Tips for Conference Success

Before the conference:

- 1. Register to attend the event in advance to ensure your access to the conference portal. From there, you can view the dynamic agenda, enter sessions, and access important conference materials.
- 2. Your registration includes access to the FDLP Preconference, taking place September 18, 2025. In this 90-minute session, each division in GPO's Library Services & Content Management will provide updates on GPO projects and initiatives.
- 3. Note these important dates:
 - a. Volunteer to present an educational session, poster, or exhibit by **Friday**, **August 8, 2025**.
 - b. Nominate deserving libraries for the Library of the Year and Library Website of the Year awards by **Friday, August 1, 2025**. Winners will be announced at the conference kickoff session.
- 4. Check out the schedule and agenda in advance, and identify your conference goals (*available in August*).
- 5. Check out the slides and handouts that are uploaded in advance to identify which sessions you want to attend (*available in mid-September*).
- 6. When you receive your login information, log into the conference site to ensure you do not experience access issues (*available in mid-September*).
- 7. Draft a list of questions that you would like to address. There will be time for Q&A and networking with GPO staff, the DLC, and the FDLP community.
- 8. Get ready for conference bingo by downloading and printing your card ahead of time (available in September). There will be prizes!
- 9. Enhance your listening experience by obtaining a comfortable headset or earphones, and make sure to test them out in advance.

During the conference:

- 1. Minimize distractions as much as possible. Consider updating your email reply or online status to reflect your participation in the conference.
- 2. Make sure to get the contact information for the connections you've made.
- 3. Share your thoughts, questions, and comments in the chat box, and make this event interactive and collaborative.

- 4. Jot down ideas to explore after the event. Don't forget to note any questions that come to mind.
- 5. Be on the lookout for pop-up trivia throughout the event. There will be prizes!
- 6. Use and follow the hashtag, **#FDLConference**. Share your photos, insights, and tidbits you learn from the presenters.
- 7. Browse the poster and exhibitor galleries to learn more about innovative projects, services, and resources.

After the conference:

- 1. Review the thoughts you've captured. Decide what you can act on at your library.
- 2. Follow up with contacts you've made.
- 3. If you missed a session you wanted to attend, be sure to check the <u>conference archive</u> for recordings of all sessions.
- 4. View the <u>conference event page</u> to access all archived conference materials.
- 5. Complete the conference survey to help us improve future events.
- 6. Check your email for follow-up information from GPO.
- 7. Contact us using <u>askGPO</u>, and select the appropriate category for your question. GPO staff are available to answer your questions and are committed to supporting you.