in place with over 70 organizations to advance free public access to U.S. Government information. Partnerships range from organizations that pledge to permanently preserve Government publications in their libraries, to organizations that make a commitment to retain and make publicly accessible, at no fee, digital resources within scope of the FDLP, to organizations that provide digital content to GPO for ingest into GovInfo, and more.

- [Partnerships](#)

FDLP eXchange 1.2

FDLP eXchange, version 1.2 is debuting in fall 2023. Upcoming enhancements include:

- Expanded bulk processing options for certain status changes and marking offers in search results and requesting them in bulk.
- Improvements to the Filter by Library function.
- Sorting and filtering enabled in mobile view.
- Imitate / Emulate Function to facilitate troubleshooting.

Training opportunities and resources will be available. Stay tuned to FDLP News for updates.

- [FDLP eXchange](#)

Enhancing Content in GovInfo

GPO continues to increase access to current and historic content in GovInfo. Notable additions in FY23 include:

- The Law Library of Congress and GPO continue to collaborate on digitization of the [U.S. Congressional Serial Set](#). To date, 2,368 volumes have been made available on GovInfo.
- [Congressional Directories](#), back to the 41st Congress (1869-1870).
- 11,140 historic [Depository Shipping Lists](#), primarily print, from 1980-1989.
- 1,760 additional historic [Congressional hearings](#). Selected hearings are available back to the 79th Congress (1945-1946).
- New publications from Digital Content Contributors:
 - [Boise State University](#)
 - [College of William & Mary](#)
 - [University of Washington](#)
- [2021 U.S. Code \(United States Code, 2018 Edition, Supplement 3\)](#).
- [Statutes at Large, Vols. 129 \(114th Congress, 1st Session\) – 131 \(115th Congress, 1st Session\)](#).
- [Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation \(2022\)](#).
- [Code of Federal Regulations Index and Finding Aids, 2022](#).
- [Federal Register Index, 2022](#).
- [Bureau of Ocean Energy Management \(BOEM\)'s Environmental Studies Program publications](#).
- [Railroad Retirement Board \(RRB\) publications](#).
- Over 3.8 million [U.S. Courts Opinions](#) from 157 participating courts.

GPO is actively digitizing, and current needs are posted to the [GPO Digitization: GPO Needs Lists Resource Guide](#). Offering weeded depository material to GPO supports

the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information and increases public access to Government publications.

Another way to support the National Collection is to contribute digitized content to GovInfo. If you are interested in becoming a Digital Content Contributor, please contact us via [askGPO](#) using the Federal Depository Library tile and selecting the Partnerships category.

Trustworthy Digital Repository Audit and Certification of GovInfo

In December 2021, GPO was awarded re-certification of GovInfo ISO 16363:2012 Trustworthy Digital Repository compliance. Certification of GovInfo from an accredited certifying body validates GPO’s commitment to standards-based digital preservation practices and activities across 109 criteria. GPO is currently undergoing its annual surveillance audit required to maintain certification.

GPO is also pursuing certification under CoreTrustSeal. CoreTrustSeal offers a core level certification based on the DSA–WDS Core Trustworthy Data Repositories Requirements catalogue and procedures. By participating in the CoreTrustSeal process, GPO may also be better positioned to engage with other Federal institutions that have data and information repositories that may have difficulty navigating the ISO 16363:2012 standard and turning its requirements into actionable procedures. GPO’s application for certification under CoreTrustSeal was submitted June 28, 2022.

- [Trusted Digital Repository ISO 16363:2012 Audit and Certification](#)

askGPO Enhancements

LSCM continues to undertake new development and enhancements for askGPO, with releases approximately every six weeks. Some of the latest enhancements:

- Federal depository libraries (FDLs) can submit their libraries Shared Housing Agreements or Print Selector Agreements. When logged in to askGPO, FDLs can view their “My Agreements” page to view them.
- Depository coordinators can view and edit the CRDP point-of-contact fields and social media fields in the FDL Directory.
- [askGPO project page](#)

2023 Biennial Survey of Federal Depository Libraries

The 2023 Biennial Survey of Federal Depository Libraries opened for completion by all Federal depository libraries on September 27. Through this mechanism, depositories fulfill their legal obligation to “report to the Superintendent of Documents at least every two years concerning their condition” (44 U.S.C. §1909). The Survey will close on November 17.

- [Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries page on FDLP.gov](#)

FDLP Academy

GPO’s FDLP Academy is a free source for training opportunities, events, webinars, and webcasts for both the FDLP community and non-depository libraries.

In FY 2023, the Academy hosted 56 webinars with 9,057 registrants.

LSCM is in the process of hiring a Supervisory Training Administrator for the management and strategic planning of the FDLP Academy.

- [FDLP Academy](#)

FDLP Resource Guides

During summer 2023, LSCM launched a rebranding project for FDLP LibGuides. The guides are now known as FDLP Resource Guides. This decision reflects improvements in content navigation, organization, and an overall user experience for the public.

- [FDLP Resource Guides](#)

Microfiche Phase Out

In December 2021, libraries were alerted to the phase out of microfiche distribution in the FDLP. The Discontinuation of Microfiche Distribution to FDLP Libraries project was completed in FY23.

- [Discontinuation of Microfiche](#)

The Depository Library Council

The Depository Library Council (DLC) serves in an advisory capacity to the GPO Director on matters that relate to improving public access to our Government's information through programs of the Superintendent of Documents. The work of the DLC and its working groups can be explored on [FDLP.gov](https://www.fdlp.gov).

In September 2023, GPO published its responses to the latest recommendations from the DLC related to persistent identifier principles and PURL reporting training.

- [Depository Library Council](#)
- [GPO Responses to DLC Recommendations, Spring 2023](#)

Congressional Research Service Reports

LSCM continues to catalog Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports in accordance with the agreement made in October 2018 with the Library of Congress. As of September 2023, Library Technical Services (LTS) staff have cataloged over 9,467 separate, unique CRS report titles. This is approximately 82% of all reports available on the site.

- [CRS Reports](#)

Cataloging Historical Legal Reports

In 2020, the Law Library of Congress and GPO began to collaborate on a multi-year project to catalog thousands of digitized and born-digital historical legal reports. The Law Library of Congress completed the digitization of the reports in 2023. LTS is cataloging the reports in OCLC and the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP). LTS staff members have started to catalog the last batch of reports and plan to complete the project by or before December 31, 2023. Cataloging records are available on GPO's GitHub page.

- [Law Library of Congress Reports Collection](#)

Web Archiving

LSCM continues to archive websites in the FDLP Web Archive, advancing FDLP collection development efforts.

- LSCM has increased the size of the FDLP Web Archive collection to 52.1 TB, with over 555,000,000 URLs.

- There are 218 website collections available on the FDLP Web Archive on Archive-It and 269 records available through the CGP.
- [FDLP Web Archive](#)

Cataloging Record Distribution Program

The Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP) continues to provide GPO-produced catalog records through a contract with MARCIVE, INC. Currently, 250 depositories are participants.

Participating libraries receive monthly sets of new catalog records and may add additional services, such as a list of publication titles in the records or a monthly set of changed records. They may also select customization options, for example, selecting only online publications or records for those after a specified publication date.

Participating libraries may modify their CRDP Profile, or their cataloging specifications, by contacting MARCIVE, Inc. They may also review other information specifically for them in the “Current CRDP participants” section of the FDLP.gov CRDP web page. The web pages also now include information about GPO cataloging projects and how libraries may acquire their catalog records through the CRDP.

Unfortunately, there are no current openings for additional libraries to join the CRDP, but interested libraries are welcome to contact GPO and MARCIVE to learn more about the program and be added to a waitlist.

- [Cataloging Record Distribution Program](#)

New Version of Resource Description and Access (RDA)

LSCM is preparing to adopt a new iteration of the cataloging standard Resource Description and Access (RDA). RDA is used in metadata services for the FDLP and Cataloging and Indexing Program (C&I). Staff in LSCM’s Library Technical Services (LTS) use RDA and the RDA Toolkit daily to catalog U.S. Government information products and to create and maintain name authority records. The new RDA features both a redesigned RDA Toolkit and implementation of the Library Reference Model (LRM). The new RDA became official on December 15, 2020 and is now in use worldwide. However, it has not yet been adopted by the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), of which GPO is a member. LTS recently participated in the PCC’s Task Group to Test the Official RDA Toolkit. Results from the test will be used

by PCC to improve existing documentation and develop training. PCC has a three-year rolling implementation plan from May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2027. When a specific implementation date is finalized by LTS, it will be announced by LSCM.

- [The New Version of Resource Description and Access \(RDA\): GPO's Preparations and Impacts on the FDLP Community](#)

CGP on GitHub Repository

LSCM has been making cataloging records available via our GitHub repository since 2017. The records are available for free download. The repository contains various files that FDLs can use to manage the GPO records in their catalogs and for collection development and management purposes.

As of October 2023, LSCM has 14 collections with 2.3 million records and will continue to make available more collections and records in the future.

- [The CGP on GitHub](#)

Promoting Your Library

LSCM offers a wide variety of resources to help you promote your library and the FDLP. An ordering site offers free promotional products exclusively to FDLP libraries. A variety of photo galleries are also available to inspire events and activities at your library. In addition, LSCM offers a Digital Marketing Toolkit with downloadable graphics, and guidance is available related to promotional tips and celebrating your depository's anniversary.

- [Promotion](#)

Notable Numbers

Check out FDLP.gov's Notable Numbers page for the latest FDLP and Cataloging & Indexing Program statistics.

- [Notable Numbers](#)