



# Depository Library Council Business Meeting

## October 18, 2023, 3:45 - 5:15 (EDT)

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Secretary's Report
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Quorum?
  - c. Minutes of Spring Meeting
- III. Remarks from the Chair
- IV. Election of Chair, Council Term June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025
- V. Reports
  - a. Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee
  - b. Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee
  - c. Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives Working Group
  - d. Long-term Impacts of COVID-19 on FDL Access, Collections, and Services
  - e. Questions and comments from Council
- VI. Review of GPO responses to Spring 2023 DLC recommendations
- VII. New Business
  - a. Council discussion of conference
  - b. Potential recommendations
  - c. Questions and comments from the depository library community
  - d. New business to bring forward from Council or GPO?



# Roll Call – Council Members

- 2021-2024

- Aimée Quinn
- Allen Moye
- Jen Kirk
- Richard Leiter
- Valerie Glenn

- 2022-2025

- Amy Laub
- Hayley Johnson
- Kelly Smith
- Robert Mead
- Susanne Caro

- 2023-2026

- Angela Bonnell
- Angela Kent
- Gwen Sinclair
- Joshua Finnell
- Sarah Erekson



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# Report of the Secretary

Spring 2023 Minutes available on [FDLP.gov](https://www.fdlp.gov)



# Remarks from the Chair



# Election of DLC Chair

June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025





# Working Group Fall 2023 Reports



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# Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee

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# Subcommittee Charge

To assist in coordinating the thoughts, research, plans, and efforts related to the management and development of the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information, as well as the expansion and enhancement of the discovery and access services GPO provides to its stakeholders; and to engage the depository community in these processes.





# Subcommittee Membership

Depository Library Council	U.S. Government Publishing Office	Depository Library Community
Kelly Smith (Chair) UC San Diego	Cindy Etkin (DFO)	Michelle Colquitt (Secretary) Clemson University
Valerie Glenn Virginia Commonwealth University	Stephen Kharfen	Libby McDaniel William and Mary
Susanne Caro New Mexico State Library	Jen Lindley	Jennifer Morgan Indiana University
Angela Bonnell Illinois State University		



# Activities, 2023

- Subcommittee governance work
- Spring Virtual Meeting
  - FDLP 101: Collection Management Basics
- Recruitment of new community members
- Fall Conference
  - Words Matter: Harmful Language and U.S. Government Information



# Next Steps

Continue discussion / finalize decisions around activities for the coming year



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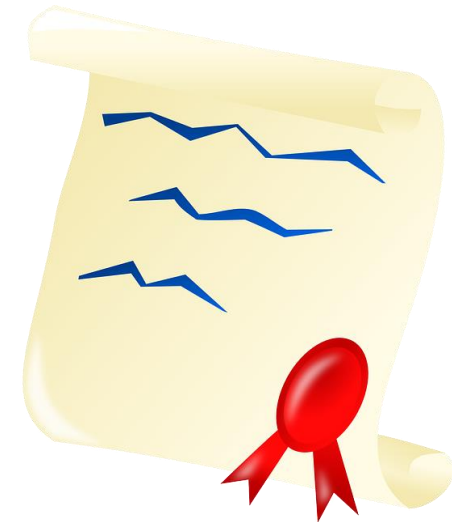
# Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee (UCUP)

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# Charge of UCUP

- Study Federal depository affinity libraries at affinity-focused institutions and other FDLs with unique needs and challenges that impact their ability to provide access to tangible and digital depository resources.
- Determine possible solutions and provide recommendations that include ways in which the Government Publishing Office can better support these libraries.



[UCUP Charter](#)  
July 2023





# UCUP Membership

Council Members	Depository Community Members	GPO Members
Angela Kent, Houston Public Library	+Jane Canfield, Pontifical Univ Católica, PR	Helen Keremedjiev
Amy Laub, Univ of Kentucky	Jennifer Morgan, IN Univ School of Law	Todd Scudiere
Rob Meade, WA State Supreme Court	Jonathan Underwood, Tuskegee Univ	Celeste Welch
*Allen Moye, DePaul Univ College of Law		Cynthia Etkin (DFO)
*Aimée Quinn, Northern AZ Univ, Yuma		
Gwen Sinclair, Univ of Hawai'i at Mānoa		
*Co-chairs + Secretary		

The UCUP Charter allows for 13 members. There is a vacancy for a Community Member. If you are interested in serving, please contact one of the co-chairs or the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).



# Activities, 2023

- Recommendations submitted to GPO were [accepted](#) (May 2023)
- The UCUP Working Group is continuing as a Subcommittee and organized under the parameters of the new Charter
- New members were welcomed to the Subcommittee
- Identified issues and established working groups to address them
- Included a question on the Biennial Survey, Q17:  
What services do you provide for those who are not native English speakers? Select all that apply.
- Program planning for fall meeting: (Re)Building Trust in a Sea of Distrust



# Next Steps

- Research these identified topics in the context of FDLs with underserved populations and populations with unique challenges:
  - Services for non-English speakers
  - Digital divide
  - Budget/Administration
  - Outreach
  - Training
  - Mistrust of Government
- Conduct focus groups
- Report findings and make recommendations



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# Exploring the Durability of PURLs and their Alternatives Working Group

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# Charge of the PURL Working Group

In the fall of 2019, the Depository Library Council established the *Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives Working Group* to investigate persistent identifier schemas and to determine if PURLs are still the best persistent identifier schema for GPO to provide permanent public access to born digital and digitally imaged Government information.





# PURL Working Group Membership

Depository Library Council	U.S. Government Publishing Office	Depository Library Community
Renée Bosman (UNC-Chapel Hill)	Alec Bradley	James Jacobs (Stanford Univ)
Alicia Kubas (Univ of MN)*	Ashley Dahlen	Shari Laster (AZ State Univ)
Rick Mikulski (William & Mary)	Cynthia Etkin (DFO)	
Allen Moye (DePaul College of Law)		
Laura Sare (Texas A&M)		
Roberta Sittel (Plano Public Library)		
Will Stringfellow, Chair		

\*Ms. Kubas was at the University of Minnesota during the time she served on the PURL Working Group



# Activities, 2023

- Presented the DLC with two recommendations for consideration and transmittal to GPO:
  - GPO endorse the [Principles for Persistent Identifiers and Persistent Identifier Systems](#)
  - GPO offer training on PURLs that includes referral reports, creating a library report profile, how the data can be used to promote Government resources, and features in GPO bibliographic records that relate to PURLs
  - [GPO's response](#) to the recommendations
- Completed its [final report](#) to the DLC with an additional three recommendations for their consideration and transmittal to GPO



# Next Steps

- Move that DLC accept the PURL Working Group Report and consider three additional recommendations to transmit to GPO:
  1. GPO enact the Principles for Persistent Identifiers and Persistent Identifier Systems through identified measures
  2. GPO explore the potential opportunities of prospective PID systems for additional uses beyond the current implementation of GPO's PURL system, in order to improve services to FDLs
  3. GPO seek, as much as is possible within the Federal technology environment, to leverage interagency efficiencies in exploring technical solutions for needs related to PID system(s)
- Move to sunset the Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives Working Group as it successfully completed its charge



# Long-term Impacts of COVID-19 on FDL Access, Collections, and Services

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# Working Group Charge

“This working group will examine the practices, policies, and procedures enacted by FDLs since March 2020 as they adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it will assess the long-term impact of these efforts at the institutional and national level. It will examine pandemic practices, policies, and procedures enacted by FDLs and the GPO relating to services, procedures, collections, staffing, etc., and it will assess whether such policies may or should continue into the post pandemic era.”





# Working Group Membership

Depository Library Council	U.S. Government Publishing Office
Susanne Caro (Chair)* New Mexico State Library	Lara Flint
Hayley Johnson Louisiana State University	Abigail McDermott
Richard Leiter University of Nebraska College of Law	Cynthia Etkin (DFO)
Allen Moye DePaul College of Law, Chicago	
Rick Mikulski (Past-chair) William & Mary	
Lisa Pritchard Jefferson College in Missouri	
Aimée Quinn Northern Arizona University, Yuma	



# Activities, 2023

- Presented an overview of the results of the COVID-19 study
- Submitted a question for the 2023 Biennial Survey
- Completed [First Report of the Depository Library Council's Working Group on the Long-Term Impacts of COVID-19 on Federal Depository Library Access, Collections, and Services](#)
- Created [instructions](#) for the community to use RStudio to analyze the COVID-19 data for local needs



# Next Steps

- Move that Council accept the Working Group's [first report](#)
- Move that Council consider two recommendations for transmitting to GPO:
  - Include a question about the impact of COVID-19 policies and practices in the Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries at least through the 2025 survey.
  - Encourage the use of 2021 Biennial Survey Question 6 data for local needs and further exploration and study.
- Analyze results of 2023 Biennial Survey
- Compile a follow-up report based on the 2023 Survey



# Council questions, comments, & feedback on Reports



# Council review of GPO responses to Spring 2023 DLC recommendations





# New Business

- Conference discussion & potential recommendations
- Council-sponsored programs
  - History of Gov Docs Librarianship
  - Words Matter: Harmful Language & U.S. Govt Information
  - Rebuilding Trust in a Sea of Distrust
  - Government Information Librarianship Competencies
- Listening Sessions & Discussions
  - Open Discussion with Council: Transition to a Digital FDLP
  - Listening Session: Hearing from the Community
  - GPO: Digital FDLP Community Conversation



# Questions, comments, & feedback from the depository library community