



Digital Federal Depository Libraries

Join the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) and nearly 1,200 libraries across the nation, and become a partner in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).

The FDLP is seeking libraries to help meet the ever-changing needs of the American public and connect their local communities with digital U.S. Government information. As a digital Federal depository, your library will participate in a long-established network of libraries of all sizes and types.

Take part in this historic program's tradition of serving the public with free access to U.S. Government information resources and expertise without increasing the tangible footprint within your library's walls or being constrained to core business hours.

Joining the FDLP as a digital Federal depository library affords numerous benefits, including:

- A vast collection of official, current and historic, digital U.S. Government information resources
- Expert consultation services with GPO staff and through the FDLP.gov website, providing guidance and tools for depositories
- Membership in a strong local, state, and national network of fellow Government information experts
- Free educational training opportunities through online learning programs, collaborative virtual tools, and conferences
- Free access to fee-based U.S. Government databases for your patrons, such as Public Health Reports, the Homeland Security Digital Library, and USA Trade Online
- Additional options for access to cataloging records from the national authority on U.S. Government publications



Being a member of the FDLP enhances the prestige of your institution because membership, among other things:

- Enhances the institution's credibility by being formally affiliated with a historic, nationwide, U.S. Government information dissemination program
- Enhances the political goodwill of the institution's designated members of Congress
- Assists the library with community engagement locally, regionally, and nationally
- Enables the institution to increase the breadth of resources available for their local patrons
- Raises the level of visibility and status of the entire library
- Elevates your prestige locally as experts in U.S. Government information

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- Provide free, public access in your library to all who wish to use the FDLP online U.S. Government information collection
- Provide reference services to patrons searching for or using U.S. Government information
- Develop library staff expertise to provide these services, particularly in the library's areas of subject strengths
- Identify Federal Government information needs of your community and catalog selected resources or develop resource finding tools to meet those needs
- Provide access to essential resources such as the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications, GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys), and Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government
- Offer publicly-available computers, along with downloading options
- Identify your library as an FDLP member on your website and at the library entrance with GPO-provided materials
- Comply with ADA building standards or offer alternate access options/mediated service
- Designate a coordinator who serves as the point of contact with GPO
- Participate in the Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries
- Sign-up for the FDLP News and Events service and maintain an entry in the Federal Depository Library Directory
- Collaborate with nearby depository libraries to meet patron needs

If you are not a current, Federal depository library, we would be happy to work with you to determine if there is an open designation in your geographic area and to collaborate with you on your options for joining the FDLP.

If you are a current Federal depository library and you wish to transition to a completely digital Federal depository library, your library will:

- Eliminate all tangible item selections from your library's item number profile
- Work with your regional coordinator to withdraw all tangible depository materials as they become eligible for withdrawal

For more information, visit: <http://www.fdlp.gov/requirements-guidance-2/guidance/2124-all-or-mostly-online-federal-depository-libraries>

Contact GPO's Office of Outreach and Support and learn more: fdlpoutreach@gpo.gov 202.512.1119

Participating libraries must meet basic eligibility requirements. GPO staff are happy to discuss options with you.

