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Hello Cataloging Record Distribution Program Contact,

I am writing about your library's participation in the [Cataloging Record Distribution Program \(CRDP\)](#), a service of the Federal Depository Library Program. This message is being sent to all in the CRDP.

Effective March 31, 2025, Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) will cease all services offered by the CRDP. Since the inception of the CRDP in 2009, libraries participating in the program received a variety of cataloging record services. The program has been a successful source of metadata/cataloging records for a small number of libraries in the FDLP.

LSCM has recently done a review of the CRDP and recognized that there have been many changes in the discovery and metadata/cataloging ecosystem since the CRDP was implemented. LSCM has developed a variety of new methods to obtain metadata/cataloging records for libraries in the FDLP and other vendors have increased and improved their services for obtaining metadata/cataloging records for library use. Additionally, libraries in the digital environment have changed their workflows and their needs for metadata for U.S. Government information.

See [Sources of GPO Cataloging Records](#) for options. GPO's intention to facilitate access and discovery continues as records are available in new ways through more GPO sources. We would be happy to meet and consult with you about cataloging options based on the content you plan to catalog and your preferred workflow. You may also wish to consult with other librarians, and with vendors.

Your library may also consider non-cataloging options for digital content management, such as curated LibGuides, web pages, and development of digital collections. How your library decides to provide access to online Federal government resources is up to you. Cataloging continues to be required for physical FDLP materials received at your library.



You are welcome to participate in the CRDP through March 2025. If you develop another cataloging workflow prior to March 2025 or are no longer making use of CRDP records and meeting [CRDP participation requirements](#), it is important to notify GPO so we may remove your library from the service.

Your library's status in the FDLP is unaffected by this change. We appreciate your library's continuing service as a Federal depository library.

If you have any questions specific to CRDP participation or about alternative sources of cataloging or provision of access to Federal government content, please contact Kathy Bayer, Senior Outreach Librarian, at [kbayer@gpo.gov](mailto:kbayer@gpo.gov) or submit an inquiry via askGPO using the "Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP)" category.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie B. Hall".

Laurie B. Hall

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