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American Library Association: ALA
Catalog of U.S. Government Publications: CGP
Cataloging & Indexing Program: C&I
Cataloging Record Distribution Program: CRDP
Coalition for Networked Information: CNI
Depository Library Council Meeting & Federal Depository Library Conference: Meeting & Conference
Depository Library Council: DLC
Federal Agencies Digitization Guidelines Initiative: FADGI
Federal Depository Library Directory: FDDL
Federal Depository Library Program Coordinator Certificate Program: CCP
Federal Depository Library Program: FDLP
Federal Library and Information Network: FEDLINK
GPO's Federal Digital System: FDsys
Integrated Library System: ILS
International Conference on Digital Preservation: iPres
Library of Congress: LC
Library Services & Content Management: LSCM
Library Services System: LSS
Maps and Geospatial Information Round Table: MAGIRT
National Archives & Records Administration: NARA
National Bibliographic Records Inventory Initiative: NBRII
North American Precis Syndicate: NAPS
Persistent Uniform Resource Locators: PURLs
Preservation and Reformatting Section: PARS
Program for Cooperative Cataloging: PCC
Public Access Assessment: PAA
Public Library Association: PLA
Reference and User Services Association: RUSA
Resource Description and Access: RDA
Society for Imaging Science and Technology: IS&T
Special Libraries Association: SLA
Trustworthy Digital Repository: TDR
U.S. Government Publishing Office: GPO
University of North Texas: UNT

WELCOME LETTER FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LSCM



Dear Federal depository library partners,

Looking back on FY 2015 (October 2014 - September 2015), it was a year filled with milestones and change that demonstrate the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO's) and the Federal Depository Library Program's (FDLP's) positive direction for the future.

In December 2014, President Barack Obama signed into law H.R. 83, the legislation that provided consolidated and further continuing appropriations for FY 2015. Section 1301 of that legislation officially changed the name of the U.S. Government Printing Office to the U.S. Government Publishing Office. Publishing reflects the increasingly prominent role that GPO plays in providing access to Government information in digital formats through the agency's Federal Digital System (FDsys), Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP), apps, eBooks, and related technologies. The information needs of Congress, Federal agencies, and the public have evolved beyond print and GPO has transformed itself to meet its customers' needs.

This name change really symbolizes the digital transformation that has been underway at the agency for many years now. The name change also set in motion countless logistical and administrative changes that were necessary to change over 150 years worth of branding! As you have seen from us throughout the year, we have been introducing new promotional items, new logos and website design, and new forms, to name a few. Thank you for helping us advance awareness of our new name by changing references from "Printing Office" to "Publishing Office" on your websites and in your library!

Following suit with our name change, in January 2015, we hit another milestone. Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) cataloged the first document published with GPO's new name. It was the [Satellite Television Access and Viewer Rights Act](#): report of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on S. 2799.

Just a short time later, in March 2015, I was given the responsibility and honor of serving as the new Managing Director of LSCM. After spending three decades at GPO in various roles that have all supported our information dissemination programs, I am proud and happy to take the reins of the unit and lead our continuing transformation.

Throughout the year, we have also been celebrating and reflecting on several other historical milestones, all revolving around the year 1895. This year marks the 120th anniversary of these key events in FDLP history.

- **The Printing Act of 1895, the direct antecedent of Title 44, United States Code, transferred administration of the FDLP from the Department of the Interior to GPO and launched the distribution of executive department publications to depositories.**
- **Also in 1895, GPO hired its first librarian, Adelaide R. Hasse. Between 1895 and 1903, the Superintendent of Document (SuDocs) classification system was developed by Ms. Hasse.**
- **The first depository shipment, on July 17, 1895, contained eleven Congressional publications and was distributed to our (then) 420 Federal depository libraries.**

Fast forward to FY 2015, and the FDLP is going strong with over 1,150 Federal depository library partners throughout the U.S. and our territories. We are proud of and grateful for the work you do each and every day to Keep America Informed all these years later. For our part here at GPO, we work in support of four programs, all appropriated by Congress:

- **The Federal Depository Library Program**
- **The Cataloging & Indexing Program**
- **The International Exchange Service**
- **The By-Law Program**

Throughout this report, you will read about these four programs and the projects and recent activities we have undertaken to support those programs.

On behalf of the staff in GPO's LSCM business unit, I am happy to present to you our accomplishments for FY 2015.

With Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurie Hall
Managing Director, Library Services & Content Management
Acting Superintendent of Documents

FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM

As authorized by Chapter 19 of Title 44, U.S.C., the mission of the FDLP is to provide for no-fee, ready, and permanent public access to Federal Government information, now and for future generations. The vision of the FDLP is to provide U.S. Government information when and where it is needed, in order to ensure an informed citizenry and an improved quality of life.

Through this historic U.S. Government program, GPO disseminates information products from all three branches of the Federal Government to approximately 1,150 libraries nationwide designated as Federal depository libraries, directly by law or as depositories designated by their Representatives and Senators. Federal depository libraries maintain and provide free public access to Federal Government information products and provide expert assistance in navigating those resources. Providing free online access to Government publications is provided under the authority of Chapter 41 of Title 44, U.S.C., via [FDsys](#).

FDLP Forecast Study

Begun in 2012, the [FDLP Forecast Study](#) queried Federal depository libraries about pressing issues, goals, needs, and views of the ideal FDLP of the future.

Three tools were used to collect data from the FDLP community.

- **Library Forecast Questionnaires:** A questionnaire gathered data about conditions in each individual depository library, issues each library faced and anticipated for the future, and asked each library what GPO could do to assist them in providing free public access to U.S. Government information.
- **State Forecast Questionnaires:** A questionnaire gathered data about conditions depository libraries in a state or region (through consensus) faced and anticipated for the future, and asked what GPO could do to assist them in providing free public access to U.S. Government information.
- **State Focused Action Plans (SFAPs):** This survey asked FDLP libraries in states or regions to document initiatives and activities they planned to implement in the next five years.

Data from the Study is being used to develop ongoing GPO programs and services for libraries, inform the strategic direction of LSCM, and cultivate the National Plan for Access to U.S. Government Information.

The [FDLP Forecast Study Final Report](#) was released in FY 2015. Project documents, Forecast Study results, themed Working Papers, and State Focused Action Plans can be found on the [FDLP Forecast Study Project Page](#).

National Plan for Access to U.S. Government Information/ Federal Information Preservation Network (FIPNet)

The National Plan for Access to U.S. Government Information is a framework document of actions and outcomes that applies a user-centric approach to permanent public access to our Government's information assets. Whether in a library or online, our goal is to create, sustain, and enhance Superintendent of Documents public information programs to ensure Federal Government information is acquired, cataloged, digitized, made findable, disseminated broadly, and preserved for future generations. The goal will be achieved through short and long-term strategies that strengthen and expand both the Federal Depository Library Program and the Cataloging and Indexing Program. Our vision is "to provide Government information when and where it is needed."

In order to achieve this vision, the National Plan sets the groundwork and provides long-term strategies for the success and growth of:

- The Federal Depository Library Program (statutory program)
- The Cataloging & Indexing Program (statutory program)
- The Federal Information Preservation Network (FIPNet) (new GPO strategic initiative)

FIPNet is a strategy for a collaborative network of information professionals working in various partner roles to ensure access to the national collection of Government information for future generations. In addition to our long-standing, historic statutory programs, the creation of FIPNet affords the public with guaranteed, long-term access to resources, materials, and expertise from libraries, Government entities, coalitions, and organizations. This initiative will ensure permanent public access to historic, at-risk publications and resources of significant value to the public. Depository libraries will benefit from the added resources and the sustainability of those resources for their patrons. Based on formal partnerships with GPO, FIPNet partners will provide an added guarantee that our rich history will be accessible for future generations to come. Learn more by visiting the [FIPNet page on FDLP.gov](#).

In FY 2015, LSCM:

- Launched an outreach and awareness campaign that included the following:
 - Depository Library Council Virtual Meeting: Focusing on Service
 - Meeting with the American Library Association's Washington Office
 - Meeting with National Libraries and the Library of Congress
 - Depository Library Council Virtual Meeting: Navigating through Change
 - Meetings with the Institute of Museum and Library Services
 - Federal Information Preservation Network (FIPNet): A National Dialogue
 - Various Meetings at the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference
 - Various Meetings at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting
 - Meeting with representatives from TRAIL (Technical Report Archive & Image Library)
 - Follow-Up Meeting with National Libraries and the Library of Congress
- Signed the first FIPNet partnership agreement with the University of North Texas

Learn more and access reports, presentations, and related documents by visiting the [National Plan for Access to U.S. Government Information Project Page](#).

Discarding from Regional Depository Library Collections

What began as a [discussion document](#) in the summer of 2014, the Superintendent of Documents draft policy, which would allow regional depository libraries to withdraw materials under certain circumstances, came closer to implementation in FY 2015.

GPO had received feedback from the Depository Library Council, regional depository librarians, and library associations, and during the first quarter of FY 2015, actions were taken to address the concerns expressed.

- Work continued on creating a comprehensive National Bibliographic Records Inventory.
- GPO began the initial process to seek certification for FDsys as a Trustworthy Digital Repository (TDR), in compliance with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO 16363).
- A survey was conducted of regional depository libraries to determine how they would employ the discard policy and to obtain baseline data for geographic distribution of tangible copies.

In July 2015, GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks transmitted the proposed policy, Government Publications Authorized for Discard by Regional Depository Libraries, to the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) for approval. Within a month, GPO received a letter with the JCP's approval with an added third stipulation that "a minimum of four tangible copies of the publication exist in the FDLP distributed geographically." Read [the JCP response letter, along with Director Vance-Cooks' original approval request](#).

In FY 2016, GPO will work with regional depository libraries to develop and test processes and workflows. The policy does not yet have an effective date. For more information about the discard policy, see the presentation from the December 2014 virtual meeting, ["The Draft Regional Discard Policy – Tell Me More, Tell Me More."](#)

GPO Partnerships

Since 1997, GPO has developed strategic partnerships with Federal depository libraries and other Federal agencies to increase access to electronic Federal information. All branches of Federal Government are increasingly transitioning away from print, and fewer agencies and Federal materials are coming to GPO for publishing. This is due to budgetary pressures, Open Government initiatives, and increasing access to electronic solutions.

One avenue to address this has been to develop strategic partnerships to ensure permanent public access to electronic content, assist depositories in providing access to electronic material, and help libraries better manage their depository collections. Partnerships also allow GPO to take advantage of the expertise and services of Federal depository librarians and Federal agencies.

GPO currently maintains partnerships with 16 depository libraries, eight Federal agencies, and two institutions.

During FY 2015, LSCM:

- Renewed our ongoing partnership with Government Information Online, Ask a Librarian
 - In FY 2015, 346 askGPO incidents were forwarded to GIO librarians.
- Began work on cooperative cataloging partnerships with the University of Colorado, Boulder and the Colorado School of Mines to provide access to over 1,400 total bibliographic records in the CGP for print and digital versions of the USGS Bulletins.
- Signed a permanent public access partnership agreement with Illinois State University to provide access to 16 bibliographic records for digital versions of posters from World War I.
- Completed work on the cooperative cataloging partnership with the University of Montana (2011 - 2015)
 - Approximately 324 bibliographic records for publications from the U.S. Forest Service were added to the CGP in the last year of the partnership.

GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys)

FDsys provides free online access to official publications from all three branches of the Federal Government. The content in FDsys is available in multiple formats including PDF, XML, audio, and photographs. FDsys provides access to digitized historical content and serial publications that are updated daily.

GPO adds content to FDsys regularly and continuously implements enhancements to system functionality. FDsys offers the public access to approximately 50 collections of U.S. Government information, and over 11 million documents are indexed by the FDsys search engine. GPO's Office of Programs, Strategy, & Technology (PST) manages FDsys and works closely with LSCM and other GPO business units on continuous enhancements and additions to FDsys content and functionalities.

In FY 2015, LSCM staff continued work with PST to increase content in FDsys.

While continuing to add current content to existing FDsys collections, LSCM began work to increase public access to historical content. The following will be made available to the public beginning in FY 2016.

- Volumes of the Bound Congressional Record dating from 1873 – 1997
- Volumes of the historic Federal Register dating from 1936 – 1994 (in collaboration with the Office of the Federal Register)
- Historical Annual Reports of the Public Printer from 1859 – 2014

Work was completed in FY 2015 toward the introduction of the next generation of GPO's public access system, currently known as FDsys. Underway since 2013, this work has been dedicated to enhancing the way the public interacts with GPO's online offerings, including the development of a responsive user interface, a new Open Source search engine, the capability to link related publications, a mobile-friendly presence, and other improvements based on extensive stakeholder engagement during the design and development process. The new system was revealed shortly after the second session of the 114th Congress, convened in early 2016, with the introduction of govinfo. Though in beta, govinfo improves upon FDsys with a modern, easy-to-use look and feel that syncs with the need of today's Government information users for quick and effective digital access across a variety of digital platforms. Following a period of testing and finalizing the system's features, govinfo will become GPO's digital system of record—the third such system since GPO inaugurated online access in 1994—and FDsys will be retired from service.

ISO 16363 Certification for FDsys

From its conception in 2005, the then “Future Digital System” (now known as FDsys) was designed to ingest, preserve, and provide access to the information produced by the U.S. Government. FDsys was to be developed according to standards and guidelines accepted by the digital preservation and library community at the time, including OAIS framework compliance. By January 2015, external stakeholders were eager for FDsys to pass an external audit of Trustworthy Digital Repository criteria.

In order to pass an external audit, GPO would be required to gather evidence, document procedures and policies, and adhere to best practices for digital preservation, sustainability, and viability for FDsys, in addition to coordinating similar documentation and potential process changes within business units, including PST and LSCM. Goals and objectives were identified for a vision and project plan in order to prepare. In early 2015, GPO took the necessary steps to gain a National Digital Stewardship Resident to commit to the full-time organization of these documents and explore the viability of securing certification under the ISO 16363 standard once an auditing body was presented having received certification under ISO 16919.

While a number of digital repositories have already been certified as TRAC-compliant, none of them are operated by Federal agencies. A certification under ISO 16363 will reinforce GPO’s commitment to its mission of ensuring effective public access to Government information through its assured preservation in digital formats. To begin the audit process, GPO was selected by the Library of Congress and the National Institute of Museum and Library Services in December 2014 as one of five institutions to receive a resident through the National Digital Stewardship Residency (NDSR) program. Under this program, host institutions are provided with a resident for one year to work on a significant digital stewardship project.

Jessica Tieman, the NDSR resident, has assisted GPO in preparing an initial review and analysis of all repository documentation and evidence, creating a gap analysis against the requirements for the ISO 16363 certification, and currently leads the Trusted Digital Repository Team. She has been with GPO since June 2015. This team, comprised of both PST and LSCM staff, meet bi-weekly to discuss the current status of gathering and developing documentation necessary for the audit. Additionally, the NDSR resident conducted outreach with 12 TRAC-certified and OAIS-compliant digital preservation repositories to gather feedback from the digital preservation community regarding standards-based certification of repositories to identify

how GPO should successfully identify with and verify the designation of “trustworthiness.” The resident is in the process of completing a full internal audit, including interviews with personnel, to be shared with GPO at the end of her residency in June 2016.

FDLP Academy

The **FDLP Academy** was launched by LSCM in FY 2014 as a new resource for educational tools on U.S. Government information. This educational program was created to support the FDLP community and to advance Federal Government information literacy.

The mission of the FDLP Academy is to create and deliver enhanced educational opportunities to the FDLP community by fostering collaboration, facilitating knowledge sharing, applying new methods, and using multiple mediums.

The FDLP Academy enhances Federal Government information knowledge through events and conferences coordinated by GPO and webinars and webcasts on a wide variety of Government information topics. Many sessions are presented by GPO staff, while others are presented by staff from other Federal agencies and from members of the FDLP community, as recruited and hosted by GPO.

In FY 2015, LSCM:

- Presented 69 webinars with over 8,200 registrants
- Recorded 14 webcasts with over 1,300 views
- Launched the FDLP Training Assistance Center tool
- Launched the **FDLP Coordinator Certificate Program** with an eight-week Pilot course
- Presented a booth display at the American Library Association’s Annual Conference to over 500 visitors
- Hosted DLC Virtual Meeting: **Focusing on Service**
- Hosted DLC Virtual Meeting: **Navigating through Change: The Conversation Continues**

FDLP Academy resources include:

- An **FDLP Events Calendar** with information on upcoming events and related registration information;
- A **Webinars & Webcasts Archive** with links to recordings and handouts of all past webinars and webcasts, categorized by learning track (FDsys, GPO, Agency, or FDLP Community);
- An **Events & Conferences** page with information about GPO’s annual FDLP events;

- An [Events & Conferences Archive](#) with links to recordings and handouts of all past FDLP events and conferences that have been broadcast virtually;
- The [FDLP Training Assistance Center](#), a collaborative training material repository for the FDLP community;
- A collection of FDsys [training videos](#); and
- A [form](#) to request specialized training or to volunteer to share expertise through a webinar hosted by GPO.

FDLP Coordinator Certificate Pilot Program

The FDLP community has consistently requested that GPO provide more training and educational sessions for Federal depository coordinators. In the Education Working Paper from the FDLP Forecast Study, 26% of the respondents expressed a need for training on depository administration/management and 25% on LSCM/GPO tools and services.

The [Federal Depository Library Program Coordinator Certificate Program](#) (CCP) was designed to address some of these needs expressed by the community.

The certificate program, conducted completely in the virtual environment, seeks to educate participants on the legal requirements and regulations of the FDLP and provides an overview of LSCM/GPO tools and services.

In the spring of 2015, the Coordinator Certificate Program Pilot Program was conducted over eight weeks. Fourteen participants completed the program and received a certificate. After the completion of the pilot, LSCM evaluated the program and worked to enhance the program for a launch in FY 2016.

FDLP Events

LSCM hosted two FDLP special events in FY 2015.

DLC Virtual Meeting: Focusing on Service

From December 2-4, 2014, LSCM hosted the DLC Virtual Meeting, “Focusing on Service.”

Through this virtual event, the Depository Library Council (DLC) facilitated focused discussions with the Federal depository library community, who were encouraged to share thoughts on topics related to the FDLP.

The virtual programs were:

- Depository Library Council Meeting Kick-off & GPO Update
- National Bibliographic Records Inventory Program
- The Depository Network, Part 1 – More than Collections: Why Regional Services Matter in the FDLP Network
- The Depository Network, Part 2 – The Importance of Being Allowed to Discard: Why Regionals Support the Draft Policy
- The Draft Regional Discard Policy: Tell Me More, Tell Me More
- The National Plan: A Progress Report
- Online Congressional Hearings Project & Open Forum with DLC
- Build Your Electronic Collection
- Law Libraries & the FDLP: Past, Present, & Future
- Technology Planning
- Designating Tribal College Libraries in the FDLP
- Outer Spaces and UFOs (Unbrowseable Federal Objects): Developing Best Practices for Storing and Retrieving Documents in Onsite and Offsite Storage
- DLC Open Forum / Recap of Emerging Issues / Meeting Wrap-Up

This event was another opportunity for the FDLP community to become actively involved in the continued dialogue about the future of the FDLP and issues facing depository libraries in 2014.

526 individuals registered for this three-day event, and there was an average of 228 attendees each day. Recordings from each session of the event are [available for viewing](#), and a [summary of each session](#) is available from our December 2014 FDLP Connection newsletter.

DLC Virtual Meeting: Navigating through Change: The Conversation Continues

From April 28-30, 2015, LSCM hosted the DLC Virtual Meeting, “Navigating through Change: The Conversation Continues.”

Through this virtual event, the Depository Library Council (DLC) facilitated focused discussions with the Federal depository library community, who were encouraged to share thoughts on topics related to the FDLP.

The virtual programs were:

- Depository Library Council Meeting Kick-off
- Public Depository Libraries
- Government Information in the Background? A Look into Web-Scale Discovery Tools
- The National Plan for Access to U.S. Government Information
- Finding & Using Government Data to Support Patron Needs
- Preservation & Access: Framing the “How Many?” Question
- Process of Change within the FDLP: Open Forum on the National Plan
- Return of the UFOs (Unbrowseable Federal Objects): Continuing to Develop Best Practices for Storing and Retrieving Documents in Onsite and Offsite Storage
- Technology Update
- Digitization and Authentication for FDsys
- Harvested Agency Content and PURLs
- GPO Responses to 2014 DLC Recommendations / Open Forum / DLC Recap / Closing Remarks

505 individuals registered for this three-day event, and there was an average of 195 attendees each day. Recordings from each session of the event are [available for viewing](#), and a [summary of each session](#) is available from our June 2015 FDLP Connection newsletter.

Depository Library Council

The FDLP community said goodbye to five members of the DLC when their terms ended in May 2015. GPO thanks them for their service to the GPO and to the FDLP.

- DLC Chair, Marie Concannon, University of Missouri (Columbia) Elmer Ellis Library
- Steve Beleu, Oklahoma Department of Libraries
- Christopher C. Brown, University of Denver Main Library
- Rosemary LaSala, St. John's University Rittenberg Law Library
- Larry Romans, Vanderbilt University's Central Library

In June 2015, the FDLP community welcomed five new DLC members.

- Melissa Bernstein, James E. Faust Library, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah
- Erin Guss, St. Louis Public Library
- Marianne Mason, The University of Iowa Libraries
- Karen M. Russ, Ottenheimer Library, University of Arkansas, Little Rock
- James Shaw, Dr. C. C. & Mabel L. Criss Library, University of Nebraska at Omaha

DLC member Hallie Pritchett, University of Georgia Libraries, assumed the role of Council Chair on June 1, 2015. The following DLC members continued their terms in FY 2015.

- Greta Bever, Chicago Public Library
- Elizabeth Cowell, University Library, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Kate Irwin-Smiler, Professional Library Center, Wake Forest University
- Janet Fisher, State Library of Arizona
- David Cismowski, California State Library
- Daniel Cornwall, Alaska State Library
- Rich Gause, University of Central Florida, John C. Hitt Library
- Scott Matheson, Lillian Goldman Law Library, Yale University
- Teri Taylor, New Jersey State Library

Welcoming a New Library to the FDLP

In April 2015, GPO welcomed DePaul University Library in Chicago, Illinois as a new digital Federal depository library. The university provides access to an online collection of thousands of Federal Government documents to share with the public, faculty, and students.

Promoting the FDLP

LSCM continues to promote the FDLP, Cataloging & Indexing Program, and their related resources through promotional campaigns and social media. In FY 2015, LSCM:

- Created 128 posts related to the FDLP and C&I Program for GPO's social media channels
- Contracted with North American Precise Syndicate to launch a media campaign that generated over 2,600

news articles in all 50 states with a readership of almost 10,000,000

- Made available two new tangible promotional items for free ordering by the FDLP community: a promotional note card that describes GPO online services, with QR codes to each one, and a new Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government bookmark
- Revamped three promotional flyers available for free ordering and download by the FDLP community: FDLP, CGP, and FDsys
- Created the new **FDLP Digital Marketing Toolkit**, including new digital graphics, images, and an audio Public Service Announcement for free use by FDLP libraries

Depository Library Spotlights

In each issue of the FDLP Connection newsletter, GPO highlights a Federal depository library and describes the unique services it offers. The feature also appears on gpo.gov. The following depositories were spotlighted in FY 2015:

- **Hilton M. Briggs Library**, South Dakota State University, September/October 2014
- **Maureen & Mike Mansfield Library**, University of Montana, November/December 2014
- **Houston Cole Library**, Jacksonville State University, January/February 2015
- **Jefferson College Library**, March/April 2015
- **W. Frank Steely Library**, Northern Kentucky University, May/June 2015
- **Dimond Library**, University of New Hampshire, July/August 2015

FDLP Guidance

LSCM continues to review the **Guidance** articles available to libraries from FDLP.gov. Guidance contains advice for depository coordinators on how to comply with the FDLP regulations, and it is based on broad topics. Articles may reference multiple regulations. The following articles were updated in FY 2015:

- **Federal Depository Library Directory and Library Addresses**
- **FDLP Quickstart Guide**
- **Leaving the FDLP**
- **Physical Facilities and Collection Maintenance**
- **Recall of Depository Material**

- **Security of Library Users and Collections**
- **Services and Staffing at Depository Libraries** (formerly named Depository Users and Service Expectations)
- **Weeding a Depository Collection**
- **Official Communications of the FDLP**
- **Free, Public Access**
- **Bibliographic Control**
- **Shipping Lists**

Also in FY 2015, one new Guidance article was developed.

- **All or Mostly Online Federal Depository Libraries** has important information for all depository libraries to consider when they review their collections and services, as well as separate information configured to the various scenarios GPO is seeing in depositories.

Guidance includes:

- Reviewing the collection you currently provide access to (tangible and online formats)
- Assessing the future demands for Government information and the appropriate formats to meet those needs
- Steps to implement changes to the selection profile
- For libraries considering joining the FDLP, an overview of considerations when selecting one or more formats

Public Access Assessments

Regular communication and consultation between individual depository libraries and GPO staff strengthen and benefit the FDLP. A Public Access Assessment (PAA) is a review by a GPO librarian of an individual Federal depository library's operation and services; it is one of the significant ways that GPO communicates and shares information with individual libraries in the FDLP. PAAs are intended to support each library through sharing of best practices, recognition of notable achievements, and recommendations so the library may continue enhancing its operation and services. The assessment involves a review of library documentation and a conference call with depository library personnel.

GPO also performs PAAs, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. §19, to ensure that resources distributed to Federal depository libraries are readily accessible to all library users, including the general public, and that libraries are complying with requirements and regulations outlined in **Legal Requirements and Program Regula-**

tions of the **Federal Depository Library Program**. If needed, GPO advises libraries on how to reach greater compliance and requests related follow-up action.

Information about PAAs is available to depository library personnel in featured newsletter articles, a [webcast](#), and an [FDLP.gov guidance article](#).

In FY 2015, 199 PAAs were conducted in 14 states:

- Alabama
- Florida
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Louisiana
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Wisconsin

FDLP Connection

The FDLP Connection newsletter links members of the FDLP community to stories of interest on GPO activities, the FDLP, and Federal agencies. The newsletter highlights the great activities, events, and accomplishments that impact the FDLP.

FDLP Connection's featured, recurring columns include:

- From the Superintendent of Documents
- Council Corner
- Partnership Showcase
- Depository Spotlight
- Featured GPO Project
- Get to Know GPO
- Marketing Tip of the Month
- FDLP Guest

In FY 2015, LSCM released six issues of the FDLP Connection, which are all [archived](#).

- **Volume 4: Issue 5**, September/October 2014 – Collaborating, Connecting, and Networking
- **Volume 4: Issue 6**, November/December 2014 – Big News and Happy Holidays
- **Volume 5: Issue 1**, January/February 2015 – Winter Updates
- **Volume 5: Issue 2**, March/April 2015 – Busy Spring Months at the U.S. Government Publishing Office

- **Volume 5: Issue 3**, May/June 2015 – The Transformation Continues
- **Volume 5: Issue 4**, July/August 2015 – The FDLP and GPO: Celebrating 120 Years Together!

Library Services System

Started in FY 2015, LSCM's technology plan is focused on deploying new technology to provide streamlined services to support the FDLP community, as well as enhanced access for the public. The goal is to create a new suite of services based on a user-centric design approach, deploy a flexible architecture, and develop a service model with the capability to integrate easily with other related services.

One major component of the plan is a formal market research project studying Federal depository libraries' workflows and practices to help GPO better understand current processes and challenges in Federal depository libraries. GPO has contracted with Ithaka S+R for a professional ethnography by Dr. Nancy Foster and her team to conduct an analysis of the work practices of a select number of Federal depository libraries in collaboration with GPO staff. The purpose is to build automated systems and services to help improve efficiencies of operations for depository libraries and GPO. This research will contribute to the development of future services for libraries and is part of our goal to be a customer-centric service provider for FDLP libraries. Activities for FY 2015 included the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP), evaluation of proposals, and contract award. A project team was also created and assisted with the development of a project timeline and the preparation of a presentation for the 2015 Depository Library Council Meeting & Federal Depository Library Conference.

Needs and Offers Tool

The Needs and Offers (N&O) list is a tool used by depository librarians for collection development purposes. Libraries seeking to dispose of publications withdrawn from their collections may offer publications to other depositories, and libraries seeking publications missing from their depository collections may post lists which can be viewed by other depositories, using the N&O service. Depository libraries may offer their discards here, after gaining approval for the publication deaccession from their Regional library, in accordance with 44 U.S.C. § 1912 and the state or region's depository publication weeding procedures.

LSCM is creating an updated Needs and Offers tool that consists of functionality required to manage key information used by Federal depository libraries for

the disposition of materials. In FY 2015, LSCM awarded the contract for this new tool, which will be under development throughout FY 2016.

Web Archiving

The FDLP Web Archive is comprised of selected U.S. Government websites harvested and archived in their entirety by GPO in order to create working “snapshots” of the websites at various points in time. The aim is to provide permanent public access to Federal Agency web content. GPO harvests and archives the websites with Archive-It, a subscription-based web harvesting and archiving service offered by the Internet Archive.

In FY 2015, LSCM:

- Developed and implemented a workflow to manage regular frequency of crawls of existing and future collections
- Began outreach to content creators, beginning with a meeting with the Director of Digital Collections and his team at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Formed the Federal Web Archiving Working group with the National Archives and Records Administration and the Library of Congress
 - Performed outreach to add new agencies to the group, including National Library of Medicine, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Department of Education
- Increased the size of the harvested collection to 4.7 TB with 35,810,719 documents crawled
- Increased archived agency websites available on the FDLP Web Archive on Archive-It to 111 and 109 records available through the CGP
- Archived over 8,000 individual title PURLs to the FDLP electronic collection
- Added contractual staff support to increase web archiving content

There is an extensive [project page](#) on FDLP.gov, which provides more information and FAQs on the Web Archiving program. GPO also encourages you to submit nominations for Web archiving to LSCM's [Web Archiving team](#).

FDLP Web Services

FDLP Web Services include website maintenance, plus functionality and content enhancement for FDLP.gov, Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government, and the Digitization Projects Registry. Notably in FY 2015, LSCM implemented enhanced security safeguards for all three sites to help prevent any security breach. In addition, analytics were placed on the sites to gather statistical data that can be used to pinpoint where adjustments and updates need to be made.

FDLP.gov

[FDLP.gov](#) was continuously enhanced throughout FY 2015. The LSCM Web Content Team made daily updates to content, graphics, forms, and homepage features. In addition, 210 FDLP News and Event Alerts were disseminated to subscribing FDLP libraries throughout FY 2015.

Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government

In April 2015, GPO launched the brand new [Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government](#) website. New features include all new site content, a modernized look and feel, new images, a reorganized layout for a more intuitive user experience, and [interactive games](#).

After the site launch, GPO asked for feedback and received numerous suggestions from both the FDLP community and educators around the country. In response to those suggestions, GPO added some new enhancements to Ben in November 2015.

- A [glossary](#) that includes over 80 terms and definitions
- Downloadable, printable [activities](#) that include Word Searches and Crossword Puzzles for each age range
- A [downloadable graphic](#) that can be used on library websites to link to Ben's Guide
- New content for all age ranges that highlights the powers of the Federal vs state governments

Digitization Projects Registry

In July 2015, the [Digitization Projects Registry](#) was enhanced, updated, and re-launched. Designed to capture an inventory of digitization projects undertaken by libraries, U.S. Government agencies, and non-profit institutions, the goal of the Registry is to increase access to historical U.S. Government publications that were previously only available in print format.

GPO Participation & Collaboration in Outside Groups

In FY 2015, LSCM staff participated in and collaborated with a number of groups in support of the FDLP and Cataloging & Indexing Program:

- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
- American Library Association (ALA)
- CENDI and CENDI Policy Working Group (CENDI is an interagency working group of senior scientific and technical information managers representing [14 U.S. Federal agencies](#))
- CENDI Digitization Specifications Working Group
- Coalition for Networked Information (CNI)
- Ex Libris Users of North America
- Federal Agencies Digitization Guidelines Initiative (FADGI) Preservation Working Group
- FADGI Audio-Visual Working Group
- FADGI Still Image Digitization Working Group
- FADGI Still Image File Format Working Group
- Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) American Indian Libraries Initiative
- FEDLINK Digital Preservation Interest Group
- FEDLINK Preservation Interest Group
- Federal Web Archiving Working Group (National Archives & Records Administration, Library of Congress, & GPO)
- Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), American Library Association
- International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPres)
- International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC)
- Maps and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)
- National Digital Stewardship Alliance
- National Digital Strategy Advisory Board
- OCLC
- Preservation Administrator's Interest Group, American Library Association
- Preservation and Reformatting Section (PARS), American Library Association
- Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) (Library of Congress)
- Public Library Association (PLA)
- Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)
- Science.gov Alliance
- Society of American Archivists (SAA)
- Society for Imaging Science and Technology (IS&T)
- Special Libraries Association (SLA)

FDLP Outreach: Events, Conferences, Training, and the FDLP Academy

Date	Events Hosted or Attended by GPO	Location
November 2014	FedTalks	Washington, DC
November 2014	Collaboration Meeting with the Office of Minority Health	Hyattsville, MD
November 2014	Archive-It Partner Meeting	Montgomery, AL
November 2014	House Subscriptions and News Research Fair	Washington, DC
December 2014	Coalition for Networked Information's Annual Meeting	Washington, DC
December 2014	Fedlink American Indian Library Initiative Working Group Meeting	Washington, DC
January 2015	Visit to the University of Nebraska Lincoln	Lincoln, NE
January 2015	Visit to the Washington, D.C. Public Library	Washington, DC
January 2015	American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting	Chicago, IL
April 2015	Computers in Libraries Annual Conference	Washington, DC
April 2015	Federal IT and Security Conference	Arlington, VA
May 2015	Imaging Science and Technology's Archiving 2015 Conference	Los Angeles, CA
May 2015	FEDLINK Spring Expo, Library of Congress	Washington, DC
May 2015	Indiana State Library Government Information Day	Indianapolis, IN
May 2015	Program for Cooperative Cataloging Meeting at the Library of Congress	Washington, DC
May 2015	2015 Open Access Symposium	Dallas, TX
May 2015	ISACA's National Capital Area Chapter Annual Meeting	Arlington, VA

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Date	Events Hosted or Attended by GPO	Location
May 2015	North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) Conference	Washington, DC
May 2015	Tribal College Librarians' Institute	Bozeman, MT
May 2015	Training Class for Department of the Interior Library Staff on GPO's Federal Digital System	Washington, DC
June 2015	Citizen Engagement Seminar	Washington, DC
June 2015	American Library Association's Annual Conference & Exhibition	San Francisco, CA
June 2015	Preserving America's Print Resources Summit	Berkeley, CA
June 2015	Visit to the University of California Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
June 2015	Visit to Oakland Public Library	Oakland, CA
July 2015	American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting & Conference	Philadelphia, PA
July 2015	Meeting of Virginia's Federal Depository Libraries	Richmond, VA
September 2015	National Institute of Standards and Technology's 2015 Cybersecurity and Innovation Forum	Washington, DC
September 2015	Association of Tribal Archives Libraries and Museums Conference	Washington, DC
September 2015	Visit to Denver Public Library	Denver, CO
September 2015	Regis University's 100th Anniversary Celebration	Denver, CO
September 2015	Visit to the University of Denver	Denver, CO

Date	Virtual Events Presented or Hosted by GPO
October 2014	Historical Indian Publications by the United States Government
October 2014	Census Information Centers and State Data Centers
October 2014	Weeding Your Depository Collection
October 2014	Federal Legislative History 101
October 2014	Mapping Census Data with GIS: Tips and Tricks
October 2014	Needles in the Haystack of History: How to Use the WPA Historical Records Survey
October 2014	eBooks at GPO: The Why, What, and How
October 2014	Stocking the Pond: Finding, Gathering, Growing, and Maintaining a Digital Collection
November 2014	Transforming Government Data
November 2014	Using Census Bureau Demographic and Economic Data in a Business Plan
November 2014	How to Find Standards: Tips and Tricks
November 2014	GRANTS.gov: Register, Find, and Apply
November 2014	Interactive Teaching Strategies for Sharing Government Information Resources
November 2014	Soil Surveys for Architecture Students
November 2014	Moving to a Mostly or All Online Depository
November 2014	Joining the FDLP as an All Online Depository
November 2014	Discovering a Gold Mine of U.S. Government Information: Exploring the HathiTrust Catalog & Its Rich Veins
December 2014	U.S. Census Bureau Geographic Entities and Concepts
December 2014	Depository Library Council Virtual Meeting: Focusing on Service
January 2015	Onward and Upward: Enhancing Training Tools and Resources for the FDLP Community
January 2015	Name Authority Records: Corporate Bodies (Part 1)
January 2015	HHS Office of Minority Health Resource Center: Documents, Data, and eResources
January 2015	Conducting a Community Needs Assessment
January 2015	Fighting Ebola and Infectious Diseases with Information: Resources & Search Skills Can Arm Librarians
January 2015	An Orientation to Congress.gov
January 2015	Advanced Name Authority Records: Corporate Bodies (Part 2)
February 2015	USA Trade Online and the FDLP
February 2015	Engaging Humanities Students with Government Information
February 2015	Buying Stuff: Comparing Personal Consumption Expenditures Data from the BLS and BEA

February 2015	Navigating GPO's Federal Digital System
February 2015	A Century of Black Life, History, & Culture: Stories from GPO (Parts 1 and 2)
March 2015	Publishing Partnerships: Federal Depository Library Program Requirements & Opportunities for Cooperation
March 2015	History of the U.S. Census
March 2015	Iowa Poster Project at the GPO
March 2015	GPO Partnership Projects: Expanding Access to Government Resources
March 2015	Women in the Workforce: GPO's Women's History Month 2015
March 2015	Government Information Online: A Digital Government Information Reference Tool that Blends Librarian Expertise, Discovery, and Reference/Referral
March 2015	Overview of IPUMS (Integrated Public Use Microdata Series) Data Projects
March 2015	Planning Your Federal Depository Library Celebration
March 2015	Introduction to GPO's Federal Digital System
March 2015	Advanced Navigation in GPO's Federal Digital System
March 2015	Crossroads: Research at the Intersection of State and Federal Law
March 2015	What Every Government Documents Librarian Needs to Know about the SuDocs Classification System
April 2015	FDLP Coordinator Certificate Program Pilot (weekly sessions)
April 2015	Chat with GPO: All about Public Access Assessments
April 2015	U.S. Congressional Serial Set
April 2015	Getting to Grad Students: Government Documents in the LIS Curriculum
April 2015	Tips and Tricks in GPO's Federal Digital System
April 2015	Financial Education Resources for Library Staff
April 2015	Introducing the American Housing Survey
April 2015	Creating Online Federal Depository Collections: Case Studies
April 2015	Depository Library Council Virtual Meeting: Navigating through Change
May 2015	FDLP Coordinator Certificate Program Pilot (weekly sessions)
May 2015	Cybersecurity: A Shared Responsibility with Infinite Opportunities
May 2015	Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government
May 2015	Using Metadata to Navigate GPO's Federal Digital System
May 2015	Occupational Employment Statistics: Online Data about Occupations from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
May 2015	Cataloging Serials and Integrating Resources in Government Publications with RDA
May 2015	Looking at Geographic Equivalencies Using MABLE
May 2015	OHIO GODORT Meeting
June 2015	Promoting the Depository Collection While Supporting Research Trips to the National Archives
June 2015	SuDocs Classification System: An Overview
June 2015	FDLP Coordinator Certificate Program
June 2015	Telling Your Story with Data
June 2015	Local Employment Dynamics
July 2015	SHA in Action: An Overview of a Selective Housing Agreement
July 2015	All Hands on Deck: Publishing the Congressional Record
July 2015	SHA in Action: Maintaining a Selective Housing Agreement for USGS Topo Maps: A Long-Standing, Win-Win Partnership
July 2015	Electronic Location and Access in GPO's Bibliographic Records: Solving the Mysteries of the 856 MARC Fields
July 2015	SHA in Action: CONSORT and Case Western Reserve
July 2015	Introduction to GPO's Federal Digital System
July 2015	Advanced Navigation in GPO's Federal Digital System
July 2015	SHA in Action: Experiences of a Regional Depository Library
July 2015	Metadata Differences in the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications and OCLC: An Examination of GPO Practice
July 2015	StatsAmerica: A Portal to Apps and Rich Data Tools for Economic and Community Development
August 2015	No More Proquest Congressional!&\$%#@ So What?

CATALOGING & INDEXING PROGRAM (C&I)

Under the requirements of sections 1710 and 1711 of Title 44, U.S.C., GPO is charged with cataloging a comprehensive index of public documents issued or published by the Federal Government that are not confidential in character. The goals of the Cataloging and Indexing Program are to:

- Develop a comprehensive and authoritative national bibliography of U.S. Government publications
- Increase the visibility and use of Government information products
- Create a premier destination for information searchers

This undertaking serves libraries and the public nationwide and enables people to locate desired Government publications in all formats. The main public interface for the access of cataloging records is the [Catalog of U.S. Government Publications](#).

National Bibliographic Records Inventory Initiative

The identification and creation of online bibliographic catalog records for new U.S. Federal Government publications, in all published formats, is accomplished through daily operations. A separate retrospective effort is necessary to build online bibliographic records for historical and fugitive (uncataloged but relevant) materials. This is the effort known as the National Bibliographic Records Inventory Initiative (NBRII).

The NBRII endeavors to provide an online bibliographic record or serial holding record for historical records not currently captured in the CGP. These records include:

- Fugitive materials, with a focus on publications issued prior to 1976;
- Older publications where bibliographic records exist only in a non-electronically available resource, i.e., catalog card, or other paper bibliographic record, such as the Monthly Catalog; and
- Materials that were previously cataloged with such minimal information that they require critical record enhancement to reach a full-level bibliographic record.

In support of this initiative, in FY 2015, LSCM:

- Created 445 bibliographic records for publications from the U.S. Forest Service (University of Montana partnership)
- Added 751 records for print USGS Bulletins to the CGP (University of Colorado, Boulder partnership)
- Added 741 records for electronic USGS Bulletins to the CGP (Colorado School of Mines partnership)
- Added 200 records for materials related to the Panama Canal to the CGP (University of Florida partnership)

- Added 1,450 records of digitized U.S. Government posters to the CGP (University of Iowa Libraries partnership)
- Continued cataloging materials from five collections of historic materials, including: Statutes at Large, United States Reports, Register of Debates in Congress, Congressional Globe, and The Debates and Proceedings of in the Congress of the United States (University of North Texas partnership)
- Completed 68 drawers of the Historic Shelflist, exceeding our goal for the fiscal year, and transcribed 7,677 shelflist titles, added one authorized Library of Congress Subject Heading and one corporate name authority to 11,907 existing shelflist records, and checked-in almost 18,000 serial issues
- Cataloged recently digitized versions of titles available through FRASER (FRASER partnership)

GPO in Top 10 of Original Catalogers in the World

GPO was once again named one of the top 10 online original catalogers in the world in OCLC's Annual Report for FY 2015. During that period, GPO added 11,036 new, original records for U.S. Government information products to WorldCat, which is the world's largest network of library content and services.

A founding member of the OCLC network in 1976, GPO has reached several important milestones as an active contributor to WorldCat through the years. In 1992, a GPO Cataloger contributed the 100,000th record to the OCLC Bibliographic Database, and in 1999, a GPO cataloger contributed the 43,000,000th record.

Catalog of U.S. Government Publications

In FY 2015, there were 23,640,306 successful searches of the **CGP**. Over 19,074 new bibliographic records were added to the CGP, of which 17,140 were full bibliographic records containing 9,912 PURLs (Persistent URLs). Approximately 460 new Serials titles were added to the CGP, of which 277 contained PURLs. Over 100 FDLP Web Archive titles and 200 free Federal Government eBooks, from various agencies, were also available in the CGP, with more being added continuously.

Also in FY 2015, service maintenance and functionality enhancements were made to the CGP and its related services. LSCM:

- Completed Authority Control work, which improved results for authority-related content
- Developed New Dynamic Searches for the CGP's New Titles pages
- Configured new MetaLib resources and a new Quickset
- Redeveloped the New Titles Report Generator

Resource Description and Access (RDA)

GPO successfully completed implementation of RDA in April 2013 and now catalogs new bibliographic and authority records according to the RDA standard.

In FY 2015, GPO continued to monitor and apply new and updated practices in RDA, its Library of Congress Program for Cooperative Cataloging Policy Statements, and other documentation of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC). In addition, Library Technical Services continued to review, evaluate, update, and develop local practices and procedures.

As a result, nine new GPO Cataloging Guidelines were published on September 2, 2015. The full complement of remaining bibliographic GPO Cataloging Guidelines will be published in FY 2016. Finally, in FY 2015, Library Technical Services trained new staff in RDA practices, offered refresher training to existing staff, provided personal training and improved staff performance through ongoing quality assurance, and presented eight technical services **webcasts and webinars** to the public.

Classification Guidelines Revision Project

After the successful implementation of Resource LSCM uses the Superintendent of Documents (SuDocs) classification scheme to classify U.S. Government publications in both tangible and electronic formats. As the authority for SuDocs classification, it is essential that classification rules be consistently applied. The GPO Classification Manual, the established reference tool for classifiers of U.S. Government publications, was published in 1993 in tangible format. Many policy changes have occurred since its publication. The lack of a centralized, updated source for guidance poses challenges in implementing consistent and correct classification decisions.

In FY 2015, GPO began planning a project to update the 1993 GPO Classification Manual and to have the most current SuDocs classification instructions in one place that are:

- Available to the FDLP community and LSCM staff
- In a format that is accessible online
- Easily updated with necessary changes, corrections, and enhancements

The scope of this project will include a comprehensive review of:

- Past and current classification policies and practices, including the 1993 *GPO Classification Manual*
- Policy changes made by past and present supervisors
- Other updates to classification policy that have occurred over the years

The project was initiated in the fall of 2015 and is projected to last two years. Updates will be posted to FDLP.gov as this project progresses.

Cataloging Guidelines

GPO continues to draft updates for the **GPO Cataloging Guidelines**, which codify GPO practices and procedures for cataloging Federal Government publications. The effort to revise the Guidelines is a multi-year project.

The following Cataloging Guidelines articles were made available in September 2015:

- Bibliographic Cataloging: [074 GPO Item Number](#)
- Bibliographic Cataloging: [086 SuDoc Number](#)
- Bibliographic Cataloging: [Congressional Material](#)
- Bibliographic Cataloging: [Public and Private Laws](#)
- Bibliographic Cataloging: [Treaties](#)
- Bibliographic Cataloging: [Audiovisual Resources](#)
- Bibliographic Cataloging: [Computer Files](#)
- Bibliographic Cataloging: [Serials](#)
- Bibliographic Cataloging: [Integrating Resources](#)

Cataloging Record Distribution Program

The Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP) continued in FY 2015 through a contract with MARCIVE, Inc. Through this program, in FY 2015, 107 libraries received free bibliographic records that correspond to their item number selection profile.

For more information on the program, how to join, participation requirements, and more, visit the [CRDP page](#) on FDLP.gov.

List of Classes Update Project

As digital publishing has taken center stage at GPO, maintaining an up-to-date List of Classes publication has become a foremost concern to ensure that the FDLP community is provided with SuDoc classification and Depository item number information, in [print and electronic](#) form, that is valid, reliable, and accurate. To that end, in FY 2015, GPO staff members began to update the List of Classes database information. The List of Classes Update Project also instituted a process by which all active SuDoc class stems are checked on a routine schedule for validity. A parallel project is also verifying that serials in the List of Classes are still actively being published.

Deactivated depository item numbers are automatically removed from library [DSIMS](#) profiles. As changes are identified, depository library staff will see an increase in the number of [WEBTech Notes](#) published.

List of Classes data files that are regularly updated (on the 1st and 15th of every month) can be downloaded from the FDLP's [List of Classes Data Files page](#).

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

As authorized by Section 1719 of Title 44, U.S.C., and pursuant to an international treaty establishing the exchange of official publications, GPO distributes tangible Government publications to foreign governments in an exchange program managed by the Library of Congress (LC). Those foreign governments agree to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for LC collections. The following statistics reflect IES activity for FY 2015.

Distributed IES Publications:

- Full Sets: **100,024**
- Congressional Record: **4,846**
- Federal Register: **7,019**
- Serial Set (Paper): **310**
- Total Boxes Shipped: **1,668**

BY-LAW PROGRAM

LSCM administers the distribution of certain tangible publications as specified by Public Law. Under various provisions of Title 44, U.S.C., GPO is required to provide copies of publications to certain Federal agencies and others as directed by Congress. Two or more copies of every publication printed are provided to the Library of Congress, even if those publications are not distributed to Federal depository libraries. In addition, NARA receives up to three copies of every publication GPO prints. On behalf of the Department of State, LSCM distributes copies of publications to foreign legions. LSCM maintains mailing lists for By-Law distribution of specific publications.

METRICS

The following statistics reflect notable LSCM metrics for FY 2015.

- New titles acquired (online and tangible): **9,192**
- Number of serial issues checked-in: **39,882**
- Searches of the CGP: **23,640,306**
- Total titles cataloged: **19,074**
- Total PURLs created: **8,583**
- Total titles distributed : **5,920**
- Total copies distributed: **1,072,919**
- Number of Federal depository libraries: **1,159**
- Total titles available through GPO: **1,531,184**
- Number of askGPO inquiries resolved: **5,875**

CLOSING

As we continue the strong partnership between GPO and FDLP libraries, communication remains integral to our collaborative success. There are several mechanisms by which FDLP libraries can contact GPO:

1. Reach GPO staff members on any topic related to GPO, the FDLP, and FDSys using [askGPO](#).
2. Contact [LSCM's Office of Outreach and Support](#) with any questions related to depository operations, guidance, legal requirements, and more.

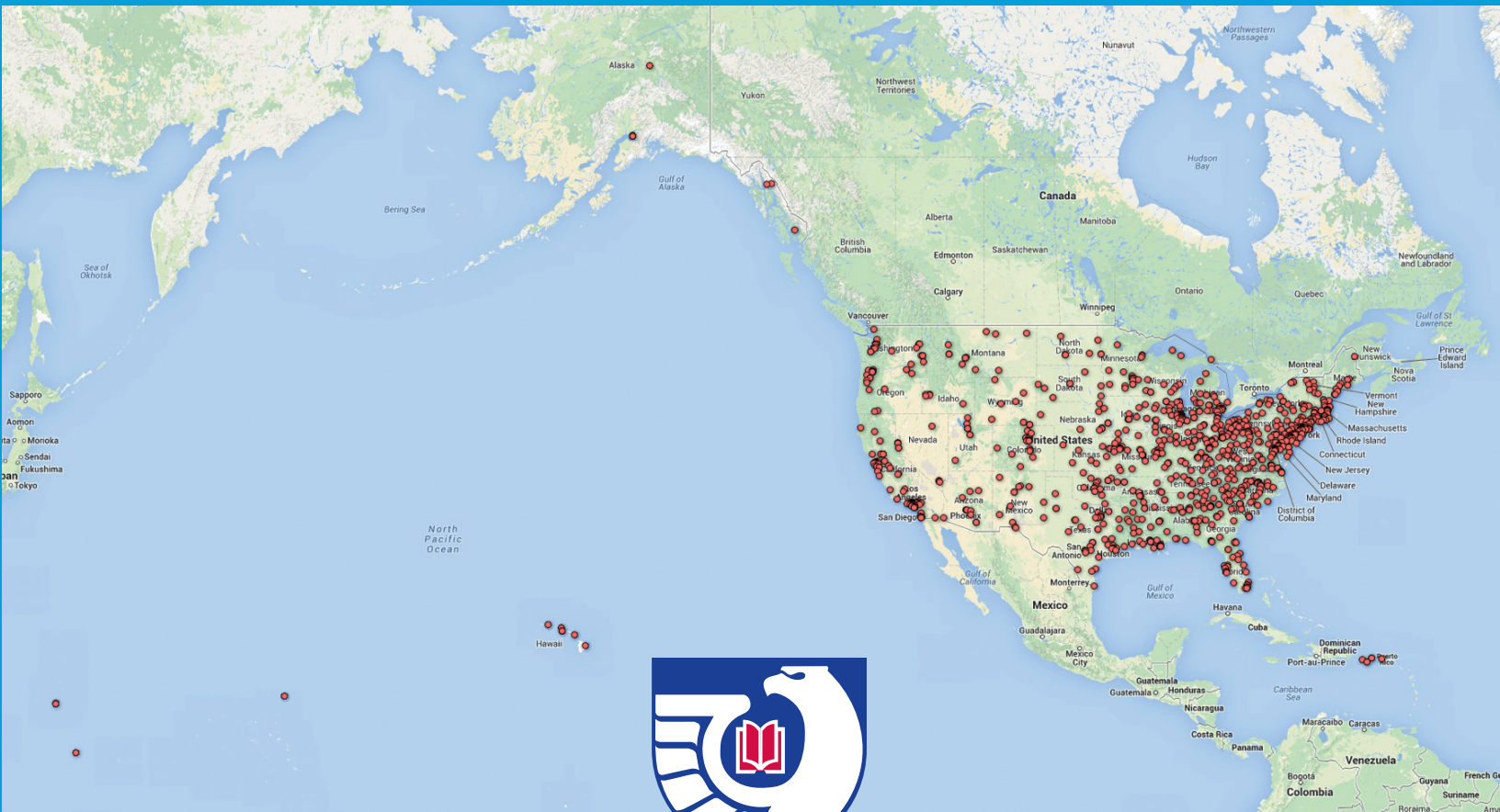
There are a number of mechanisms by which GPO disseminates information that is relevant to the FDLP community.

1. [Subscribe](#) to receive FDLP News and Events alerts in your email inbox. These are important announcements that all FDLP libraries should be receiving.
2. [Subscribe](#) to our bi-monthly newsletter for project updates and news and information about the FDLP and U.S. Government information.

3. Visit [FDLP.gov](#) for any information you need related to the administration and management of your depository library.
4. Follow GPO on social media, and [send us news and updates](#) from your library. Your library could be featured by GPO.

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- [Government Book Talk Blog](#)

Everyone at GPO sincerely thanks the FDLP community for their continued support and stellar service to the public in FY 2015 and beyond.



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