



SPRING 2024 DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

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Depository Library Council Business Meeting

May 2, 2024
3:30-5:00 p.m. EDT



Agenda

- Review and approve Fall 2023 meeting minutes
- Elect DLC Secretary for 2024-2025
- Working Group & Subcommittee Reports and Updates
- DLC Discussion
- Spring 2024 Virtual Meeting Discussion
- Comments from attendees



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



Report of the Secretary

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



Remarks from the Chair

Jen Kirk, Term ending May 31, 2024



Election of DLC Secretary

June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025

Subcommittee Spring 2024 Reports



Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee (CDSS)

Spring 2024 Update

Kelly Smith, Subcommittee Chair 2023-2024



Subcommittee Charge

- Address and provide programming for issues related to cataloging/metadata, technical services, and collection management, and to serve as a sounding board for LSCM's Library Technical Services unit

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	Jen Lindley	Libby McDaniel William and Mary
Susanne Caro New Mexico State Library		Jennifer Morgan Indiana University
Angela Bonnell Illinois State University		



Activities, Winter-Spring

- Many conversations about transition to Digital FDLP
- Designed and implemented survey on managing FDLP digital publications in library catalogs

Next Steps

- Analyze survey data and make recommendations
- Welcome new members



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

Spring 2024 Update

Allen Moye & Aimee Quinn, Subcommittee Co- Chairs 2023-2024



Subcommittee Charge

- Study Federal depository 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.
- The Subcommittee should also determine possible solutions and provide recommendations that include ways in which the Government Publishing Office can better support these libraries.

Subcommittee Membership

Depository Library Council	US Government Publishing Office	Depository Community Members
Angela J.A. Kent, LyondellBasell	Cindy Etkin (DFO, non-voting) Office of the Superintendent of Documents	Jane Canfield Biblioteca Encarnación Valdés Pontificia Universidad Católica
Amy Laub University of Kentucky	Helen Keremedjiev Federal Depository Support Services	Monica Dorame University of New Mexico
Rob Mead Washington State Supreme Court Library	Todd Scudiere Library Technical Services	Jennifer Morgan Indiana University Maurer School of Law
Allen Moye (Co-Chair) DePaul University-College of Law	Celeste Welch Library Technical Services	Jonathan Underwood Tuskegee University
Aimée Quinn (Co-Chair) Northern Arizona University, Yuma Campus		
Gwen Sinclair University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Library		



Activities, Winter-Spring

- Discussed developing a focus group project to gather more data on the issues affecting those libraries within the scope of our charge.
- Decided to conduct six focus groups, prioritizing each group based on participant interest.
- Posted News Alert on March 2024 seeking focus group participants.
- Received data from the 2023 Biennial Survey to begin analysis
- Identified tentative dates and times for the focus groups.

Focus Groups

<input type="checkbox"/>	DIGITAL DIVIDE: Seeks to understand how the digital divide impacts library services for Federal depository patrons and the methods libraries have developed to overcome these challenges.
<input type="checkbox"/>	LANGUAGE BARRIERS: seeks to obtain a more detailed understanding of how language impacts the ability to access the library's Government Information Resources, and how libraries are addressing these challenges.
<input type="checkbox"/>	BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION: explores how libraries are meeting the challenges related to reduction and cuts in budget, administration, and staffing, particularly as it relates to depository library resources and services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	MISTRUST OF GOVERNMENT: examines how mistrust of Government affects the use of depository library collections and seeks to learn to what extent this is a challenge and how it is being addressed to help patrons with their Government information needs
<input type="checkbox"/>	OUTREACH: seeks information on the difficulties of serving infrequent or underserved library users, and the library's services or programs designed to overcome those challenges.
<input type="checkbox"/>	TRAINING: seeks to gather information about the challenges, needs, and preferences of Government information librarians working in underserved communities or with affinity groups, to understand their training needs.

Respondents by Focus Group Interest

Outreach	13
Training	10
Digital Divide	9
Budget & Administration	7
Mistrust of Government	7
Language Barriers	5



Next Steps

- Conduct 2 focus groups during May (tentative)
- Conduct 2 focus group during June (tentative)
- Conduct 2 focus groups during July (tentative)
- Report on focus group outcomes
- Analyze biennial survey results and focus group data for commonalities, patterns, and new information relevant to charge
- Welcome new DLC members and community members to group
- Progress report at Fall DLC meeting



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Working Group Spring 2024 Reports



Long-term Implications for Federal Depository Libraries of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Members

Susanne Caro, New Mexico State Library • Hayley Johnson, Louisiana State University • Richard Leiter, University of Nebraska College of Law • *Rick Mikulski, College of William & Mary • Allen Moye, DePaul College of Law • Lisa Pritchard, Jefferson College Library • Aimée Quinn, Northern Arizona University, Yuma Campus • Cynthia Etkin, Office of the Superintendent of Documents • Lara Flint, Library Services and Content Management • Abigail McDermott, Library Services and Content Management

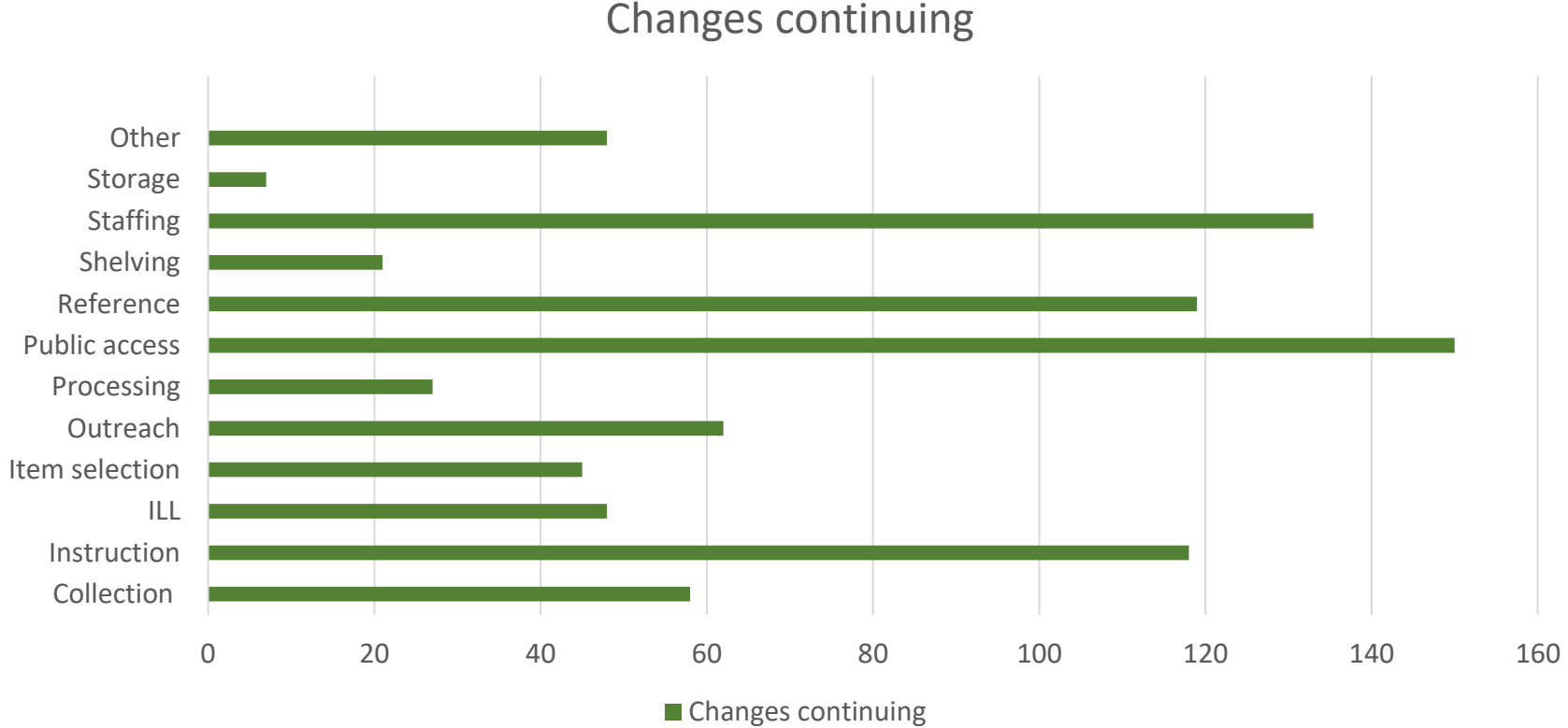


Charge

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.

Progress

- Analyzing responses from the 2023 biennial survey
- 549 libraries are back to pre-COVID policies
- 497 libraries maintain some COVID changes





Report & Possible Recommendations

- Council received the [Working Group report](#) in Fall 2023
- Possible recommendations include:
 - GPO should 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.



Statistics and Metrics Working Group

Members

Angela Bonnell, Illinois State University • Susanne Caro, New Mexico State Library • Sarah Erekson, University of Florida • Joshua Finnell, Colgate University • Jen Kirk, Utah State University • Gwen Sinclair, University of Hawai'i • Benjamin E. Peterson, Chief, Projects and Systems, Library Services and Content Management • Katherine Pitcher, Chief, Federal Depository Support Services • Cynthia Etkin, Office of the Superintendent of Documents • Stephen Kharfen, Supervisory Librarian, Library Technical Services.



Charge

The Statistics and Metrics Working Group is convened to research, to report on, and to recommend options for how GPO can collect usage statistics from depository libraries for digital and tangible Government information products. Further, the Working Group is to study and report on the broader landscape of library data gathering trends and recommend possible programmatic library-related performance indicators.



Progress

- Analyzing responses from the 2023 biennial survey.
- Analyzing responses from other biennial surveys.
- Exploring current practices.
- Developing a survey to determine how libraries are recording usage, what tools are utilized, and where there are challenges to collecting data.

Council questions, comments, & feedback on Reports



Council review of GPO responses to Fall 2023 DLC Recommendations

Council Discussion



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Spring 2024 Meeting Discussion

Including feedback from Open Forum

Questions, comments, &
feedback from the
depository library community