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**SEPTEMBER 25 – 26, 2025
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Depository Library Council Meeting | September 25 – 26, 2025

Depository Library Council Fall Meeting

Business Meeting
September 26, 2025

Angela Bonnell, Chair

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Secretary's Report
- III. Remarks from the Chair
- IV. Election for Next Council Chair
- V. Reports
- VI. Review of GPO responses to Council's Spring 2025 recommendations
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Wrap-up & Closing
- IX. For the good of the order
- X. Adjourn



Report of the Secretary

Roll call

Quorum?

Minutes of Spring 2025 Meeting



Roll Call of Council Members

<https://www.fdlp.gov/about/depository-library-council#members>

2023 – 2026 Term

- Angela Bonnell
- Angela Kent
- Gwen Sinclair
- Joshua Finnell
- Sarah Erekson

2024 – 2027 Term

- Charlie Amiot
- Lisa DeLuca
- Elissa A. Lawrence
- Nia Rodgers
- Andrea Stelljes

2025 – 2028 Term

- Michael Cerbo
- Malwina Bardoni Cross
- Ariella Mason
- Melanie Sims
- Jonathan Underwood



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<https://www.fdlp.gov/file-download/download/public/27351>



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Remarks from the Chair

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Election for next Council Chair

To serve June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027



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Reports

Subcommittees

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Representatives to NCSA Steering Committees

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Subcommittees & Working Groups

Collection & Discovery Services Subcommittee

Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, & FDLs Subcommittee

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

Statistics & Metrics Working Group

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CDSS Members

CDSS = Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee

Council Members

Charlie Amiot, Chair

Angela Bonnell
Illinois State University

Ariella Mason
Fresno County Public Library

Melanie Sims
Louisiana State University Hebert Law Center

Andrea Stelljes
Hennepin County Library — Minneapolis
Central

GPO Members

Cynthia Etkin, DFO
Superintendent of Documents Office

Jen Lindley
Metadata & Collection Services

Community Members

Kate Irwin
Wake Forest University School of Law

DFO = Designated Federal Officer



CDSS Charge

To assist in coordinating the thoughts, research, plans, and efforts related to collection management, cataloging and metadata, and expanding and enhancing discovery and access services the Government Publishing Office provides to the depository community and other interested parties; and to engage the depository community in these processes.



CDSS Activities

Since the Spring 2025 DLC Meeting

New Charter, effective August 14, 2025

- CDSS body convened multiple times to discuss and finalize.
- Updates reflect the evolving needs of our communities and a rapidly changing information landscape.
- Designed to improve subcommittee operational efficiency and effectiveness.
- Clarifies duties, guidelines, and objectives of CDSS, in alignment with FDLP needs and goals.



Next Steps for CDSS

- Recruit depository library community members (2).
- Continue program planning for 2026 Spring DLC Meeting.
- Explore potential Generative Artificial Intelligence applications related to:
 - Collection management.
 - Cataloging and metadata.
 - Discovery and access services.



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Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, & Federal Depository Libraries

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UCUP Members

UCUP = Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, & FDLs

Council Members	GPO Members	Community Members
Angela A.J. Kent LyondellBasell's	Cynthia Etkin, DFO Superintendent of Documents Office	Marcos Corona DePaul University College of Law
Elissa Lawrence State Library of Ohio	Helen Keremedjiev Federal Depository Support Services	Amy Laub University of Kentucky
Gwen Sinclair, Co-chair University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	Todd Scudiere Metadata & Collection Services	Jennifer Morgan Indiana University School of Law
Jonathan Underwood, Co-chair Tuskegee University	Lorelei Sensabaugh Federal Depository Support Services	Rob Mead Washington State Law Library
		Allen Moye DePaul University College of Law

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UCUP Charge

- Study Federal depository libraries at affinity-focused institutions and other FDLs with unique needs and challenges that impact their ability to provide access to tangible and digital depository resources.
- Determine possible solutions and provide recommendations that include ways in which the Government Publishing Office can better support these libraries.



UCUP Activities

Since the Spring 2025 DLC Meeting

- Focus Group Report
- Submitted a question for the 2025 Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries:

Q26. Do patrons who use depository collections, or are offered use of government information resources, express mistrust of them?

- Yes (if yes, please briefly describe the nature of their concern or mistrust) _____
- No
- Don't know / decline to answer



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UCUP Recommendations

Resulting from the 2024 focus groups



**UCUP offers 3 recommendations for
Depository Library Council's consideration
to transmit to GPO Director Halpern.**



Recommendation 1

The Council recognizes that many users of Government information continue to experience challenges related to the digital divide. It recommends that GPO consider developing print-on-demand services for Federal depository libraries (FDLs), enabling them to provide Government information to users who cannot access digital documents or reside far from a Federal depository library. The Council further recommends that the GPO consider ways to support interlibrary loan services to ensure the availability of printed documents to underserved populations.



Recommendation 2

In a digital-first environment, Government information is accessed both within and outside of FDLs. To better accommodate underserved populations who may not visit FDLs, the Council recommends the GPO develop a toolkit for Government information in all formats that FDLs and the general public can utilize. The toolkit should include promotional content suitable for social media and online use, as well as the tangible materials currently available.



Recommendation 3

To increase the visibility and accessibility of all training materials available on the FDLP website, the Council recommends that GPO establish a training portal to provide a single-entry point for all of its training resources, including FDLP Academy presentations, conference proceedings, and Library Resource Guides.



Motion

As a member of the Depository Library Council and Co-chair of UCUP, I move that Depository Library Council accept the three preceding recommendations in concept and transmit them to the Director of the U.S. Government Publishing Office.



Next Steps for UCUP

- Explore potential AI applications related to library services for affinity-focused institutions and other FDLs with unique needs and challenges or library access to government information resources
- Data analysis of 2025 Biennial Survey Q26 responses



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

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COVID Working Group Members

Council Members	GPO Members	Community Members
	Cynthia Etkin, DFO Superintendent of Documents Office	Susanne Caro New Mexico State Library
	Lara Flint Federal Depository Support Services	Hayley Johnson Louisiana State University
	Abigail McDermott Metadata & Collection Services	Rick Mikulski William & Mary
		Lisa Pritchard Jefferson College Library

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COVID Working Group Charge

Examine the practices, policies, and procedures enacted by FDLs since March 2020 as they adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it will assess the long-term impact of these efforts at the institutional and national level. It will examine pandemic practices, policies, and procedures enacted by FDLs and the GPO relating to services, procedures, collections, staffing, etc., and it will assess whether such policies may or should continue into the post pandemic era.



COVID Working Group Activities

Since the Spring 2025 DLC Meeting

- Questions included in the 2025 Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries.
 - Last of the Biennial Survey questions from the COVID WG
 - The questions are meant to be interpreted as “since March 2020, the beginning of the pandemic,” and not the two years since the last Biennial Survey.



Biennial Survey Questions

Q24. What, if anything, are the most lasting impacts of COVID-19 upon the operations of your institution as an FDLP member?

- Describe impacts: _____
- No lasting impact

Q25. In which area(s), if any, did your depository implement new, or revise existing, policies/procedures as a result of COVID-19? Select all that apply.

- Collection maintenance and weeding
- Instructional and educational services
- Outreach services
- Public access
- Reference services
- Staffing
- Other (please explain)
- Changes were made due to COVID but now back to pre-COVID policies
- No new policies or procedures were implemented because of the COVID pandemic



Next Steps for the COVID WG

- Data analysis of 2025 Biennial Survey responses
- Compare 2021, 2023, and 2025 Biennial Survey findings
- Write the final report
- Sunset the COVID WG



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Statistics and Metrics Working Group Members

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Angela Bonnell Illinois State University	Cynthia Etkin, DFO Superintendent of Documents Office	Ashley Dees University of Mississippi
Sarah Erekson University of Florida	Stephen Kharfen Metadata & Collection Services, LSCM	Elisabeth Garner University of North Carolina Wilmington
Joshua Finnell, Co-chair Colgate University	Ben Petersen, Chief Projects & Systems, LSCM	
Nia Rodgers, Co-chair Virginia Commonwealth University	Kate Pitcher, Chief Federal Depository Support Services, LSCM	
Gwen Sinclair University of Hawai'i at Mānoa		

LSCM = Library Services and Content Management
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SAM Charge

SAM = Statistics & Metrics Working Group

The Statistics and Metrics Working Group (SAM) is convened 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. Further, the Working Group is to study and report on the broader landscape of library data gathering trends and recommend possible programmatic library-related performance indicators.



SAM Activities

Since the Spring 2025 DLC Meeting

- Usage Statistics in Depository Libraries Survey follow-up
 - Q6. If GPO required usage statistics, would you be able to provide them?
 - 57 Follow-up emails to “Yes for print” respondents
 - 32 depository libraries supplied data
- Began a pilot with Science Data Collaboratory, Colgate University
 - Will Cipolli, Director of SDC and Student project
 - Assess a common set of variables that depository libraries count/track
 - Normalize the data and attempt some non-probability sampling



Next Steps for SAM

- Continue work with Data Science Collaboratory, Colgate University
- Collect additional data sets from depository libraries (e.g. digital use)
- Explore potential AI applications in relation to data gathering
- Work with GPO on expanding [The Essential FDLP](#) collection of stories



DLC Reps to NCSA Steering Committees

Midwest: Angela Bonnell

Northeast: Michael Cerbo

South: Jonathan Underwood

West: Gwen Sinclair

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Review of GPO Responses to DLC's Spring 2025 Recommendations

Angela Bonnell, Chair



Spring 2025 DLC Recommendations

https://www.fdlp.gov/sites/default/files/file_repo/gpo-responses-spring-2025-dlc-recommendatons-2025-09-10.pdf

Recommendation 1:

Promote mechanisms to assist the depository community in data gathering efforts that offer guidance for quantitative and qualitative data collection and management.

- Methods could include mentorship opportunities, webinars, training, and resource guides that foster collaborative efforts among DLC members, Government Publishing Office staff, and depository community members



Spring 2025 DLC Recommendations

(Continued)

Recommendation 2:

Initiate efforts to expand the collection of stories in [The Essential FDLP: Share Your Experiences with GPO](#).

- Efforts could include oral, pictorial, or prose histories that share the benefits of data collection.
- Stories could represent anecdotes reflecting library patron successes from using depository collections.



New Business

Potential recommendations for GPO

Comments from the depository library community