

# Depository Library Council

*Advisory body to the Director of the U.S. Government Publishing Office*

## DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL FALL MEETING

*Held in conjunction with the Federal Depository Library Conference*

**October 16- 18, 2023**

**Fall Meeting (Virtual)**

### MINUTES

MONDAY, October 16, 2023

#### **I. Conference Kickoff/Library Award Presentations**

- Jen Kirk, Depository Library Council (DLC) Chair, Government Information Librarian, Utah State University Libraries
- Hugh N. Halpern, Director, U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)
- Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents, GPO

During this opening session, the meeting was officially called to order, and opening remarks were delivered. Awards for the 2023 Federal Depository Library of the Year and Federal Depository Website of the Year were also presented.

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#### **II. Keynote Address**

- Allison Baker, Economic and Policy Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

Keynote address of the Fall 2023 Federal Depository Library Conference.

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#### **III. GPO: Digital FDLP Community Conversation**

- Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents, GPO
- Kate Pitcher, Chief of Federal Depository Support Services, LSCM, GPO

Join the FDLP community for updates and a discussion on the first phase of the digital FDLP implementation.

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#### **IV. GPO: Bills and Resolutions MARC Records Process (Meeting Room A)**

- Stephen Kharfen, Supervisory Librarian, Library Technical Services (LTS), LSCM, GPO

GPO's Library Technical Services is testing a new process to generate MARC records for House and Senate bills and resolutions, based on the MODS metadata in GovInfo. The panel talked about the cataloging/metadata processes and infrastructure work that have led to the development of this initiative. LTS estimates that they will produce 12,000-15,000 records per Congress based on the number of bills and resolutions in the GovInfo Congressional Bills collection. LTS will post monthly files of the records for downloading free of charge in one of its GitHub repositories.

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#### **Community: Evaluating Uncataloged Collections Using Sampling: A Case Study (Meeting Room B)**

- Arlene Weible, Oregon Federal Regional Depository Coordinator, State Library of Oregon
- David Isaak, User Support Librarian, LSCM, GPO

Many depository libraries have uncataloged historical collections, which makes it difficult to evaluate holdings and make retention and disposal decisions based on a state's regional FDLDP collection. It is even harder when historic shelflist or inventory data is minimal or unavailable. In Oregon, staff from Reed College, University of Oregon Libraries, and the State Library of Oregon worked with GPO staff to develop a sample-based inventory to evaluate a large collection of Congressional hearings for disposal. This approach saved countless hours of staff time yet still provided a robust analysis of collections on which to make retention decisions for Oregon's regional FDLDP collection. Speakers shared details about this project and hoped to inspire others to think about innovative approaches to working with large collections slated for disposal.

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#### **V. DLC: History of Government Documents Librarianship (Meeting Room A)**

- Angela Kent, Head of History Research Centers (Special Collections), Houston Public Library
- Sarah Erekson, Regional Government Documents Librarian, George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida

This program was a timeline of Government documents librarianship from the 1895 Public Printing Act to GPO's 10 billionth retrieval of official Federal Government documents and metadata earlier this year in June 2023. Attendees were asked to join the conversation and share their stories about where gov docs librarianship has been and

their thoughts on where it's going. This will be a great session to meet new and longtime colleagues alike.

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### **GPO: GovInfo Enhancements & New API Search Service (Meeting Room B)**

- Heidi Ramos; Lead Program Planner; Programs, Strategy, & Technology (PST); GPO
- Jon Quandt, Lead Program Planner, PST, GPO

The GovInfo program team reviewed and demonstrated highlights of new functionality and enhancements to GovInfo since last year's conference. In addition, the team provided a demo of the new GovInfo API search service, which vastly expands the capabilities to get targeted GovInfo content. This demo included example searches and allowed time for questions. For more information on the search service, see

<https://www.govinfo.gov/features/apisearch-service>.

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### **VI. Community: Tips, Tricks, and Search Techniques: Finding, Using, and Preserving Government Information in Other Languages (Meeting Room A)**

- Jane Canfield, Coordinadora Centro de Información de Gobierno Federal, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Biblioteca Encarnación Valdés

This program concentrated on search techniques for finding and using Government documents and information published in languages other than English. The presentation drew on the 15 years of wisdom and experience gained by the presenter in serving a population in Puerto Rico that is exclusively Spanish-speaking. The presentation emphasized agencies that produce information in other languages and offer in-depth search techniques for finding the information. Ideas for preserving the information at local levels were presented since information in other languages is frequently not retained for long periods of time by Government agencies. A guide to the available information and to the agencies which publish in other languages was included in the presentation. Subject emphasis included immigration, health, education, disasters, daily living, and other subjects of interest to speakers of other languages.

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### **Community: Uncle Sam on the Road: Managing the Intricacies of a Government Documents Collection Move (Meeting Room B)**

- Laurie Aycock, Collection Development Librarian, Kennesaw State University
- Michelle Colquitt, Continuing Resources and Government Information Management Librarian, Clemson University
- Amanda McLeod, Social Sciences and Government Information Librarian, Clemson University

Space is and always will be a consideration in academic libraries. Librarians Laurie Aycock of Kennesaw State University and Michelle Colquitt and Amanda McLeod of Clemson University discussed the space concerns that led to large scale collection moves. Clemson University's Government Document collection move involved Mother Nature's intervention—a cold snap that led to a severe flood and breakdown of the library's HVAC system on most of the R.M. Cooper Library's floors (five out of six). Kennesaw State's collection move took place during 2020-21 when University System of Georgia colleges had moved to online instruction and minimal employees were on campus, and without much advance notice. This session also covered project management, communication challenges, and the need to adapt project plans quickly.

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TUESDAY, October 17, 2023

### **I. DLC: Words Matter: Harmful Language and U.S. Government Information**

- Kelly Smith, Moderator, Government Information Librarian & Librarian for Urban Studies & Planning and Environmental Studies, UC San Diego (La Jolla)
- Susanne Caro, Government Information Librarian, New Mexico State Library
- Jennifer Morgan, Government Information Librarian, Jerome Hall Law Library, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- Melanie Polutta; Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division; Library of Congress

Collections with historic material also contain historic language. These terms were at one time considered acceptable by those using them, but language and our understanding evolves leaving relics in our catalog records. What is the process for using more accurate terms, increasing findability, and respecting users and culture? Their discussion covered how to work with researchers and using older terms, how Library of Congress Subject Headings are changed, and item description to make materials accessible.

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### **II. GPO: New GovInfo Content and Congressionally Mandated Reports Preview (Meeting Room A)**

- Megan Minta, Collection Development Librarian, LSCM, GPO
- Amanda Dunn, Program Planner, PST, GPO

This program was about new content added to GovInfo over the last year. The session included an update on GPO's implementation of the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act and a preview of the GovInfo collection launching December 2023.

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### **DLC: Researching Demographics and Social Security (Meeting Room B)**

- Rob Mead, State Law Librarian, Washington State Law Library

The news is awash with stories about the impending demographic threat to Social Security. This presentation focused on the basics of Social Security research; using U.S. Census Bureau documents to understand the challenge; directing patrons to the resources they need; and outlining the various proposed reforms.

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### **III: Community: Using Government Information in Social Media: Opportunities & Challenges (Meeting Room A)**

- Elizabeth Sanders; Research, Engagement, and Learning Librarian; Lamar University; Mary & John Gray Library

Most libraries use social media for outreach and engagement, but Government information librarians may not traditionally create content for them as part of their duties. In early 2023, the presenter began creating social media content for Mary & John Gray Library, the first time she had been given such tasks. She began infusing Government information into her content in different ways, including identifying and locating free-to-use images of diverse individuals and locating relevant, interesting resources to include in posts. Attendees learned her inspiration for using Government information in social media and the challenges she faced in starting to create social media posts. She hoped to illustrate practical ways attendees can use and highlight Government information via social media at their institutions and to help others identify, and potentially overcome, some of the challenges she faced encountered.

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### **Community: Beyond the Library: Connecting with K-12 (Meeting Room B)**

- Gwen Sinclair, Moderator, Librarian V and Chair, Government Documents & Maps Department, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Library
- Katie Strand, First-Year Experience Librarian, Utah State University Libraries
- Jen Kirk, DLC Chair, Government Information Librarian, Utah State University Libraries
- Bess Robinson, Head of Research and Instructional Services, University Libraries, University of Memphis
- Perveen Rustomfram, Head of Government Publications, University Libraries, University of Memphis
- Jenny Groome, Reference Librarian, Connecticut State Library

Librarians from three Federal depository libraries summarized their work with K-12 schools.

- Jen Kirk and Katie Strand of Utah State University described how USU librarians hosted a conference for high school librarians and teachers to familiarize them with USU's collections, including the Government Information Collection.
- Perveen Rustomfram and Bess Robinson of the University of Memphis described their presentations for school librarians at local conferences, including lesson plans, student activities, and the range of multimedia resources available to educators that could supplement curricula in humanities, social sciences, and STEM.
- Jenny Groome of the Connecticut State Library shared best practices and tips for assisting students who are preparing for History Day.

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#### **IV: Regional Libraries Meeting (Meeting Room A)**

- Regional Government Information Librarians (REGIL)

The Regional Libraries Meeting was open to all. The meeting covered topics of relevance to regional FDLP libraries and will be led by regional coordinators from across the country.

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#### **Community: We're in This Together: Research Data, Government Information, and the Future of Open Science (Meeting Room B)**

- Deborah Yun Caldwell, Data Services Librarian, University of North Texas Libraries
- James R. Jacobs, U.S. Government Information Librarian, Stanford University Libraries
- Lynda Kellam, Interim Head of Research Data & Digital Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania Libraries
- Shari Laster, Head of Open Collections Curation & Access, Arizona State University Library

In 2020, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), one of the largest funders of biomedical research, issued a Data Management and Sharing (DMS) policy, effective January 25, 2023, that requires researchers to share scientific data to the extent possible. Moreover, an August 2022 memorandum from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), known as the Nelson Memo, requires Federal agencies to make Federally funded publications and data freely available without an embargo by December 31, 2025. Alongside the efforts to mandate data sharing, the NIH and the Nelson Memo advocate for data to be created using the FAIR principles, which aim to ensure the long-term access to and reuse of research data. Increasingly, researchers and data curation and management efforts are also acting under the CARE principles, which were created by the Global Indigenous Data Alliance to respond to needs of Indigenous communities for data sovereignty and self-determination. In this panel presentation, team members from the Preservation of Electronic Government Information (PEGI) Project presented and

discussed the FAIR and CARE principles for data, and offered perspectives on how issues in open science, research data management, and digital preservation of Government information are closely interwoven.

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### **V: Community: Marketing & Outreach for Your Collection (Meeting Room A)**

- Angela Bonnell, Moderator, Associate Professor, Head of Government Documents, Milner Library, Illinois State University
- Andie Craley, Manager for Technical Services & Government Documents Librarian, FDLDP Depository Library Coordinator, ILL Supervisor, Harford Community College Library, GODORT Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect
- Sarah Dobransky, General Research Collections Manager, Cleveland Public Library
- Whitney Gerwitz, Library Associate II, Government Documents Coordinator, St. Charles City-County Library

Panelists shared creative, low-cost, and effective methods that libraries can use to promote Government information to help meet patrons' needs. They shared marketing strategies to create engaging programs and eye-catching displays and exhibitions. Outreach techniques to expand collaboration and partnerships for strengthening engagement in your communities were shared.

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### **Community: Federal Depository Collections: Where Do We Belong in the Academic Library? (Meeting Room B)**

- Amy Laub, Federal Regional Depository Librarian, University of Kentucky Libraries, William T. Young Library
- Ryan Wilder, Federal Depository Unit Collection Management Library Specialist, University of Kentucky Libraries, William T. Young Library

The William T. Young Library recently went through a reorganization, and the Federal Depository Unit was moved from Collections to Special Collections. This prompted them to look at where other regionals are located within their organizations. Presenters gave an overview of the information they found, but more importantly they looked at and discussed whether that location within an organization has an impact on depository services now and in the future as we move to a digital FDLDP.

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WEDNESDAY, October 18, 2023

### **I. DLC: Open Discussion with Council: Transition to a Digital FDLDP**

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## **II. GPO/DLC/Community: Government Information Librarianship Competencies**

- Jen Kirk, DLC Chair, Government Information Librarian, Utah State University Libraries
- Kate Pitcher, Chief of Federal Depository Support Services, LSCM, GPO
- Susanne Caro, Government Information Librarian, New Mexico State Library
- Richard Leiter, Director of the Law Library & Professor of Law, University of Nebraska College of Law
- Nia Rodgers, Public Affairs Librarian, Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries
- Jennifer Morgan, Government Information Librarian, Jerome Hall Law Library, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- Cass Hartnett, U.S. Documents Librarian, University of Washington Libraries

What does it mean to be a Government information librarian? This session discussed expected competencies in the field, identified current training opportunities, explored library school curriculum, and spoke with authors who have written on the subject.

Together they explored:

- What is the critical need for current training?
- Where are there gaps?
- What recommendations may there be for the future?

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## **III. DLC: (Re)Building Trust in a Sea of Distrust**

- Helen Keremedjiev, Moderator, User Support Librarian, FDSS, LSCM, GPO
- Rebecca Chapman, Undergraduate & Indigenous Outreach Librarian, University at Buffalo School of Law
- Alexander Soto, Director, Labriola National American Indian Data Center, Arizona State University
- Cindy Aden, Teaching Professor & MLIS Program Chair, Co-Designing for Trust, University of Washington Information School
- Stacey Wedlake, Research Scientist, Co-Designing for Trust, University of Washington Information School

For the last two decades, approximately 80% of people have feelings of distrust in the Federal Government. This climate has created challenges for libraries to share information by and about the Federal Government to patrons. Four panelists discussed their own experiences and solutions that address peoples' skepticism about Government information. They were Rebecca Chapman from the University at Buffalo School of Law; Alex Soto from Arizona State University; and Stacy Wedlake and Cindy Aden from Co-Designing for Trust.

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#### **IV. DLC: Listening Session: Hearing from the Community**

- Jen Kirk, DLC Chair, Government Information Librarian, Utah State University Libraries
- Hayley Johnson, Head of Open Scholarship & Government Publications, Louisiana State University Libraries
- Members of the Depository Library Council
- Members of the FDLP community

Community members were encouraged to attend and openly participate in this session. Attendees shared their comments, questions, and observations about current and future issues in the Federal Depository Library Program with members of the Depository Library Council.

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#### **V. Depository Library Council Business Meeting**

##### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jen Kirk called the meeting to order at 3:45 EDT.

##### **II. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hayley Johnson took roll call. All Council members were present: Aimee Quinn, Allen Moye, Jen Kirk, Richard Leiter, Valerie Glenn, Amy Laub, Hayley Johnson, Kelly Smith, Robert Mead, Susanne Caro, Angela Bonnell, Angela Kent, Gwen Sinclair, Joshua Finnell, Sarah Erekson

Hayley Johnson stated that we have a quorum.

##### **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Hayley Johnson introduced the [minutes from the Spring 2023 meeting](#). Aimee Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes and Kelly Smith seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

##### **III. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

Jen Kirk thanked everyone for their participation in having deep conversations about significant changes to the program. Council's role is to hear from the community and condense what they are hearing in order to be able to provide advice to GPO. Jen also thanked fellow Council members, especially those that hosted, moderated, or developed sessions for this virtual conference.

##### **IV. ELECTION OF NEXT COUNCIL CHAIR**

Hayley Johnson nominated Susanne Caro to serve as the next Council Chair. Susanne accepted the nomination. Joshua Finnell seconded the nomination. As there were no other

nominations, Council accepted Susanne as incoming chair by acclamation. Her duties start in June 2024.

## V. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

### Collection and Discovery Services

Kelly Smith shared the subcommittee charge and the current subcommittee membership. Activities for the first part of 2023 focused heavily on subcommittee governance work. The group finalized changes such as the transition from working group to a standing subcommittee, formalizing the election of a Chair and Secretary, as well as defining a quorum and the length of a member's term. They also sponsored presentations at the Spring meeting and Fall conference and welcomed new community members to the subcommittee. Kelly gave an overview of the recruitment process for new community members. They are currently exploring possible activities for the coming year.

### Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries

Aimee Quinn shared the charge of UCUP. They submitted a report last year with five recommendations and those included that they continue their work and change from a working group to a subcommittee of Council. The recommendation was approved, so they now sit as a subcommittee. Aimee shared the membership of the subcommittee. Membership consists of Council members, community members, and GPO members. The activities included all the recommendations, and one of the big things completed was the inclusion of a question on the Biennial Survey: "What services do you provide for those that are not native English speakers?" Next steps for the subcommittee are focused by topic and this will guide how they focus their work over the next two years.

### Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives

Will Stringfellow shared the charge of the working group. In addition to investigating PURLs, the working group also explored alternative schemas. In the course of their work, they identified four persistent identifier schemas which they investigated further. They focused on developing principles for the administration which would allow GPO to adapt whatever system would fit their technical infrastructure but still manage to fit the needs of the depository library community. The committee began its work in 2020, and it took three years. Will shared membership of the working group.

The working group presented DLC with two recommendations for consideration and transmittal to GPO in 2023. The first recommendation was for GPO to endorse the Principles for Persistent Identifiers and Persistent Identifier Systems. The second recommendation was for GPO to offer training on PURLs that includes referral reports, creating library report profiles, learning how the data can be used to promote Government resources, and highlighting features in GPO bibliographic records that relate to PURLs.

The working group completed its [final report to the DLC](#) with an additional three recommendations for their consideration and transmittal to GPO:

Allen Moyer: Allen moved that DLC accept the PURL Working Group Report and consider three additional recommendations to transmit to GPO:

1. GPO enacts the Principles for Persistent Identifiers and Persistent Identifier Systems through identified measures.
2. GPO explores 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 seeks, 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).

Aimee Quinn seconded Allen's motion. Jen Kirk opened the floor to Council for discussion and questions. Jen called the vote. The motion passed unanimously that DLC forward these recommendations on to GPO.

Allen Moyer recommended to move to sunset the Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternative Working Group as it successfully completed its charge.

Valerie Glenn seconded the motion. Jen opened discussion for Council. Jen extended her thanks to members of the working group. Jen called the vote to sunset the working group. The motion passed unanimously.

Allen Moyer: Will Stringfellow deserves a special acknowledgement for staying on another year to see the work through.

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

Susanne Caro: Susanne shared the working group charge. Susanne acknowledged Rick since he stayed on beyond his DLC term to continue working with this group. She noted the working group membership. It was a time intensive project. The working group received results from the Biennial Survey and then had to thoroughly examine those responses. Activities for 2023 included presenting an overview of the results of the COVID-19 study. The working group also submitted a question that is included in the 2023 Biennial Survey. Rick was also fantastic with getting the data analyzed using RStudio. Recently completed the [first report of the working group](#). Also, there were instructions for the community on [how to use RStudio to analyze the data](#).

Next steps include moving that Council accept the working group's first report and 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.

The working group will be analyzing the results of the 2023 Biennial Survey and will compile a follow-up report based on the 2023 survey.

Susanne moved that Council accept the working group's first report. Hayley Johnson seconded the motion. Jen Kirk opened the discussion to Council. Hearing and seeing no discussion, Jen called for a vote on the motion that Council accept the working group's first report. The motion passed unanimously.

Jen Kirk: Should we hold the recommendations until the Spring meeting?

Susanne Caro: We can hold the recommendations until the Spring meeting. Susanne thanked GPO for their support and help with this project.

Questions, comments, feedback on Working Group Reports

None.

## VI. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF GPO RESPONSES TO SPRING 2023 DLC RECOMMENDATIONS

Jen Kirk: Council's recommendations were about the PURL working group which included two recommendations. GPO's response to the first recommendation was that they endorse the concept of principles that provide the fundamental basis for PIDs, and this will be adopted by GPO as recommended. GPO's response to the second recommendation was that GPO already offers training and provided a summary of existing trainings as well as data that 27% of libraries are currently collecting usage statistics using PURL referral reports.

Jen: Any Council comments about responses to recommendations?

Valerie Glenn: The response regarding the PURL usage data definitely indicates an additional need for outreach and marketing for that particular tool. It will be even more important as we move forward in a digital first environment and communicate the value of the FDLP and the need for incorporating government information in our collections. That data was a bit frightening in some ways since very few libraries are utilizing it.

Jen: That part was particularly interesting as well. Jen was encouraged that training already exists but more outreach that those opportunities do exist is needed.

Jen: Any other comments? Hearing none, we will move onto new business.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### Council Discussion of Conference

Jen Kirk listed the Council-sponsored Programs as well as the Listening Sessions and Discussions held during the Fall 2023 meeting.

Aimee Quinn: Each year we are getting better and better at this. She is overwhelmed at how well we do this and the speakers that present. Aimee learns so much at every session and cannot thank everyone enough. It is exciting to belong to a profession that continues to develop such interesting and thoughtful presentations.

Jen: Jen, Valerie, Josh, and Richard have agreed to serve as reps from Council as part of National Collection Service Area (NCSA) discussions around collaborative collection building. Does Council have any direction or comments that they would like the four of them to keep in mind as they begin this work as soon as next week?

Sarah Ereckson: Who are the members and which NCSA's do they represent?

Jen: Josh for the Northeast, Rich for the Midwest, Valerie for the South, and Jen for the West.

Sarah: Keep in mind there are so many different sizes and types of libraries, and they might have different issues going forward.

Rob Mead: Considering geographical equity to make sure that the west has enough of what it needs.

Gwen: One of the things we've heard is that not everyone has gotten the word about the digital transition, and it's critical for the FDLP to communicate through many different methods about this transition and these NCSA meetings so they are aware they can participate. We've heard that there are lots of libraries that don't know at all about the digital transition or don't understand the scope.

Susanne Caro: Susanne strongly recommends having representation or at least inviting representation from each state in the region.

Sarah: Following Gwen's comments about dispelling myths involved in this and conveying the message, there are some misconceptions about what this still means and having an FAQ or one-sheet handout to share could be helpful.

Susanne: Can we have a one-sheet handout on this to share with our community? Having something that dispels the myths, how much material libraries will or will not be receiving as well as possible infographics would be fantastic.

Kelly: One of the things that seems to be one of the most critical pieces is giving more specific information from GPO about what the expectations are for the libraries that are going to be receiving the limited print copies. We've heard concerns about collaboration across the NCSA when many libraries don't have experience doing collaborations even within a smaller geographic area or within the state. Anything from GPO that will cover what those limited copies will mean in terms of interlibrary loan, access, preservation, and service needs to be addressed before so libraries can think about how to approach those issues collaboratively across the NCSA.

Jen: To reiterate, you would like those specifics in tandem with the NCSA conversations starting or before they start?

Kelly: Having the information before those conversations start would be more beneficial.

Gwen: A lot of fear and anxiety came across in a couple of meetings about the digital transition and how libraries can serve their patrons. Someone said it would be helpful if libraries could hear from those libraries that are digital or are mostly digital depositories already so we can hear how they deal with these issues which might alleviate some of the concerns of others. An FDLP academy session might be useful.

Jen: Jen had a similar thought. If we present best practices of what our colleagues who are already doing this do, it will help alleviate some of the unknowns of those that are primarily print right now. Some libraries will continue to need print, but there is a need for better presenting what a digital depository looks like. We need to be clearer about what it means to be a digital first depository.

Josh: Regarding the digital first depository is the ability to advocate to administrators for staff or what that looks like.

Valerie: One thing that is exciting about this is if we're talking about being able to better curate collections, would we actually be moving away from the item number concept for selecting items? We could be better able to select what we want for our users to access.

Jen: When Kelly was talking about more specific information, not necessarily how it's going to work but where we want to go. She heard someone say that we are moving away from item numbers. Jen would like to know what GPO is considering as options for that. In the listening session, Jen asked the group — Do we feel ready to curate?

Valerie: Valerie acknowledged that it would completely disrupt any and all workflows that are currently in place.

Jen: Disruption of workflows necessitates a long timeline. Community conversations necessitate a long timeline. It's not possible to achieve broad consensus quickly. Jen would entertain some comments from Council on whether we should comment on the timeline.

Valerie: Have we seen an exact timeline? Scott has mentioned making decisions about distribution needs quickly but everything else has been described as a phased transition.

#### Potential Recommendations

Jen: Jen has heard several themes that GPO could use recommendations on. Does anyone on Council have the beginnings of a recommendation that we could discuss?

Joshua: Regarding the informational survey that was sent out to regionals about the transition to digital, it would be great if Council could get access to that data.

Aimee: That would be great for Council to see and present to everyone once the data is analyzed.

Jen: Is this recommendation just about this, or do we want to do a recommendation with a list of the things that we need more specifics on? That would include Kelly's comments as well about the requirements there may be for those who are receiving limited print distribution.

Aimee: Josh's should be separate. Kelly's is a larger recommendation, might be something on the digital FDLP transition but Aimee still doesn't have it quite worked out yet.

Angie Bonnell: Likes gathering this into one larger recommendation. The idea of creating the one-sheet is something that would be very useful, and it would be more useful if it came directly from GPO.

Jen: There is a suggestion that perhaps we move to request access to the information gathering survey and it to be shared with Council and more widely with the FDLP community.

Allen moves to accept the motion. Susanne seconds.

Jen: Jen called for discussion of the motion. Hearing and seeing none, Jen requested a vote. The motion passes.

Jen: We have moved to write a recommendation to request access to the information gathering survey for Council and the community.

Josh: Is it too forward to put forward a recommendation to request more time for implementation given the possible date that he has heard of being in December?

Valerie: Valerie remembered that the decision has been made for this fiscal year. If we are asking for more time, then it would be for GPO to hold things in the warehouse longer while it is decided who will get what.

Scott Matheson: Valerie's correct in that it's done by fiscal year and the orders are due in August. There is no way to change those at this point easily. What he can't tell us right now is when each title will end as they don't know when they will be produced at the plant. They can see what they can do to provide clarity on specific titles where they can make an estimate.

Jen: We could ask you for a list of limited print distributions titles and when those contracts end for the FY24?

Scott: That's what he believes they can provide in terms of when the transition would start.

Jen: Jen has recorded that Council would like more specific information on the actual print distribution titles as well as the requirements for what the libraries who will receive those will be asked in terms of interlibrary loan, in person access, and preservation. Council would like to review the FAQ before it is posted to make sure it covers all areas.

Valerie: Valerie noted that in the chat Gwen suggested a request for GPO's methodology whether that is methodology to determine who gets the titles or how the titles were chosen.

Gwen: Gwen clarified that it would be a request for both.

Jen would entertain a motion for the following:

Council requests that the digital implementation FAQ be updated following community feedback. Council would like to review that update to ensure that all that Council has heard has been answered in the update. Council would request that GPO publish the following: their methodology for print distribution titles and who will receive them and the minimum requirements for the libraries that will accept those print distributed titles for interlibrary loan, access, and preservation.



Rob motions. Valerie seconded the motion.

Jen called for discussion on the motion. Jen called the vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously to write the recommendation.

Aimee: Proposed a commendation in the chat for Will Stringfellow and Rick Mikulski for their extraordinary work respectively on the PURL Working Group and the COVID-19 Working Group thanking each of them for extending their service.

Jen: Jen recalls from our training that we are discouraged from issuing commendations to specific individuals. Jen proposed offering a commendation for Council members who have extended their service onto Council subcommittees and working groups.

Aimee: Everybody does really great work, but she believes that both of them went beyond. Having been on several working groups, Aimee can see how much work and dedication they have done.

Cindy: It's up to Council if they want to name them in the commendation.

Jen: Do we have a second for Aimee's commendation as it stands? Rob seconds the commendation.

Jen called for discussion from Council.

Valerie: Valerie feels uncomfortable singling out these two as there were and will continue to be individuals who go above and beyond like this.

Rob: His reason for seconding was just to recognize them going above and beyond for multiple years past their terms on Council.

Jen: Jen suggests that we open it to recognize all council members that serve on past their initial service, but the meeting notes will reflect that Aimee was inspired by Will and Rick.

Aimee: Yes, Aimee agrees with the compromise.

Hayley read the proposed motion: Council would like to recognize the work of those Council members who have stayed on beyond their terms on working groups and subcommittees in order to complete the important work of those working groups and subcommittees.

Jen called the vote. Motion passed.

Jen summarized that Council has passed a recommendation to request the information survey be shared with Council and the community. Council also passed a recommendation that GPO update the digital implementation FAQ and provide their methodologies, and Council has passed a commendation for Council members who continued their work on working groups and subcommittees beyond their initial service.

Jen also wrote down directions that the NCSA reps from Council should take into discussions with GPO: Library types, relationships to regionals, geographic equity and representation from each state, increased communication through many methods about these changes to all depository libraries.

## VI. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 EDT.

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## **VI. DLC Wrap Up & Closing**

### I. Council Highlights: 2023

Highlights of Council work from the past year include: the completion of the working group for exploring the durability of PURLs; ongoing work of the Collection and Discovery Services (CDSS) and Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries (UCUP) subcommittees will continue; the Long-term Impacts of COVID-19 on FDL Access, Collections, and Services Working Group will also continue its work. Council received the working group's first report and will consider that report in advance of the Spring meeting.

### II. What's Next for Council

There were several Recommendations/Commendations from the 2023 Fall meeting. Council will continue to advise on the Digital Transition and reduction in print. Council has been tasked by the Superintendent of Documents with creating the new Statistics and Metrics Working Group. The proposed charge of the working group was shared.

### III. Announcement of the Chair-Elect

Susanne Caro, Government Information Librarian at New Mexico State Library, was elected Chair-Elect of the Depository Library Council. Her duties start in June 2024.

### IV. Next Depository Library Council Meeting

The Spring DLC Virtual Meeting will be held May 1-2, 2024. Registration opens January.

### V. Adjourn

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Meeting adjourned at 5:28 EDT.

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Respectfully submitted,

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