

Free cataloging records  
from GPO?!  
What a deal!



# CATALOGING RECORD DISTRIBUTION PROJECT



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## FAQ

**Q:** I'm in a consortium. Can I load these records for all the depository library members?

**A:** Combined record loads for members of a consortium or shared database are not available via the CRDP; however, the individual libraries may each request services in this project. Separate files would be produced for each library

**Q:** Does the project include submitting holdings in OCLC?

**A:** Yes, this is a new option. MARCIVE will send records to OCLC for the purpose of setting holdings. However, the cost incurred by OCLC to set holdings is the responsibility of the library.

**Q:** I'd like to participate, but my online catalog is OCLC's WMS.

**A:** As a participant, MARCIVE will send your records to OCLC to set holdings, so the records will appear in your catalog.

**Q:** Can I get brief shipping list records with barcodes through the project?

**A:** No, these services are not covered by the project. Other exclusions include:

- MarciveWeb Docs access (database offered by MARCIVE);
- Bibliographic records created by GPO prior to October 2013;
- Authority control services;
- Custom reports; and

MARC records profiled by other criteria not in the Project.

**Q:** My library hardly selects any tangible titles. Can I just receive records for online-only titles?

**A:** Yes, this is a profile option.

**Q:** I know that many of the records are in RDA, and that MARCIVE offers an RDA conversion service for those that are still AACR2. Is this part of the project?

**A:** Not at this time.

**Q:** We are very interested in the project, but my director feels that we shouldn't sign up because it may not be funded for long.

**A:** After an initial pilot, the project is now entering its fourth year!

## Do I qualify for the program?

Yes! You just have to be a depository library. Your library type, location, library system, or percentage selected does not matter.

## Cataloging Record Distribution Project (CRDP)

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) was requested by the Depository Library Council and FDLP libraries to distribute GPO-produced cataloging (bibliographic) records to libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). As part of funding received from H. R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of FY 2009 (P. L. 111-8), a portion was allocated to support GPO's Cataloging and Indexing (C & I) program and distribute cataloging records to depository libraries. GPO established a two-phased project to determine the most efficient way to distribute cataloging records. **Distribution of the records is provided to depository libraries free of charge.** Depository libraries can use these records to populate their online catalogs, which will create greater access to tangible documents in depository collections and electronic documents available from U.S. Government Web sites.

### Project Phases

GPO contracted with MARCIVE, Inc. to distribute MARC21 cataloging records to 48 participating libraries as an initial pilot project in 2009 through September 2010 to determine if the distributed records were compatible with depository systems and workflows. It was a success!

### Phase 2: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Implementation

Based on the success of the pilot, GPO expanded the project to 75 libraries for the first and second year implementation. Then in the third year (ending September 30, 2013), it was expanded again to 80 libraries. The project is now entering its fourth year, and participation will remain at 80 libraries. The program is full; however, as libraries drop out, ones from a waiting list can be added.

## How can I sign up?

### What's required of my library once I'm accepted?

1. Fill out the profile on the FDLP desktop.
2. Identify points of contact for the program, e.g. catalogers or systems personnel & the library's Depository Coordinator, and notify GPO of any changes.
3. Retrieve the cataloging records via FTP.
4. Review and analyze the cataloging records within two weeks of availability
5. Load the records based on local protocols to your ILS/OPAC and test them.
6. Respond to any surveys about the program conducted by GPO.



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Prior to our participation in the CRDP, adding records to our library catalog for electronic government documents was a slow and painstaking process. It was difficult for me to find time to look in the Catalog of Government Publications to find appropriate records to add to our library catalog. Once I identified them, our part-time government documents processor downloaded and copy-cataloged these items into the catalog one by one. I then checked each record she cataloged. Over the several year period prior to participation in the CRDP, we had added a total of approximately 2,000 government e-docs to our catalog.

... As of August 22, 2013 [less than three years after joining the program], we now have over 8,700 e-doc records in our catalog, thus greatly increasing public access to government information. We are grateful to have been selected as a participating library.  
--Camille O'Neill, Reference Librarian, Arizona Western College, Yuma, AZ

The New Jersey State Library's participation in the Government Printing Office's (GPO) Cataloging Record Distribution Project (CRDP) has been a great success. The CRDP has helped the State Library provide timely access to federal documents to State government and the public.

The New Jersey State Library has been a federal depository library since 1895. We are a selective depository, selecting 57% of available documents distributed by the GPO.

In 2009, the New Jersey State Library was chosen to participate in the GPO's Cataloging Record Distribution Project. The project made it possible for the U.S. Documents Unit to change its processing procedures for current depository documents. Prior to the Project, current depository documents were cataloged selectively; the Depository Coordinator had to review and send requests to catalogers in the State Library's Technical Services department.

Thanks to the CRDP, 100% of the State Library's current depository selection profile is cataloged... Due to the CRDP, the State Library catalog is now populated with online and born digital document records; library users searching the catalog can locate and view online documents. Before the State Library received its first batch of CRDP records in 2010, there were only 58 electronic document records in the Library's catalog. As of September 2013, the Library's catalog contains 16,122 electronic document records.

The GPO's Cataloging Record Distribution Project has been a very positive and productive experience for the New Jersey State Library; the CRDP has increased public access to all formats of available federal documents at the New Jersey State Library.

--Teri Taylor, U.S. Documents Librarian  
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