



## LIBRARY SERVICES & CONTENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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*The following highlights accomplishments and updates from the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO's) Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) business unit.*

### Digital FDLP Implementation

Since Director Halpern's response to the Task Force Report on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), GPO's Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) staff have been working to implement a digital-first FDLP. Of note, GPO has made great progress in limiting print distribution and establishing National Collection Service Area (NCSA) Steering Committees. The four Steering Committees are working collaboratively within the NCSAs to develop collection management plans for limited print distribution. Plans are currently under review by the Superintendent of Documents.

LSCM has also been developing new content partnerships to enhance the unrestricted availability of trustworthy digital content and developing new tools and services, such as the FDLP Data Manager.

Learn more about the implementation of a digital FDLP:

- [Digital FDLP Implementation](#)
- [Action Items to Implement a Digital FDLP](#)
- [Limited Print Distribution Framework](#)
- [National Collection Service Areas](#)

### FDLP Data Manager

The FDLP Data Manager (FDM) was launched in March 2024, as a collection management system for libraries in the FDLP, using data provided by GPO. A web-based data warehousing and data mining tool, FDM assists depository libraries in processing, cataloging, and development of their FDLP collection. FDM was redeveloped after acquiring the Documents Data Miner 3 (DDM3) code from Wichita

State University. GPO has migrated the tool to a new, secure platform and regularly updates the data from FDLP files.

- [FDLP Data Manager](#)

## **LSCM Pilot Projects**

LSCM Pilot Projects are an opportunity for collaboration between LSCM and Federal depository libraries. These jointly-conducted projects are envisioned to benefit the larger FDLP community and ultimately to enhance access to the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information.

Two Pilot Projects are currently underway in LSCM. Pilot Project 1 is proceeding with the Merrill-Cazier Library at Utah State University (USU) and Pilot Project 2 with the University of North Texas (UNT) Libraries.

Pilot Project 1 has cataloged, digitized, provided an item level inventory of, and provided a conservation plan for a collection of FDR-era civil defense documents. Because these titles are digitized, USU is able to preserve the tangible copies of these documents according to a conservation plan created by GPO. In all, 1,160 titles were cataloged and digitized, and records have been added to the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP). Digitized copies of these titles will be available on GovInfo in November 2024.

Pilot Project 2 includes inventory, condition assessment, and digital imaging for 643 World War II-era military technical manuals in the W 1.25 and M 101.18 SuDoc classes, with overall goals of providing public access to those publications via GovInfo, the [UNT Digital Library](#), and CGP records. Titles will be included in the UNT Libraries Preservation Steward collections.

- [LSCM Pilot Projects](#)
  - [LSCM Pilot Project 1 with Utah State University's Merrill-Cazier Library](#)
  - [LSCM Pilot Project 2 with University of North Texas Libraries](#)

## **GPO Partnerships**

Since 1997, GPO has developed strategic partnerships with Federal depository libraries and other Federal agencies to increase access to electronic Federal information. GPO has official partnership agreements in place with over 80 organizations to advance free public access to U.S. Government information. Partnerships range from organizations that pledge to permanently preserve

Government publications in their libraries, to organizations that make a commitment to retain and make publicly accessible, at no fee, digital resources within scope of the FDLP, to organizations that provide digital content to GPO for ingest into GovInfo, and more.

In July 2024, LSCM introduced a new suite of web pages on FDLP.gov related to partnerships and collaborations with GPO. There are now separate web pages for each partner category with lists of current partners and their contributions, as well as information on how to partner with GPO.

Learn more:

- [Collaborations with GPO](#)
- [Partnerships](#)
  - [Preservation Stewards](#)
  - [Digital Preservation Stewards](#)
  - [Digital Access Partners](#)
  - [Digital Content Contributors](#)
  - [Cataloging and Metadata Contributors](#)

## **Enhancing Content in GovInfo**

GPO continues to increase access to current and historic content in GovInfo. Notable additions in FY24 include:

- Completion of the [U.S. Statutes at Large](#) collection.
- Added 4,446 Serial Set volumes containing 82,542 reports and documents.
- Added 4,308 digitized Congressional hearings.
- Added 839 digitized Congressional Committee prints.
- Added 211 miscellaneous publications.
  - [Third Edition of the Checklist of United States Public Documents: Advance Sheets.](#)
  - [Classification for United States Public Documents by Adelaide Hasse.](#)
  - Numerous executive agency annual reports.

GPO is actively digitizing, and current needs are posted to the [GPO Digitization](#) FDLP Resource Guide. Offering weeded depository material to GPO supports the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information and increases public access to Government publications.

Another way to support the National Collection is to contribute digitized content to GovInfo. If you are interested in becoming a Digital Content Contributor, please

contact us via [askGPO](#) using the Federal Depository Library tile and selecting the Partnerships category.

## **Congressionally Mandated Reports**

Since the launch of the Congressionally Mandated Reports (CMRs) collection on GovInfo in December 2023, GPO has made available more than 500 reports from more than 75 agencies. This number has quadrupled since the collection's launch. CMRs offer information on a variety of topics, including but not limited to Veterans' medical care, health care coverage and access, marine and coastal resources, land use and conservation, and small business. Members of the public can browse the reports by agency or topic and may download a searchable table of the reports available.

- [Congressionally Mandated Reports collection](#) on GovInfo
- [Congressionally Mandated Reports](#) initiative information

## **Trustworthy Digital Repository Audit and Certification of GovInfo**

In December 2023, GPO was awarded re-certification of GovInfo ISO 16363:2012 Trustworthy Digital Repository compliance. Certification of GovInfo from an accredited certifying body validates GPO's commitment to standards-based digital preservation practices and activities across 109 criteria. GPO is currently undergoing its recertification audit required to maintain certification.

In 2024, GPO announced that GovInfo received an additional certification under CoreTrustSeal repository assessment. Certification under CoreTrustSeal provides data producers assurance that their materials are stored in a reliable manner and to the public that digital materials are authentic and trustworthy. By participating in the CoreTrustSeal process, GPO team members will serve as reviewers for other organizations trying to achieve CoreTrustSeal certifications.

- [Trusted Digital Repository Audit and Certification](#)

## **2023 Biennial Survey of Federal Depository Libraries & State of the FDLP Report**

In October 2024, GPO published the *State of the Federal Depository Library Program, 2022-2023* report. This report, covering the period from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023, combines Biennial Survey data with other observations and fulfills the requirements of 44 U.S. Code §1909 for the Superintendent of Documents

to report on conditions at depository libraries. The report highlights selected 2023 Biennial Survey data, as well as information gleaned by LSCM staff during various interactions with depository library personnel and administrators.

The *State of the Federal Depository Library Program* informs the agency's delivery of FDLP services, future programs, and strategic planning, as allowed by budget and staffing.

- [State of the FDLP, 2022 – 2023](#) report
- [Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries](#) page on FDLP.gov
  - Full set of [2023 Biennial Survey responses](#)

## **FDLP Academy**

GPO's FDLP Academy is a free source for training opportunities, events, webinars, and webcasts for both the FDLP community and non-depository libraries.

LSCM is celebrating the FDLP Academy's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. While LSCM's virtual learning exploration began in 2006, the FDLP Academy was formalized in 2014. In those 10 years, the FDLP Academy has hosted over 700 webinars to almost 100,000 registrants and broadcast 30 conferences and meetings to almost 14,000 registrants.

LSCM is in the process of hiring a Supervisory Training Administrator for the management and strategic planning of the FDLP Academy.

- [FDLP Academy](#)

## **The Depository Library Council**

The Depository Library Council (DLC) serves in an advisory capacity to the GPO Director on matters that relate to improving public access to our Government's information through programs of the Superintendent of Documents. The work of the DLC and its working groups can be explored on FDLP.gov.

In October 2024, GPO published its responses to the latest recommendations from the DLC, presented to GPO in May 2024.

- [Depository Library Council](#)
- [GPO Responses to DLC's Spring 2024 Recommendations](#)

## **Congressional Research Service Reports**

LSCM continues to catalog Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports in accordance with the agreement made in October 2018 with the Library of Congress. As of October 2024, LSCM librarians have cataloged 10,897 reports. This is approximately 87% of all reports available on the CRS Reports website. New workflows have greatly improved cataloging efficiency, including a collaboration with the CRS to generate monthly reports of new publications and the development of an automated process to generate preliminary records and PURLs. These improvements have allowed GPO to stay current in processing newly published reports each month. The records can be retrieved in the CGP with this expert mode search: [wlt=CRSREP](#).

- [Congressional Research Service Reports collection](#) (CGP on GitHub repository)
- [CRS Reports](#)

### **Cataloging Historical Legal Reports**

In 2020, the Law Library of Congress and GPO began to collaborate on a multi-year project to catalog thousands of digitized and born-digital historical legal reports, totaling 3,927. The Law Library of Congress completed the digitization of the reports in 2023. LSCM completed the cataloging of the reports in OCLC and the CGP in January 2024. Cataloging records are available on GPO's GitHub page.

- [Law Library of Congress Reports Collection](#)

### **Web Archiving**

LSCM continues to archive websites in the FDLP Web Archive, advancing FDLP collection development efforts.

- LSCM has increased the size of the FDLP Web Archive collection to 58 TB, with over 626 million URLs.
- There are 219 website collections available on the FDLP Web Archive on Archive-It and 269 records available through the CGP.

- [FDLP Web Archive](#)

### **End of Term Presidential Web Archive**

The Library of Congress, University of North Texas Libraries, Internet Archive, Stanford University Libraries, National Archives and Records Administration

(NARA), and GPO are leading a collaborative project to harvest and preserve public U.S. Government websites at the conclusion of the current Presidential administration ending on January 20, 2025. This web harvest, like those in the past, will document the Federal Government's web presence during the transition of the Presidential administration as well as enhance existing collections at partner institutions. The group is currently accepting nominations for websites to be included in the 2024 End of Term Web Archive.

- [End of Term Web Archive](#)
- [Submit a URL nomination](#) for the End of Term Web Archive

### **New Version of Resource Description and Access (RDA)**

LSCM is preparing to adopt a new iteration of the cataloging standard Resource Description and Access (RDA). RDA is used in metadata services for the FDLP and Cataloging and Indexing Program (C&I). Staff in LSCM's Metadata and Collection Services (MCS) use RDA and the RDA Toolkit daily to catalog U.S. Government information products and to create and maintain name authority records. The new RDA features both a redesigned RDA Toolkit and implementation of the Library Reference Model (LRM). The new RDA became official on December 15, 2020, and is now in use worldwide. However, it has not yet been adopted by the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), of which GPO is a member. In February 2024, MCS established an internal RDA Implementation Team to prepare for the impact of Official RDA on MCS metadata work. The team attended the [PCC Introductory RDA Training Webinars \(Phase 1\)](#) and will attend additional PCC training as it becomes available.

PCC has a three-year rolling implementation plan from May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2027. When a specific implementation date is finalized by MCS, it will be announced by LSCM.

- [The New Version of Resource Description and Access \(RDA\): GPO's Preparations and Impacts on the FDLP Community](#)

### **CGP on GitHub Repository**

LSCM has been making cataloging records available via our GitHub repository since 2017. The records are available for free download. The repository contains various files that FDLs can use to manage the GPO records in their catalogs and for collection development and management purposes.

- [The CGP on GitHub](#)

## **Promoting Your Library**

LSCM offers a wide variety of resources to help you promote your library and the FDLP. An ordering site offers free promotional products exclusively to FDLP libraries. A variety of photo galleries are also available to inspire events and activities at your library. In addition, LSCM offers a Digital Marketing Toolkit with downloadable graphics, and guidance is available related to promotional tips and celebrating your depository's anniversary.

- [Promotion](#)

## **Notable Numbers**

Check out FDLP.gov's Notable Numbers page for the latest FDLP and Cataloging & Indexing Program statistics.

- [Notable Numbers](#)