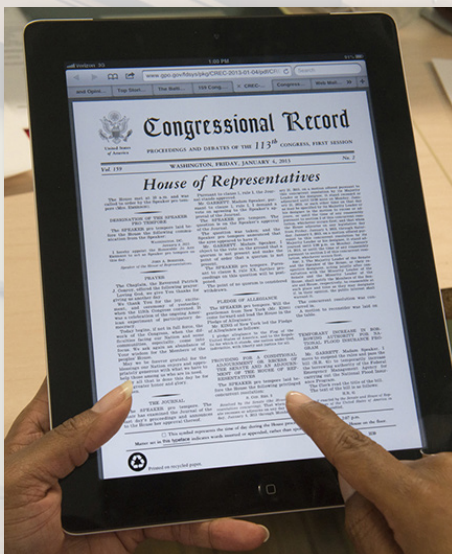
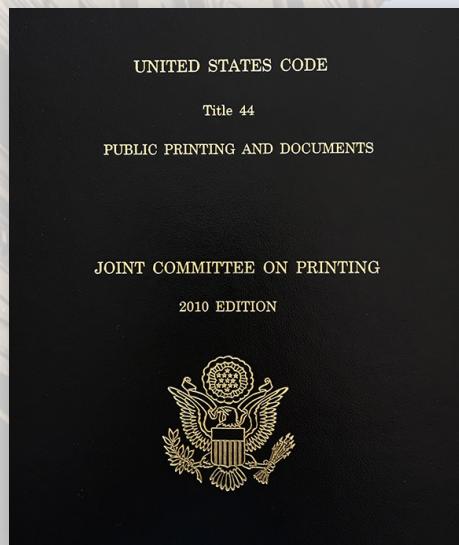




Depository Library Council



Annual Report June 1, 2023 — May 31, 2024



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2023-2024 Depository Library Council Annual Report

Introduction

The Depository Library Council (Council or DLC), established in 1972, serves as the advisory body to the Director of the Government Publishing Office (GPO) and the Superintendent of Documents on policy and operational matters relating to improving public access to government information through the Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents:

- Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP);
- Cataloging and Indexing Program (C&I);
- GPO's System of Online Access, GovInfo; and
- National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information.

DLC is governed by a Charter and Bylaws and follows, as much as is practicable, the guidance provided to executive agency advisory committees by the General Services Administration for compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Council collaborates with GPO staff and one another on matters related to the FDLP. Council meetings are convened twice a year. The fall meeting is held in conjunction with the Federal Depository Library Conference. While prior to 2020, fall meetings were held in person and online, the fall 2023 meeting and conference were again solely virtual. Another DLC meeting is held in the spring and has been virtual for many years. These DLC sponsored events are opportunities to communicate with the broader depository library community and conduct formal business. In 2024, Council was able to meet in person for a one-day working session at GPO just before the Spring Virtual meeting.

2023-2024 was a Council year of significant change. In summer 2023, GPO implemented a Digital transition for the Federal Depository Library Program, emphasizing digital-first publication. Alongside libraries in the FDLP, Council members navigated information releases, meetings, surveys, and communication about these changes. GPO hosted a central repository (<https://www.fdlp.gov/project-list/digital-fdlp-implementation>) with links, resources, and archived announcements. Throughout the year, this repository was updated as changes were announced. At the time of this annual report, the repository comprises numerous sections including: "What to expect," "What's in progress," "Resources," and "Background." Throughout the year, Council encouraged GPO to post updates and new materials to this webpage and other FDLP digital access points.

As part of the digital implementation, GPO identified a list of select "Print Distribution Titles" (PDT) which allocated limited print distribution quantities for certain titles to either 20 or 50 copies. Seven titles were allocated unlimited distribution. In August and September, Council learned of the limited print distribution and GPO held public meetings. At the Fall Business Meeting, Council discussed these changes and issued recommendations to GPO on the implementation (see below). GPO placed greater emphasis on National Collection Service

Areas (NCSAs), hosting several individual meetings by service area and administering surveys within each NCSA. From October to December 2023, four council members (one from each NCSA) helped provide advice to GPO as they sought feedback for meeting structure and data collection to inform PDT distribution. Council representatives included Rich Leiter (Midwest NCSA), Joshua Finnell (Northeast NCSA), Valerie Glenn (South NCSA), and Jen Kirk (West NCSA). In January, Council reviewed a draft of the limited distribution recipients, which GPO announced publicly shortly after. In winter and spring 2024, GPO sought applicants to serve on NCSA Steering Committees to advise in future distribution and collection development. Each Steering Committee includes at least one current Council member. In March 2024, GPO announced steering committee membership. The Council representatives will be Angela Bonnell (Midwest), Joshua Finnell (Northeast), Amy Laub (South), and Kelly Smith (West).

In addition to these significant activities, Council has focused efforts on Subcommittees and Working Groups. The Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives Working Group was sunset, and the Superintendent of Documents created a new working group, the Statistics & Metrics Working Group. The following sections discuss Council activities between Business Meetings, including summaries of Subcommittee and Working Group activities.

How Council Conducts Business

- Convenes community for professional development, education, and open forums
- Reports on Working Group activities
- Receives community feedback
- Advises the Director of GPO and the Superintendent of Documents through formal recommendations

Official Meetings

Fall 2023 Depository Library Council Meeting, October 16-18, 2023

- [Agenda](#)
- [Proceedings](#)
- Attendance for DLC and the FDLC
 - Total Registrants: 795
 - Total unique attendees: 580
 - Breakdown by day, unique attendees:
 - Monday Meeting Room A, 465
 - Monday Meeting Room B, 255
 - Tuesday Meeting Room A, 437
 - Tuesday Meeting Room B, 289
 - Wednesday, 369
- [Minutes](#)
- [Recommendations](#)
- [GPO's Response to Recommendations from Spring 2023 Meeting](#)
- [GPO's Response to Recommendations from Fall 2023 Meeting](#)

Spring Depository Library Council Meeting, May 2, 2024

- [Agenda](#)
- [Proceedings](#)
- Attendance
 - Total registrants: 631
 - Total unique attendees: 442
- Minutes (final draft forthcoming Fall 2024)
- Recommendations (forthcoming)

Council Business Between Meetings

Subcommittee & Working Groups

Collections and Discovery Services Subcommittee

The Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee (CDSS) discussed several possible activities this year to help address FDLP community needs. The Subcommittee ultimately decided to focus on the issue of managing digital FDLP publications in library catalogs, as questions about this topic arose repeatedly and from multiple people in past DLC conferences. The need to address these questions became more critical when GPO announced the transition to a digital-first FDLP model, with limited distribution of print titles. CDSS ran a survey to solicit feedback from the community about how their libraries add, manage, and remove catalog records for digital FDLP publications. CDSS hopes the survey responses will help identify training needs related to the overall management of digital FDLP publications, alleviate confusion among coordinators about maintaining these records, and assist the community, DLC, and GPO in moving forward effectively in the Digital FDLP model.

Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee

After reviewing the results of a targeted survey created last year, as well as select questions from GPO's most recent Biennial Survey, Subcommittee on Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries (UCUP) solicited members from the Federal depository library community to participate in a series of focus groups. Based on the survey responses and research done by the subcommittee, the focus groups will address the following topics: digital divide, language barriers, budget and administration, mistrust of government, outreach, and training. The purpose of each focus group is to address challenges that limit access to Federal Government information when serving underserved populations and to discuss practices and possible solutions so GPO is better positioned to offer support. These focus groups will be held over the course of 2024: two in spring, two in summer, and two in fall.

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

The COVID-19 group is analyzing the results from 2023 Biennial Survey questions developed by the Working Group. The group hopes to identify areas where changes to policies or procedures initiated during the pandemic were incorporated as regular practice. These include increased use of electronic communication, reduced hours of operation, and limitations to public access.

Statistics and Metrics Working Group

The Statistics and Metrics Working Group was established by the Superintendent of Documents in January 2024 “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.” In the winter and spring, the Working Group began initial research into the issue of how libraries collect statistics and metrics for collection use. The group is analyzing the results from the 2023 Biennial Survey and previous surveys to gather information on past practices and current software use. This information will help determine possible participants for a selective survey of libraries.

Exploring the Durability of PURLs and Their Alternatives Working Group

The Working Group submitted their final report to Council in Fall 2023. Council accepted the report and forwarded recommendations to GPO following the Fall 2023 conference. Director Halpern [responded in April 2024](#) stating that GPO accepted the recommendations. The Working Group was sunset by Council at the [Fall 2023 Business Meeting](#). Council thanks Working Group members for their contributions to this initiative.

Information Sharing Calls

In addition to participating in working groups and special GPO and FDLP initiatives, Council members participate in monthly information sharing calls with GPO. These calls allow a designated time for Council members to ask questions, seek clarification, and hear important information about GPO initiatives, announcements, and updates. These calls facilitate the organization of working groups, the establishment of timelines, and the planning of the spring meeting and the fall conference/meeting. Finally, the calls provide the opportunity for Council members and GPO to share updates about local, regional, or national government information related activities.

Call Dates:

July 10, 2023	November 13, 2023	March 11, 2024
August 14, 2023	December 11, 2023	April 8, 2024
September 11, 2023	January 8, 2024	May 13, 2024
October 2, 2023	February 12, 2024	

In addition to the regular updates, Council may ask for additional information about topics important to the FDLP community and the current work of Council. These presentations and opportunities for questions allow Council members to gain an understanding of the complexity of the program, the technical issues involved in projects, and an awareness of the ways the program functions at different kinds of institutions.

In-Person Working Session

For the first time since 2019, Council was able to meet in person. GPO hosted Council on April 29, 2024, for a series of conversations, tours, and an opportunity for a working session for Council. The agenda for GPO updates included: SuDoc/LSCM updates, GPO Information Technology, GPO Plant Operations, and LSCM Workflows. Those workflows included Digitization: Plans, Processes, Specifications; Quality Assurance; GovInfo Workflows & Repository Certifications; and LSCM Metadata Processes. Council met with Director Halpern followed by a working session. The agenda for the working session included: National Collection Service Areas (NCSAs) Communication with Council, Leadership and Work Group/Subcommittee Membership, Communication Expectations, and Goals for 2024-2025.

Ongoing Work

Working groups and DLC projects continue from term to term as their charge and work require, even as members cycle on and off Council. Most working groups are sunset upon completion of specific charges, while others, like *Collection and Discovery Services* and *Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries*, are permanent in nature and may transition to Council Subcommittees. Some Council work, like the transmission of recommendations, commendations, and reports may carry over from one term to another because of the short timeframe between the Spring DLC meeting and the end of the Council term on May 31st. The following items will continue from the 2023-2024 Council to the 2024-2025 Council:

- Council expects further communication from GPO, mentioned in the responses to Fall 2023 recommendations, including a more detailed description on the methodology for determining which titles to include on the Print Distribution Titles (PDT) List.
- At the April 2024 Working Session, Council identified the following priorities for the coming year:
 - Strategizing across NCSAs, keeping a national perspective
 - Championing the Digital FDLP
 - Communicating & highlighting the value of participating in the FDLP
 - Digital Collection Training & Curation, providing a “one stop” training source
- The *Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee* will consider survey responses.
- The *Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee* will continue to collaborate with GPO on focus groups.
- The *Long-term Effects of COVID-19 on FDL Access, Collections, and Services Working Group* will continue reviewing 2023 Biennial Survey data.

- The *Statistics & Metrics Working Group* will consider library usage data availability.

2023-2024 Documents

Access to current and historical publications produced by the Depository Library Council, including reports, letters and recommendations is available through the [FDLP file repository](#) maintained by GPO. The following documents have been posted there from the 2023-2024 Council.

[Digital FDLP Implementation](#) (regularly updated, date of last update at time of this report, May 13, 2024)

[GPO Response to Council's Fall 2023 Recommendations](#) (April 16, 2024)

[Charter of the Statistics and Metrics Working Group](#) (January 9, 2024)

[Recommendations and Commendation of the Depository Library Council to the GPO Director](#) (November 6, 2023)

[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](#) (October 13, 2023) and [Data and Data Analysis Instructions for RStudio](#)

[Final Report of the PURL Working Group, Transmittal Letter, and Recommendations to the DLC](#) (September 26, 2023)

[GPO Responses to the Council's Recommendations Resulting from Their Spring 2023 Meeting](#) (September 20, 2023)

[Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee Charter](#) (July 14, 2023)

[GPO Response to Council's Letter Regarding Censorship](#) (June 21, 2023)

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Council Membership 2023-2024

Council Officers

Chair of the Depository Library Council

Jen Kirk

Chair Term: June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024

DLC Term: June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2024

Title: Government Information Librarian

Institution: Utah State University (USU)

Bio: At USU, Jen Kirk coordinates the Government Information Program, part of Special Collections & Archives, and connects Government documents to users across the disciplines. As the Regional Coordinator for Utah and Nevada, she works with 15 selective depositories to provide public access to government information. She serves as the Metrics Working Group Coordinator for the Technical Report Archive & Image Library (TRAIL) and promotes government information through the Utah Library Association's Government Documents

Roundtable (ULA GODORT). Kirk received both her Master of Library and Information Science and her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research interests focus on practical applications of Government information librarianship, distribution of Government agency publications, and presidential libraries.

Secretary of the Depository Library Council

Hayley Johnson

Secretary Term: June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024

DLC Term: June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2025

Title: Open Scholarship & Government Publications

Institution: Louisiana State University

Bio: Hayley Johnson is Head of Open Scholarship and Government Publications at Louisiana State University and currently serves as one of two regional coordinators for Louisiana. Johnson is an active member of the American Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) and has served on several GODORT committees, most recently as the coordinator for the Federal Information Interest Group (FIIG).

Council Roster

2021-2024 Council Members

Valerie Glenn

DLC Term: June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2024

Title: Business and Public Affairs Collection Librarian

Institution: Virginia Commonwealth University

Bio: Valerie Glenn is the Business and Public Affairs Collections Librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she has a leadership role in developing, assessing, managing, and promoting collections in all formats. Glenn has more than 20 years of experience connecting users with Government information and managing collections in depository libraries of varying sizes, including at VCU, which is an Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) Center of Excellence for the Department of Homeland Security. She is active in the American Library Association's Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) and Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures.

Richard Leiter

DLC Term: June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2024

Title: Director of the Schmid Law Library and Professor of Law

Institution: University of Nebraska College of Law

Bio: Richard Leiter has worked in law libraries for nearly 40 years, seven in law firm libraries. His experience at law firm libraries is largely responsible for his deep appreciation for the work of the GPO in publishing vital primary law resources in a timely and useful fashion. Professor Leiter teaches Advanced Legal Research and has written widely on law librarianship and legal bibliography. His book, *National Survey of State Laws*, now in its 8th edition, is published both in print and online as a searchable database. When originally published in 1993, it was selected by the NY Public Library as one of the year's best reference resources. Professor Leiter is active in

local, regional, and national law library organizations, and served as chair of the Government Relations Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries. He also has served for many years as a judge for state and national competitions of *We The People*, a nationwide competition of high school students that involves debate on aspects of the United States Constitution. Professor Leiter earned his BA from the University of California Santa Cruz, his Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas, and his JD from Southwestern School of Law

Allen Moye

DLC Term: June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2024

Title: Associate Professor of Law and Director

Institution: Rinn Law Library, DePaul College of Law

Bio: Allen Moye holds appointments as Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Rinn Law Library. He also supervises the College of Law's technology support team. Prior to his current position, Mr. Moye was the Associate Director of Public Services at George Mason School of Law, in Arlington, VA. In his primary role as Director of DePaul's Law Library, Mr. Moye is responsible for the financial management and quality of library services and research support offered to faculty, students, alumni, and public patrons of the law library. He coordinates with the legal writing faculty to provide legal research instruction to law students and teaches Advanced Legal Research in the JD program. He also teaches Introduction to American Law and Legal Systems in the Masters-in-Jurisprudence program. With close to 25 years of experience working in libraries, Mr. Moye closely follows emerging trends, innovations, and new technologies. As an experienced legal research instructor, he is particularly interested in working with the DLC to address complex issues related to public access to digital Government information, including the durability of permanent URLs (PURLs). With a significant amount of legal and Government information now being produced in a digital-only format, Mr. Moye believes that it is imperative that a persistent, reliable, and platform-agnostic standard be established for PURLs. Mr. Moye earned his undergraduate degree from Howard University, his JD from University of Richmond, and his MLIS from Catholic University. He is an active member of a number of professional library associations, including the American Library Association, American Association of Law Libraries, Chicago Association of Law Libraries, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, and is a past president of the Mid-America Law Library Consortium.

**Co-Chair of the Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee*

Aimée C. Quinn

DLC Term: June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2024

Title: Assistant Librarian at the Academic Library

Institution: Northern Arizona University, Yuma Campus

Bio: As an educator and advocate for government information for nearly 40 years, Aimée Quinn published over 50 articles, book chapters, and reports related to the preservation of the Serial Set, rare and valuable government publications, civic engagement, and digital government information. She is regularly sought out as a mentor and advisor to librarians. She is interested in the intersections of government information and underserved communities which led to her

contributions to research and publishing on a Washington State task force on police homicide and race. Her current research examines the impact of presidential actions and policies on environmental and scientific government information. She regularly serves on GODORT and other government information committees and task forces along with her Depository Library Council responsibilities. She is the 2024 recipient of the GODORT/Newsbank/Readex Catharine J. Reynolds Award.

**Co-Chair of the Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee*

2022-2025 Council Members

Susanne Caro

DLC Term: June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2025

Title: Government Information Librarian

Institution: New Mexico State Library

Bio: Susanne Caro is the Government Information Librarian at the New Mexico State Library where she assists users in accessing Government information. She is also a joint regional coordinator of the Federal Depository Program for New Mexico. She was the editor and an author of *Digitizing Your Collection* (ALA 2016), and *Government Information Essentials* (ALA 2018), which won the 2019 Margaret T. Lane/Virginia F. Sanders Memorial Research Award.

**Elected Chair-Elect at the Fall 2023 DLC Business Meeting*

**Chair of the Long-term Implications for Federal Depository Libraries of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Statistics & Metrics Working Groups*

Amy Laub

DLC Term: June 1, 2022-May 31, 2025

Title: Federal Regional Depository Librarian

Institution: University of Kentucky

Bio: Amy Laub serves as Federal Regional Depository Librarian, head of the Federal Depository Unit, which manages all aspects of the Federal Depository Collection and supervises the manager of the Gwen Curtis Map Collection. As the Regional Coordinator for Kentucky, she works with 18 selective depositories to provide access to Government information and provides support in weeding their collections. Laub is active in the Kentucky Library Association Government Documents Roundtable, ALA Government Documents Roundtable and serves on the ASERL Federal Depository Program Oversight Committee.

**Elected Secretary-Elect at the Spring 2024 DLC Business Meeting*

Rob Mead

DLC Term: June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2025

Title: State Law Librarian

Institution: Washington State Law Library

Bio: Rob Mead works for the Washington Supreme Court as the State Law Librarian. He is active in the Northwest Government Information Network and the Legal Information Preservation Alliance. Previously, he worked as the State Law Librarian for New Mexico, the Deputy Chief Public Defender for New Mexico, a disability rights attorney, and an academic law

librarian at the University of New Mexico and the University of Kansas. He also teaches legal research and writing to paralegal students at South Puget Sound Community College and writes about elder and disability law, including co-authoring the treatise *Advising the Elderly Client*. He holds a law degree from the University of New Mexico and a Master of Library Science from Emporia State University.

Kelly Smith

DLC Term: June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2025

Title: Government Information Librarian and Librarian for Urban Studies & Planning and Environmental Studies

Institution: University of California San Diego (UCSD)

Bio: At UCSD, Kelly Smith manages and provides research assistance for the Federal, state, and local Government collections and serves as the FDLP coordinator. In addition, she is the subject specialist and academic liaison for Urban Studies & Planning and Environmental Studies. Smith has been active with several GODORT committees, most recently serving on the Education Committee, and received the ProQuest/ALA/GODORT “Documents to the People” award in 2021.

**Chair of the Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee*

2023-2026 Council Members

Angela Bonnell

DLC Term: June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

Title: Head of Government Documents

Institution: Illinois State University, Milner Library

Bio: Angela Bonnell is an active member of the American Library Association’s Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT), where she has served on a variety of committees, most recently as Chair of the Rare and Endangered Government Publications (REGP) Committee. She is also a council member on the Illinois Government Depository Council (IGDC). She earned her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an MS in history from Illinois State University. She has published and presented on the use of Government Information in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Government document’s use studies, and civic engagement in academic libraries.

Sarah Erekson

DLC Term: June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

Title: Regional Government Documents Librarian

Institution: University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries

Bio: Sarah Erekson oversees Government documents collections undergoing cataloging as part of the shared print repository for the state of Florida. She works to create accessible Government Information collections within the Southeast National Collection Service Area, through collaborative agreements such as the ASERL Centers of Excellence, Preservation Stewardship, and Shared Regional Collections. She coordinates with selective depository libraries in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Previously, she was a Government Information and Municipal Reference Librarian at Chicago Public Library. She is also active in

the American Library Association's Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), the Florida Library Association, and the ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program Oversight Committee.

Joshua Finnell

DLC Term: June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

Title: Professor and Head of Research & Instruction in the University Libraries

Institution: Colgate University

Bio: Joshua Finnell is the Director of Research & Scholarly Initiatives in the University Libraries at Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, with a focus on data policy, infrastructure, and training. In collaboration with Will Cipolli, associate professor of mathematics, he co-founded the Colgate University Data Science Collaboratory. Previous to Colgate, Joshua worked as a data librarian at Los Alamos National Laboratory, a humanities librarian at Denison University, and a clinical outcomes research coordinator at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. His research has received grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Central New York Humanities Corridor, the Central New York Libraries Resources Council, and the Picker Interdisciplinary Science Institute at Colgate University. His work has been published in SCRIPTed: A Journal of Law, Technology & Society, Digital Library Perspectives, Planetarian, and International Information & Library Review. Joshua has served on the programming committee for Digital Library Forum, the Web Archiving and Digital Libraries Workshop and Joint Conference on Digital Libraries, and the Research Data Access and Preservation (RDAP) Summit. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of The Data Discovery Collaboration.

Angela Kent

DLC Term: June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

Title: Senior Manager, Records and Information Management

Institution: LyondellBasell

Bio: Angela J.A. Kent is the former Head of History Research Centers (Special Collections) at the Houston Public Library. She formerly served as the Head of Reference and FDLP Co-Regional at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. After nearly 20 years serving in the government sector, Kent moved into the private sector as a Records and Information Manager professional in 2024. She has extensive experience in archival digitization, access to government information and records, and policymaking within the international to local government spheres. Angela currently serves on the ALA GODORT (Government Documents Round Table) committee as the Bylaws Coordinator and Archivist and on the APALA (Asia Pacific American Librarians Association) Archives Task Force. Angela J.A. Kent is a TLA (Texas Libraries Association) TALL Texan, SLA (Special Libraries Association) Rising Star, and ALA Emerging Leader.

Gwen Sinclair

DLC Term: June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026

Title: Chair of the Government Documents & Maps Department

Institution: University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Library

Bio: Gwen Sinclair is the Chair of the Government Documents & Maps Department at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Library in Honolulu and has 24 years of experience as a Government Information Librarian. She is an active member of the American Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) and the Hawai'i Library Association. She is an adjunct faculty member in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Library and Information Science Program and is the author of the open textbook *Government Information: A Reference for Librarians in Hawai'i*. Gwen received both her masters degrees, in Library and Information Science and Geography, from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She has a BA in German from Trinity University.

Glossary & Acronym List

Term	Acronym	Definition	Learn more
American Library Association	ALA	ALA's mission is "to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all."	https://www.ala.org/aboutala/
Association of Southeastern Research Libraries	ASERL	ASERL brings together leaders from research libraries in the region to foster a high standard of library excellence through professional development, inter-institutional resource sharing, and other important collaborations.	https://www.aserl.org/
Catalog of Government Publications	CGP	The Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) is the search tool for print and electronic titles of the National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications. The National Bibliography is made up of publications from across the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the U.S. Government.	CGP About Page
Commendation		Acknowledgement of work by GPO or its partners by the DLC for specific outcomes or activities	
Council Year	CY	June 1 to May 30	
Depository Library Council	DLC	Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Government Publishing Office on matters that relate to improving public access to our Government's information through the Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents.	

Term	Acronym	Definition	Learn more
Depository Library Council Chair		The Chair works with the DFO, or her designee, to establish priorities, identify issues which must be addressed, determine the level and types of staff and financial support required, and serves as the communication focal point for the DLC membership. The Chair presides over meetings of the DLC and is responsible for certifying the accuracy of minutes developed by the DLC Secretary to document its meetings, corresponds with GPO, and transmits recommendations and work products to the Director of GPO. The Chair is elected each fall by a majority vote of the appointed members of the DLC and serves a one-year term that begins 1 June.	DLC Bylaws
Depository Library Council Secretary		The Secretary prepares and distributes the minutes of each meeting to members of DLC and the DFO. Minutes shall include an attendance roll, a summary of topics covered and discussion, and an itemization of any decisions or recommendations made or actions to be taken. The secretary coordinates with the DFO to ensure all required records of the DLC, and any subcommittees, are maintained and publicly accessible. The Secretary is elected each spring by a majority vote of the members of the DLC and serves a one-year term that begins 1 June. In the absence of the Secretary from a meeting, the Chair shall appoint a member of Council to serve in that capacity.	DLC Bylaws
Director		Director of the Government Publishing Office	
Designated Federal Official	DFO	The DFO serves as the government's agent for all matters related to the DLC's activities. The DFO, or her designee, must: (1) approve or call the meeting of the DLC; (2) approve agendas; (3) attend all meetings; (4) adjourn the meetings when such adjournment is in the public interest; and (5) Chair meetings of the DLC, when so directed by the Director of the GPO, or his designee.	DLC Bylaws
Federal Advisory Committee Act	FACA	As a Legislative Branch Agency, GPO does not fall within the definition of "agency" for the purposes of FACA; however, GPO has	DLC Bylaws

Term	Acronym	Definition	Learn more
		adopted its provisions where practicable and will treat them as “Best Practices.”	
Federal Depository Library Community			
Government Documents Roundtable	GODORT	ALA forum where information professionals learn, discuss, advocate, and create scholarship on and about government information at all levels of government (local, state, national, international).	https://www.ala.org/rt/godort
Government Publishing Office	GPO	Federal agency that publishes trusted information for the Federal Government to the American people.	
GOVDOC-L		National discussion forum for Government information; email listserv	
Meeting		Official term for the convening of the DLC to conduct official business. Meetings are called by the DFO. The DLC shall meet no more than twice a year. The Director of the Government Publishing Office may call additional meetings as may be necessary.	
Federal Depository Support Services	FDSS	Part of LSCM. FDSS is responsible for first-hand consultation and coordination with Federal depository libraries as they work to operate and manage their depositories.	LSCM Year in Review
Information Sharing Call		Monthly gatherings of the DLC and GPO staff to receive updates and share information	
LibGuide		Content management system deployed at thousands of libraries worldwide. Librarians use it to curate knowledge and share information, organize class and subject specific resources, and to create and manage websites.	https://springshare.com/libguides/
Library Services & Content Management	LSCM	GPO unit. Includes business, administrative, operational functions of: Federal Depository Support Service, International Exchange Service, Library Technical Services, and Projects and Systems	LSCM Year in Review
Library Technical Services	LTS	Part of LSCM. Support Federal depository libraries, U.S. Federal government agencies, and all Library Technical Services	LSCM Year in Review

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		stakeholders to fulfill their needs for U.S. Federal government information by providing them with the best services and products related to the life cycle management of Federal government information products, including cataloging/metadata, classification, acquisition, and distribution of new publications, and collection development and collection management activities related to the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information.	
Limited Print Distribution model	LPD	This model acknowledges the different print needs and requirements of the NCSAs	Limited Print Distribution Model webpage
National Collection Service Area	NCSA	Groups Federal depository libraries into four regions as a means of ensuring geographically dispersed permanent public access to Federal Government information products, sharing resources among depository libraries, and receiving services from GPO's LSCM	National Collection Service Area webpage
Print Distribution Titles List	PDT	Consists of titles that will continue to be distributed in paper-format. The quantity of copies available fall into three categories: Unlimited, 20 copy, and 50 copy.	Limited Print Distribution Model webpage
Projects and Systems	P&S	Part of LSCM. Projects and Systems seeks to implement services that will dramatically enhance LSCM's ability to operate effectively and efficiently in carrying out its strategic mission.	LSCM Year in Review
Persistent Uniform Resource Locators	PURL	As part of the online dissemination of federal information, the FDLP uses PURLs to provide stable URLs to online federal information. When a user clicks on a PURL, the request is routed to the federal publication. As federal agencies redesign and remove information from their sites, GPO staff reroute PURL entries to the appropriate location.	https://purl.access.gpo.gov/
Recommendation		Recommendations must be within GPO, SuDocs/LSCM's mission and strategic goals and governance for the FDLP; Attainable within available resources, including staffing. Recommendations, and GPO's responses, are part of the formal record of the work of the Depository Library Council and GPO	

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Subcommittee		The GPO Director or the DFO may approve the creation of subcommittees by the DLC, as necessary to support the Council's work. The chairperson shall be a member of the DLC. Other members of subcommittees may be drawn in whole or in part from the DLC. Subcommittees shall report to the DLC, and they must not provide advice or work products directly to the GPO.	
Superintendent of Documents	SuptDoc	The Superintendent of Documents leads the GPO in providing public access to Government information published by the U.S. Congress, Federal agencies, and the Federal courts.	https://fdlp.gov/about/superintendent-of-documents