FDLP Pre-Meeting

Updates from GPO

March 3, 2026

Welcome

- Updates on projects and initiatives
- Community-submitted questions
- Q&A Follow-up session, Thursday, March 5, at 1:45 p.m. (ET)

Agenda

- Title 44 Legislation
- New DLC Members
- Congressional Outreach
- America 250 Celebrations
- NCSA Steering Committees
- Historic Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (MoCat)
- Digital Content Acquisitions, Harvesting, and Management
- GPO Cataloging Guidelines
- Congressional Research Service Reports
- Partnerships & Preservation Stewards
- Digitization
- FDLP.gov Refresh
- Biennial Survey
- Community Needs Assessment
- Recommendations from GPO's Office of the Inspector General

Title 44 & FDLP Modernization

Incoming DLC Class

Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents

Title 44 & FDLP Modernization

- GPO's legislative proposal based on introduced House bill
- Changes align with a digital-first approach to services
- No significant changes from last submission

Highlights:

- Definition of Government information and scope
- Moves GovInfo from Chapter 41 to Chapter 19
- Includes preservation of National Collection
- Modernizes Cataloging and Indexing program description

Legislative Revisions to Title 44 U.S.C., Chapter 19 on FDLP.gov

Incoming DLC Class

- Process change: Nominations through Salesforce to develop historical record

- Considerations for new DLC class – achieve balance:
  - NCSA
  - Library type
  - Mix of FDLP experience

- Excellent group of candidates this year!
- New members will be announced tomorrow by Director Halpern.

Congressional Outreach

America 250

Kelly Seifert, Strategic Communications Coordinator

Congressional Outreach

- Collaboration with GPO's office of Governmental Affairs
- Expanding outreach to Congressional offices
  - Generating greater awareness of FDLP & communicate value
  - Briefs for Senators and Representatives
    - Description of FDLP
    - How many libraries in state
    - Highlights: milestones, partners, etc.
    - List of libraries in district
    - Statutory authority
    - How to designate

Congressional Outreach

- 61 members of Congress reached thus far
  - New members of the JCP
  - House and Senate Legislative Branch Appropriations Committees
  - Senators and Representatives with members of the DLC in libraries in their states and districts
- Next:
  - Senators and Representatives of the incoming DLC members

America 250

- Library & Government publication features on FDLP.gov and GPO social media
- New & refreshed promotional materials
  - Pocket Constitutions
  - 250 Bookmark
  - Presidential rulers
  - Ben laptop stickers
  - GovInfo pencils
  - DiscoverGov pens (released Feb 23)

NCSA Steering Committees

Kate Pitcher, Chief, Federal Depository Support Services

NCSA Steering Committees

Midwest

- *Chair*, **Brent Abercrombie**, Indiana State Library

Northeast

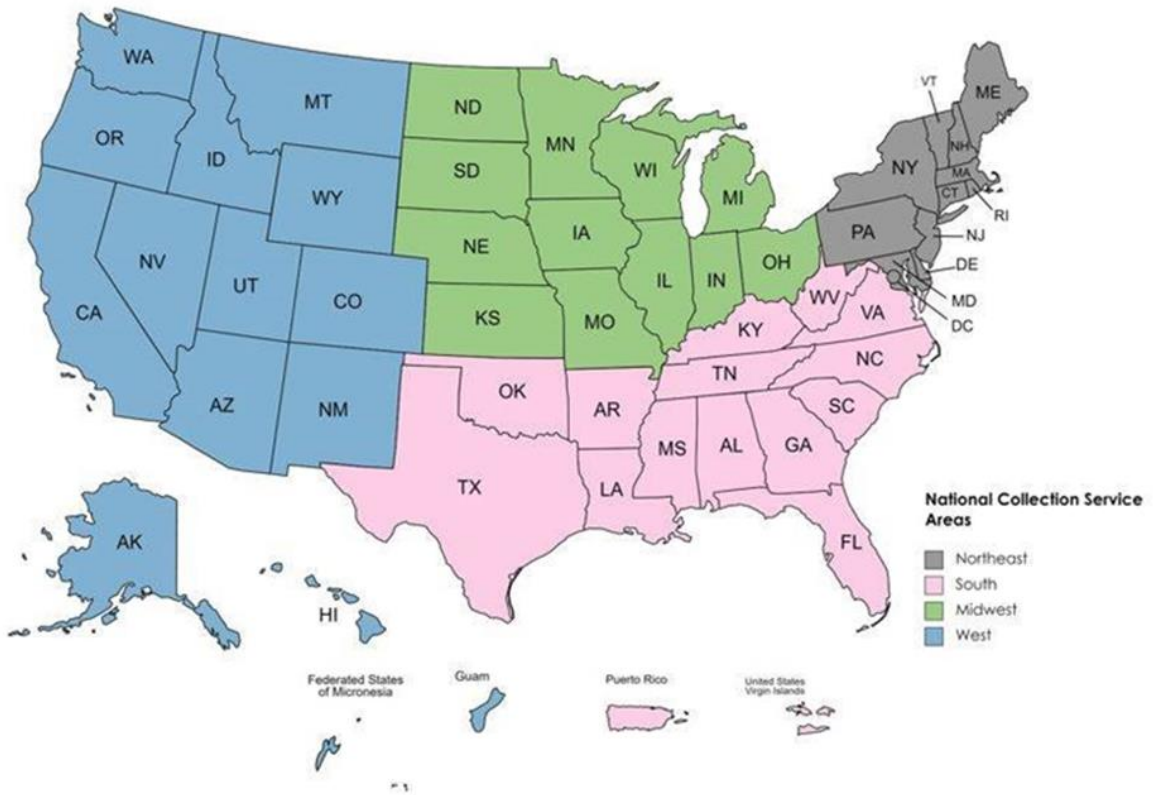
- *Chair,* **Liza Duncan**, New York State Library

South

- *Chair*, **Anna Xiong**, Rice University

West

- *Chair*, **Niamh Wallace**, University of Arizona



NCSA Steering Committees

Midwest

- March 10, 2026

Northeast

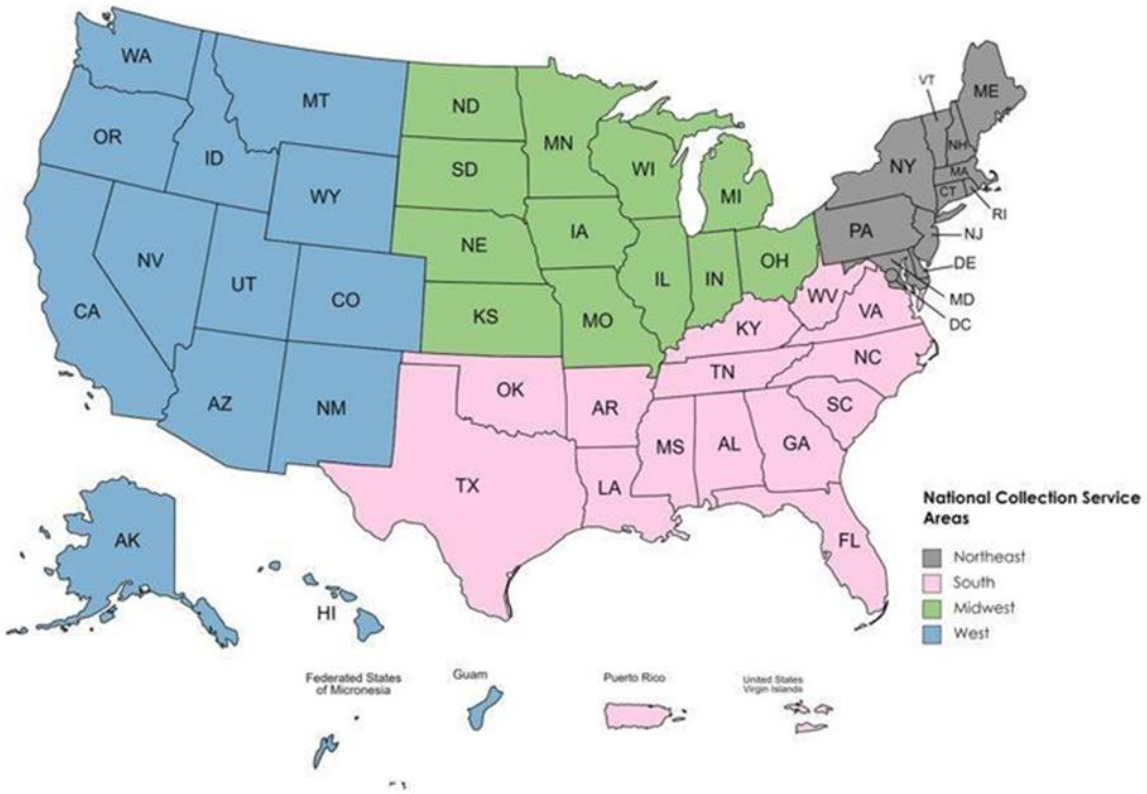
- April 21, 2026

South

- TBD

West

- November 17, 2025
- February 23, 2026

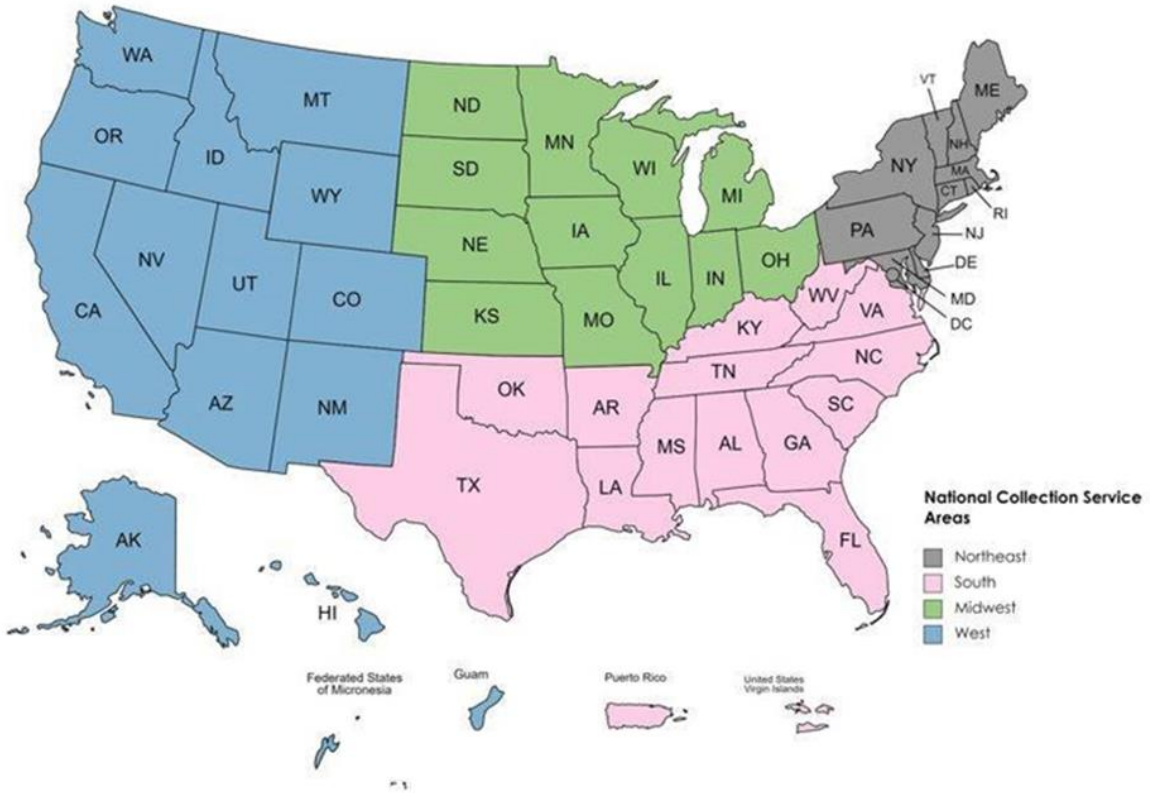


NCSAs and Outreach

Kate Pitcher, Chief, Federal Depository Support Services

NCSA Outreach Team

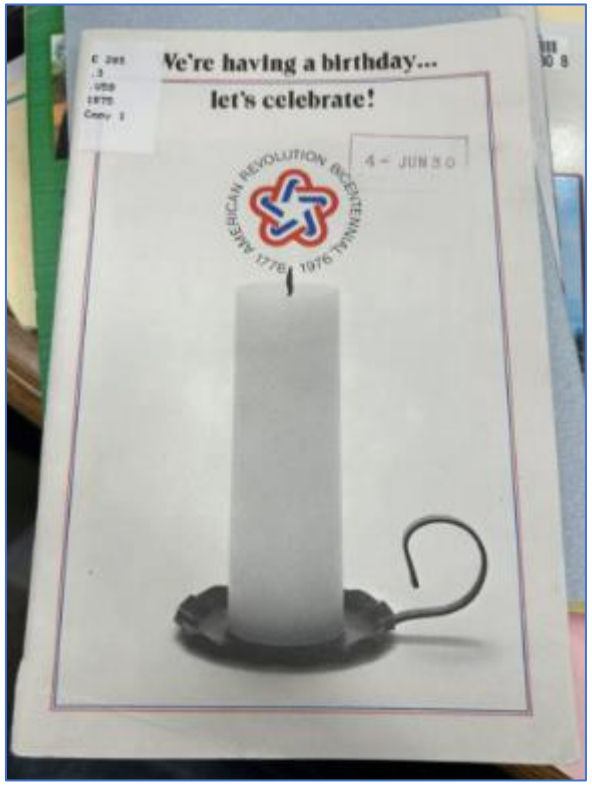
NCSA	Librarian
Midwest	Ashley Dahlen
Northeast	Lara Flint
South	Amy Laub
West	Kathy Bayer
Outreach team members provide…	
• Consultations with libraries	
• Guidance and support	
• Training	



Q&A

Historic Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (MoCat)

Title	We're having birthday, let's celebrate.
Published	[Place of publication not identified] : Health, Education and Welfare Dept., [July 1975.]
SuDoc Number	HE 3.2:B 53
Item Number	516
Description	48 page : cover title
General Note	Distribution information: Distribution made by issuing office; sent to depository libraries.
	Monthly catalog issue publication information: September 1975, page 154, entry number 14734.
	([DHEW publication (SSA) 75-10606.]) [Prepared by Office of External Affairs, in cooperation with Bicentennial Office, Office of Assistant Secretary for Administration & Management.].
	This record is made available under a Creative Commons CC-BY-NC 4.0 license by ProQuest LLC, a part of Clarivate.
Added Entry	Social Security Administration. Health, Education and Welfare Dept., issuing body.
Hist. MoCat Sys.No.	001191966



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Digital Content Acquisitions, Harvesting, and Management

Jennifer Lindley, Supervisory Librarian

Digital Content Acquisitions

- Digital versions of printed materials
- Title 44 notifications of:
  - Printing outside of GPO
  - Online content submitted through askGPO
- Unreported publications submitted by community members
  - https://www.fdlp.gov/collection-tools/reporting-pubs-to-gpo
- Monitor agency websites for digital content that was not otherwise reported

Digital Content Harvesting

- Simple Digital Objects (single PDFs)
  - Individually harvested from agency website to Permanent and then ingested into GovInfo
- Complex Digital Objects (everything else)
  - Agency site harvests
  - Landing pages

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Title: Evolution on demand: the changing roles of the U.S. Marine Corps in twenty-first century conflicts and beyond

SuDoc Number: D 214.513:EV 6

Item Number: 0386-A-12 (online)

CGP system Number: 001453851

PDF | epub | mp3

12 June, 2025

Digital Content Harvesting Exceptions

- Digital Access Partners
  - https://www.fdlp.gov/collaborations-with-gpo/partnerships/digital-access-partners
- Digital Preservation Stewards
  - https://www.fdlp.gov/collaborations-with-gpo/partnerships/digital-preservation-stewards
- FDLP Web Archive content
  - https://archive-it.org/home/FDLPwebarchive

Digital Content Management

- Regularly reviewing continuing resources
- Investigating broken PURLs and resources no longer available
- Monthly PURLs validation reports
  - Manually evaluated 7000 PURLs in FY2026 so far
- Redirecting PURLs when agency websites change
  - National Laboratory of the Rockies changed domain to NLR.gov
  - 1700 PURLS redirected so far
- Special maintenance projects, such as reviewing all 200k+ PURLs targeting PDF files

GPO Cataloging Guidelines

Oksana Osborne, Metadata Integrity Librarian

Cataloging Policy and Documentation Committee (CPDC)

- 11 members
  - 7 standing members
    - MCS Chief
    - Metadata Initiatives Manager
    - 3 Supervisory Librarians
    - 2 Metadata Integrity Librarians
  - 4 rotating members (two-year terms)
    - 4 Technical Services Librarians

GPO Cataloging Guidelines

- Indicate the policies and practices GPO catalogers follow
- Updated frequently to add new policies and clarify existing text
- Publicly available at https://www.fdlp.gov/cataloging-and-classification/cataloging-guidelines

GPO Cataloging Guidelines: 505 Note

505 - Formatted Contents Note

- Do not include this field in original records. When copy cataloging, retain this field in OCLC but remove it for export to the CGP.
  - *Exception:* For multipart monographs, see Bibliographic Cataloging: Monographs, 505 - Formatted Contents Note.
    - For congressional multiparts, see Bibliographic Cataloging: Congressional Publications, 505 – Formatted Contents Note.
  - *Exception:* For audiovisual resources, see Bibliographic Cataloging: Audiovisual Resources, 5XX- Note Fields.

Image: Screenshot of GPO Cataloging Guideline for 505 - Formatted Contents Note

GPO Cataloging Guidelines: New Note

Bibliographic Cataloging: General MARC Field Policies, 500 - General Note, Federal Government Jurisdiction Note

- New Federal Government Jurisdiction Note in MARC 500 field:

  This is a publication issued by the United States federal government or produced with federal funds.

GPO Cataloging Guidelines: Note Order

Bibliographic Cataloging: General MARC Field Policies, 500 - General Note, Order of 500 Notes

General Note	"GAO-26-107353."
	"February 2026."
	This is a publication issued by the United States federal government or produced with federal funds.
	In scope of the U.S. Government Publishing Office Cataloging and Indexing Program (C&I) and Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).

Image: Standard view of CGP record 1467329

GPO Cataloging Guidelines: Genre/Form

Subject Cataloging: Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT)

- When an appropriate Library of Congress Genre/Form Term (LCGFT) exists, add it to a new or adapted bibliographic record at the time of cataloging.
- Continue adding appropriate $v form subdivisions in LCSH fields as well.

Congressional Research Service Report Cataloging

Michael Dent, Supervisory Librarian

Current Status and Statistics

- LSCM continues to catalog Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports in accordance with the agreement made in October 2018 with the Library of Congress

- To date, the GPO Metadata and Collection Services unit (MCS) has cataloged 12,055 CRS reports of the 13,594 reports published by the agency

- Approximately 90% cataloged

Milestones

- 2023:
  - Began collaborating with the Congressional Research Service staff to generate a monthly spreadsheet of their newly published titles

- April 2023:
  - MCS Innovation Team developed automated processes to generate preliminary MARC records from the spreadsheets

Milestones

- Collaborated with Office of Archival Management (OAM) to add PURLs to the preliminary records
- Preliminary records are saved to the OCLC Online Save File and assigned to our cataloging team

- June 2025:
  - CRS transferred all of their reports to Congress.gov
  - MCS worked with OAM to re-route all CRS report PURLs to Congress.gov via batch edit.

Example CRS Report

Congressional Research Service
Informing the legislative debate since 1914

IN FOCUS

December 17, 2025

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Health Care: Recent Federal Activity

The role of artificial intelligence (AI) in health care has been of increased interest to recent federal administrations. Under the Biden Administration, AI in health care policy was generally characterized by a focus on risk mitigation. Under the second Trump Administration, the focus of AI in health care policy has generally shifted more toward rapid development and implementation of such tools.

Toward the close of the Biden Administration, E.O. 14110, and distribution of new AI technology across every field, and dismantle unnecessary regulatory barriers that hinder the private sector in doing so." The introduction then outlines three central pillars of the plan relating to (1) innovation, (2) infrastructure, and (3) international diplomacy and security. The *Plan* has implications for AI in health care, though AI in health care settings is infrequently referenced.

Example Bibliographic Record

CGP# 001465771

Full View of Record

Choose format: Standard | Short | MARC

Record 32 out of 12051

Title	Artificial intelligence (AI) in health care : recent federal activity.
Format	online resource
Internet Access	https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo251631
Author	Wells, Nora, author.
Published	[Washington, D.C.] : Congressional Research Service, 2025-
SuDoc Number	LC 14.24:IF 13135/
Item Number	0807-A-09 (online)
Edition	[Library of Congress public edition].
Description	1 online resource.
Current Frequency	Updated irregularly
Content Type	text
Series	(In focus (Library of Congress. Congressional Research Service) ; IF13135.)
General Note	This is a publication issued by the United States federal government or produced with federal funds.

Upcoming Plans

- MCS continues to meet with the CRS staff on a semi-annual basis
- CRS has developed an API
- MCS Innovation Team developing a workflow to generate preliminary records directly from this API
    - Target goal: end of FY26
    - Target goal for gap analysis: end of FY26

Locating CRS Report Records

- CRS report bibliographic records are available through the CGP on GitHub:
  - https://github.com/usgpo/cataloging-records/tree/main/Congressional_Research_Service_Reports

- The records can also be retrieved in the CGP with the expert mode search: wlts=CRSREP

Locating CRS Report Records

- CRS products can also be searched on Congress.gov at the following address:
    - https://www.congress.gov/crs-products

Partnership Update

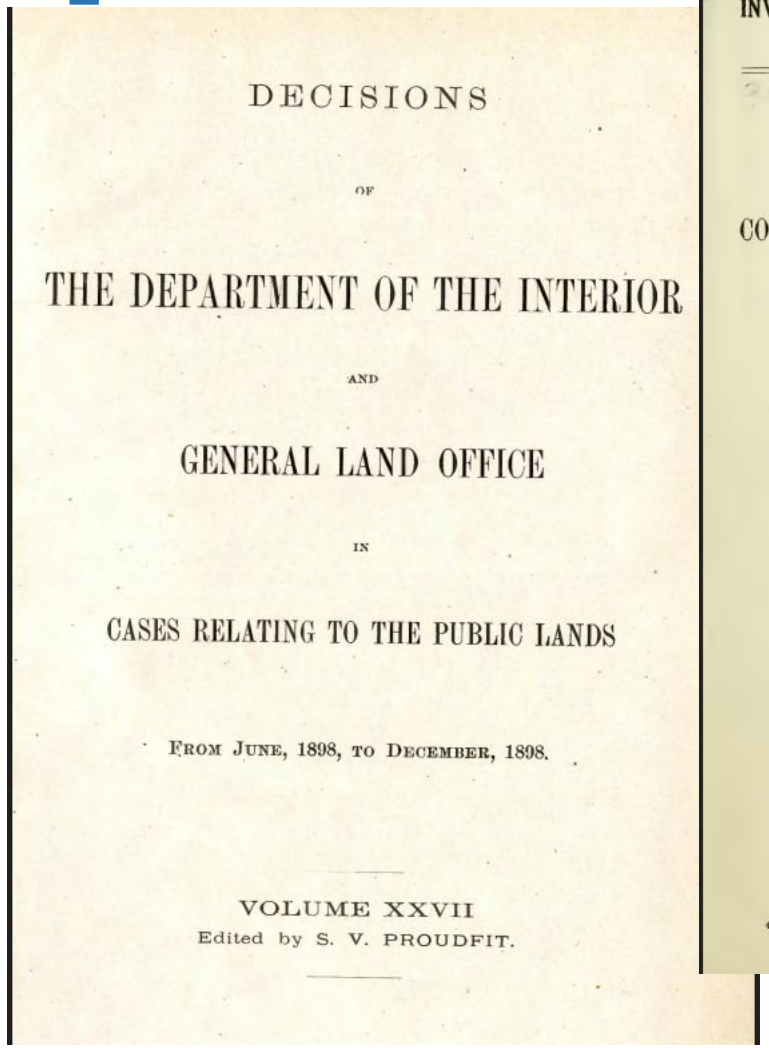
Suzanne Ebanues, Supervisory Management Analyst

Partner Impact on the National Collection

- Increasing access through cataloging
- Increasing access and preservation by increasing the amount of content available digitally
- Preservation of the tangible National Collection

Digital Content Updates

- Congressional hearings: Boston Public Library
- Decisions of the Dept. of the Interior: Indiana State Library



DECISIONS

OF

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AND

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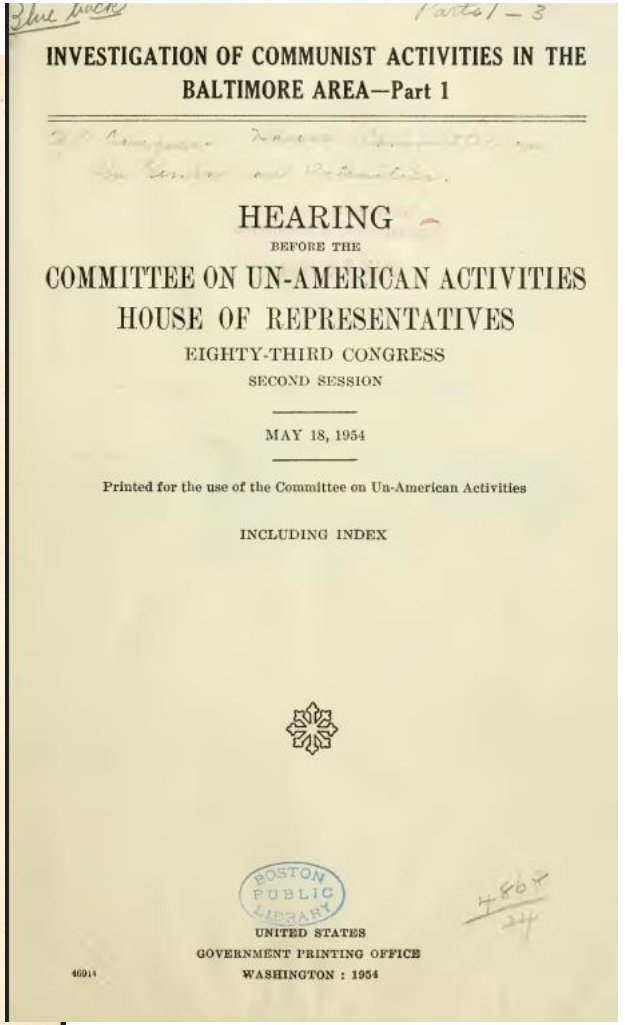
FROM JUNE, 1898, TO DECEMBER, 1898.

VOLUME XXVII

Edited by S. V. PROUDFIT.



INVESTIGATION OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIMORE AREA—Part 1

HEARING

BEFORE THE

COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-THIRD CONGRESS

SECOND SESSION

MAY 18, 1954

Printed for the use of the Committee on Un-American Activities

INCLUDING INDEX

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

WASHINGTON : 1954

New or Expanded Preservation Stewards

- University of Notre Dame Kresge Law Library (expanded)
- University of Missouri Libraries at Columbia (new)
- Nevada Supreme Court Library (new)

Preservation Stewards and the CGP

- In February 2026, metadata representing over 47,700 rows of item-level entries from historic Preservation Steward inventories was ingested into the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) as summary holdings and item records.
  - This was the result of over five years of effort, supported by all LSCM units, to establish an automated process to add this partnership metadata to the CGP.
  - Historic collections at the following Preservation Steward libraries were included in this test group of inventories:
    - Indiana University Maurer School of Law Jerome Hall Law Library
    - Middle Tennessee State University James E. Walker Library
    - University of Kansas Libraries
    - University of Minnesota Government Publications Library
    - University of North Texas Libraries
- Thank you to all our Preservation Stewards for their efforts to submit historic inventories – we will keep you posted on this continued effort as we ingest more metadata on these print retention collections into the CGP!

Preservation Stewards and the CGP

Entire CGP Catalog - National Bibliography Holdings

United States. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.:
Annual report - Dept. of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms..
illustrations ; 27 cm.

Preservation Steward	0585, James E Walker Library-Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN (South)
Location	T 70.1:
Summary Holdings	(1974)-(1977)

Select year All **Select volume** All **Select sublibrary** Middle TN State Univ Go

	Description	SuDoc Number	Shipping List No.	Library	Item status	Notes
Expand	1974	T 70.1:974		Middle TN State Univ	Preservation Steward	
Expand	1975	T 70.1:975		Middle TN State Univ	Preservation Steward	
Expand	1976	T 70.1:976		Middle TN State Univ	Preservation Steward	
Expand	1977	T 70.1:977		Middle TN State Univ	Preservation Steward	

The screenshot above shows and example of the holdings information on CGP record 000058782 that indicates the volumes held in print in the MTSU James E. Walker Library Preservation Steward collections.

Gap-filling Success for Historic Preservation Steward collections

- LSCM's Collection Management Librarian monitors offers in FDLP eXchange and through other channels and seeks to transfer good condition print volumes to historic Preservation Steward collections.
  - Gap-filling is optional under those Partnership agreements.
  - GPO provides a pre-paid shipping label to cover the costs of these shipments.
- 4,430 volumes were transferred to historic Preservation Steward collections in FY25.
- A few FY25 highlights:
  - 122 FRUS volumes to University of Virginia Shannon Library
  - 145 NLRB decisions to New Mexico State Library
  - 631 congressional hearings and prints to Utah State Merrill Cazier Library
  - 725 NOAA publications to University of Rhode Island Robert L. Carothers Library
  - 1,788 bound Serial Set volumes to IU Jerome Hall Law Library

Preservation Stewards and PDT Success

SuDoc	Title	Time Frame	NCSA Midwest	Northeast	South	West
X 1.1:	Congressional Record (bound) (Proceedings and Debate)	Current	2	1	2	2
		Historic	3	1	2	4
X 1.1: [P]	Congressional Record (bound - Daily Digest)	Current	2	1	2	2
		Historic	3	1	2	4
Y 1.1/2:	Serial Set (bound) 105th Congress and forward	Current	2	1	3	1
		Historic	2	1	4	2
AE 2.106/3	Code of Federal Regulations	Current	2	1	1	1
LR 1.8:	Decisions and Orders	Current	1	1	1	1
		Historic	1	1	1	1
S 1.1:	Foreign Relations of the United States	Current	2	2	3	1
		Historic	2	2	3	1
Y 4.P 93/1:1	Congressional Directory	Current	1	1	3	3
		Historic		1	3	2
AE 2.111:	United States Statutes at Large	Current	2	1	1	3
		Historic	2	1	2	5
D 213.11:	Nautical Almanac	Current	1	1	2	1
		Historic	1	1	2	1
D 213.8/3:	Astronomical Phenomena	Current	1	1	2	1
		Historic	1	1	2	1
D 213.8:	Astronomical Almanac (bound volumes)	Current	1	1	2	1
		Historic	1	1	2	1
JU 6.8:	U.S. Reports	Current	1	2	2	4
		Historic	1	3	2	4
Y 1.1/3:	Constitution of the United States, Analysis and Interpretation	Current	1	1	2	2
		Historic	1	1	2	1
Y 1.2/5:	U.S. Code	Current	1	2	1	3
		Historic	1	2	1	3

Preservation Stewards Call to Action: West NCSA

PDT Category	SuDoc	Title	Time Frame
20 Copy	A 13.36/2-6:	Recreation/Visitors Guides (National Forests and Regions) (RG series)	Historic
20 Copy	I 49.9:	Maps and Charts	Historic
20 Copy	I 53.11:	Maps & Map Folders	Historic
50 Copy	JU 11.7:	Reports [Tax Court]	Current
50 Copy			Historic
50 Copy	JU 9.5/2:	U.S. Court of International Trade Reports	Current
50 Copy			Historic

Preservation Stewards Call to Action: Midwest NCSA

PDT Category	SuDoc	Title	Time Frame
20 Copy	**A 13.28:**	Maps and Charts	Current
			Historic
	A 13.36/2-6:	Recreation/Visitors Guides (National Forests and Regions) (RG series)	Current
			Historic
	A 13.36/6:	7.5-Minute Series	Current
			Historic
	I 19.91/3:	Scientific Investigations Maps (series)	Current
			Historic
	I 29.8:	Maps	Current
			Historic
	I 53.11/4:	BLM 1:100,000 Scale Maps, Surface Management Status	Current
			Historic
	I 53.11:	Maps & Map Folders	Current
			Historic
50 Copy	**I 19.165:**	Minerals Yearbook	Current
			Historic
	Y 4.P 93/1:1	Congressional Directory	Historic

Preservation Stewards Call to Action: South NCSA

PDT Category	SuDoc	Title	Time Frame
20 Copy	**C 3.62/2:**	Maps	Current
			Historic
	I 19.91/3:	Scientific Investigations Maps (series)	Current
			Historic
	I 53.11/4:	BLM 1:100,000 Scale Maps, Surface Management Status	Current
			Historic
	I 53.11:	Maps & Map Folders	Current
			Historic
50 Copy	**AE 2.106/3**	Code of Federal Regulations	Historic
	AE 2.106/3-2:	CFR Index and Finding Aids	Current
			Historic
	CC 1.12/3:	FCC Record	Current
			Historic
	JU 9.5/2:	U.S. Court of International Trade Reports	Current
			Historic
	PREX 1.30:	Economic Report of the	Current
			Historic

Preservation Stewards Call to Action: Northeast NCSA

PDT Category	SuDoc	Title	TimeFrame
20 Copy	A 13.28:	Maps and Charts	Current
			Historic
	A 13.36/2-6:	Recreation/Visitors Guides (National Forests and Regions) (RG series)	Current
			Historic
	A 13.36/6:	7.5-Minute Series	Current
			Historic
	C 3.62/2:	Maps	Current
			Historic
	I 19.91/3:	Scientific Investigations Maps (series)	Current
			Historic
	I 29.8:	Maps	Current
			Historic
	I 49.9:	Maps and Charts	Current
			Historic
	I 53.11/4:	BLM 1:100,000 Scale Maps, Surface Management Status	Current
			Historic
	I 53.11:	Maps & Map Folders	Current
			Historic
	Y 1.1/3:	Senate Documents	Current
			Historic
	Y 1.1/4:	Senate Treaty Documents	Current
			Historic
	Y 1.1/5:	Senate Reports	Current
			Historic
	Y 1.1/6:	Senate Executive Reports	Current
			Historic
	Y 1.1/7:	House	Current
			Historic

PDT Category	SuDoc	Title	TimeFrame
20 Copy	Y 1.1/7-2:	Precedents of the United States House of Representatives (House Document) (bound)	Current
			Historic
	Y 1.1/8:	House Reports	Current
			Historic
	Y 1.3/4:	Journal of Executive Proceedings of U.S. Senate	Current
			Historic
50 Copy	PREX 1.30:	Economic Report of the President	Current
			Historic
	PREX 2.8/13:	Budget of the U.S. Government, Major Savings and Reforms	Current
			Historic
	PREX 2.8/5:	Analytical Perspectives	Current
			Historic
	PREX 2.8:	Budget of the United States Government / Appendix	Current
			Historic
Unlimited	X 1.1	Congressional Record Index	Current
			Historic
	XJH	Journal of the House	Current
			Historic
	XSJ	Journal of the Senate	Current
			Historic

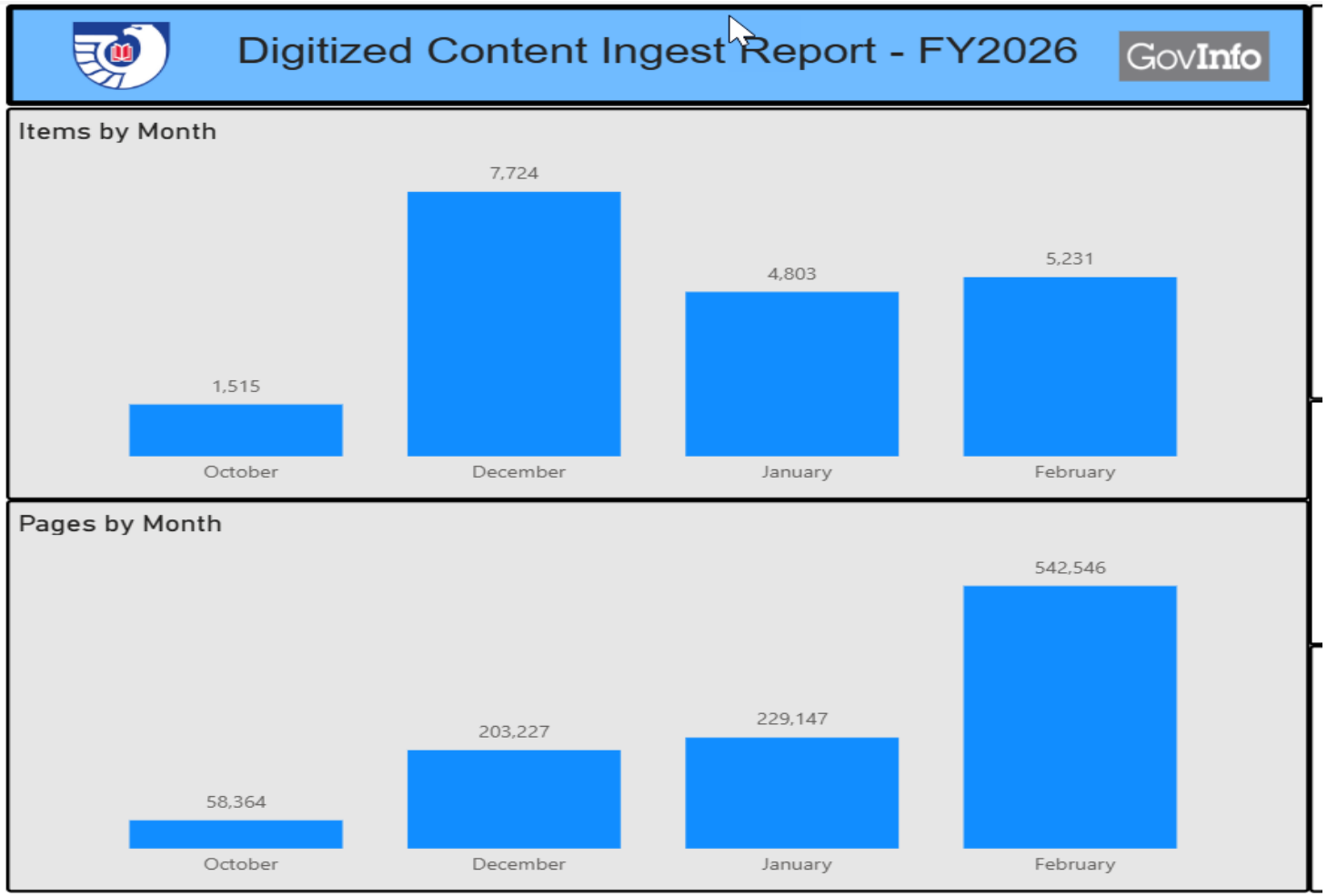
Digital Imaging Update

Suzanne Ebanues, Supervisory Management Analyst

Digital Imaging Specifications

- Follow the Federal Agencies Digital Guidelines Initiative's "Technical Guidelines for Digiting Cultural Heritage Materials" three-star level.
- Additional specifications include (exact specifications may differ based on the content being digitally imaged):
  - 400 ppi (original document size) with 24-bit RGB color.
  - Preservation file format: JPEG 2000 with up to a 20:1 lossless compression ratio.
  - Searchable and optimized PDFs compliant to the PDF/A2-b format specification standard.
  - OCR text saved as .txt file format for each publication.
  - Pages should have no visible skew (no more than between 0-1 degrees)
  - Pages cropped so the page edge is showing with a border of no less than 1/16 inch and no larger than ¼ inch.

FY26 GovInfo Statistics



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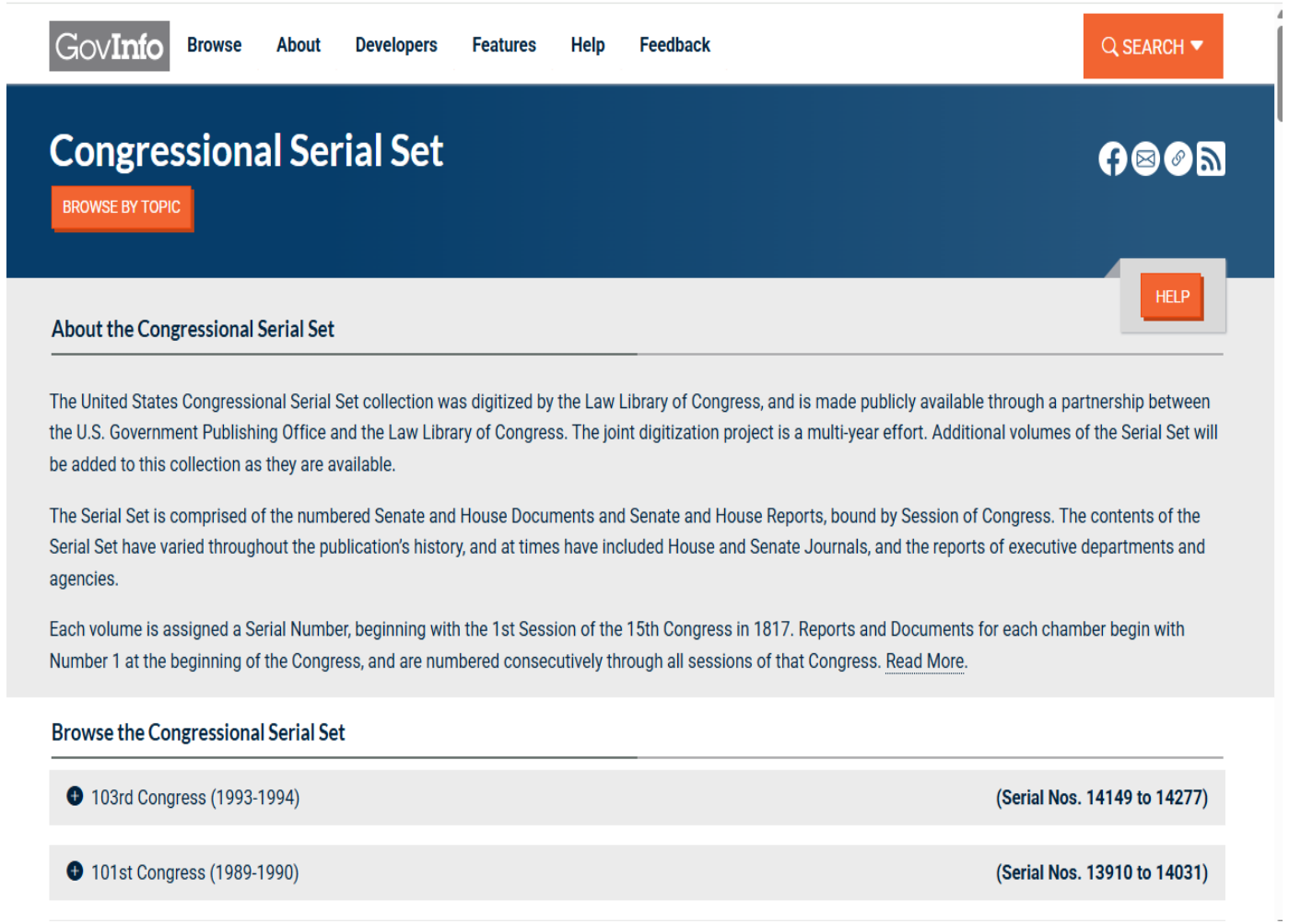

What's upcoming?

- Depository shipping lists
- Publications from the I 16 class
- Congressional hearings
- Annual reports "user experience"
- Code of Federal Regulations

Q&A

FDLP.gov Refresh

Kelly Seifert, Strategic Communications Coordinator

FDLP.gov Refresh

- Clean-up work:
  - Promotional galleries
  - Menus
  - Duplicative content removed
  - Completed project pages closed out
  - Reorganized content
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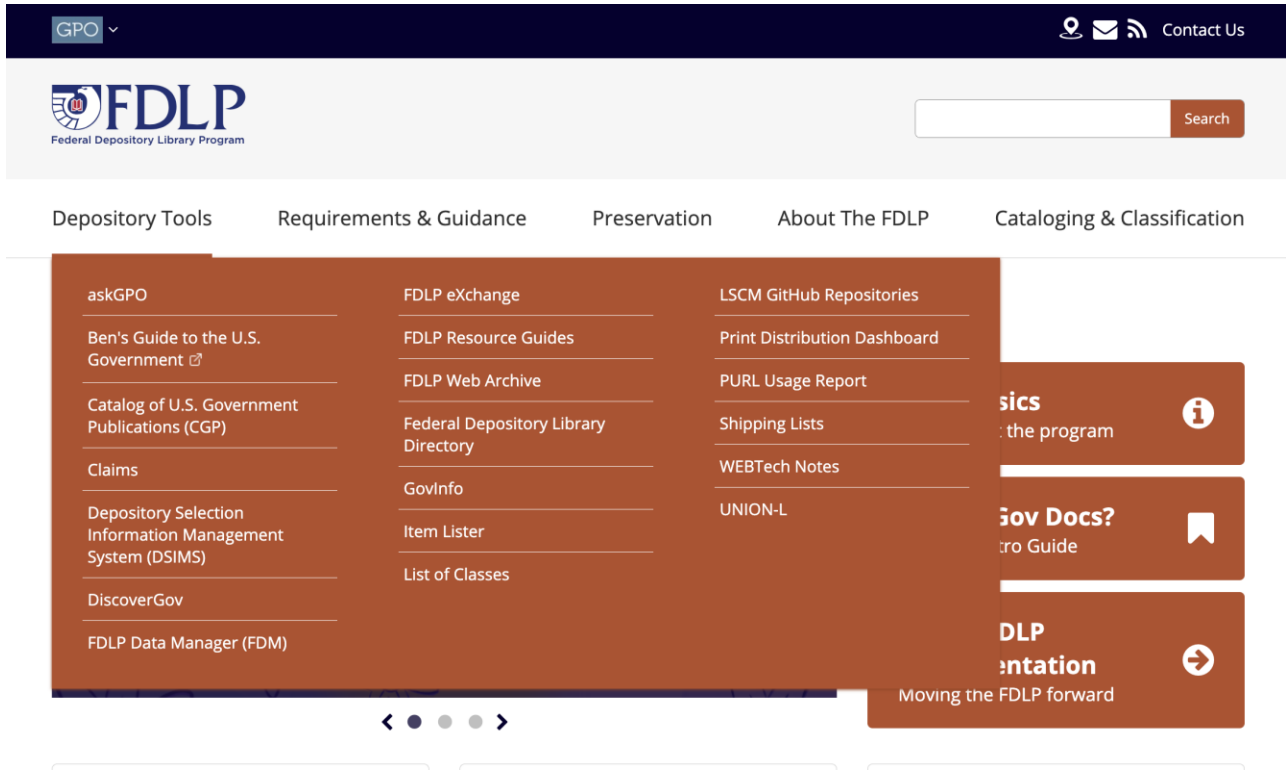

Biennial Survey

Kate Pitcher, Chief, Federal Depository Support Services

2025 Biennial Survey

- Opened 9/22/25 and closed 12/12/25
  - FDSS continued to contact non-responders through 1/31/2026
- Final responses
  - 1,038
  - 95% response rate
- Currently:
  - Dataset going through QC
  - Public dataset to be posted on FDLP.gov

Some data to share…

	Catalog													
Discovery Layer	EOS	Evergreen	Ex Libris Alma	Ex Libris Voyager	FOLIO	Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Polaris	Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Sierra	Koha	OCLC WorldShare Management Services (WMS)	Other (please list)	SirsiDynix Horizon	SirsiDynix Symphony	SirsiDynix Workflows	**Total**
Aspen Discovery		6				4	2	12				1	7	**32**
BiblioCommons Bibliocore		2				8	8			3	4	1	4	**30**
Blacklight			7		4		1			1			2	**15**
EBSCO Discovery	1		8	6	48	5	19	11	5	13	1	7	22	**146**
Ex Libris Primo/Primo VE			409		3		2			1			1	**416**
Ex Libris Summon		1	8				16	3	2	2		4	1	**37**
No discovery layer	13	13	2	1	6	24	21	19	4	28	2	7	12	**152**
OCLC WorldCat Discovery			2		1	3	2	1	89	4	1	1	4	**108**
Other (please list)			4		1	14	7		4	8		1	7	**46**
SirsiDynix Enterprise										1	7	17	19	**44**
VuFind					10					1			1	**12**
Total	**14**	**22**	**440**	**7**	**73**	**58**	**78**	**46**	**104**	**62**	**15**	**39**	**80**	**1038**

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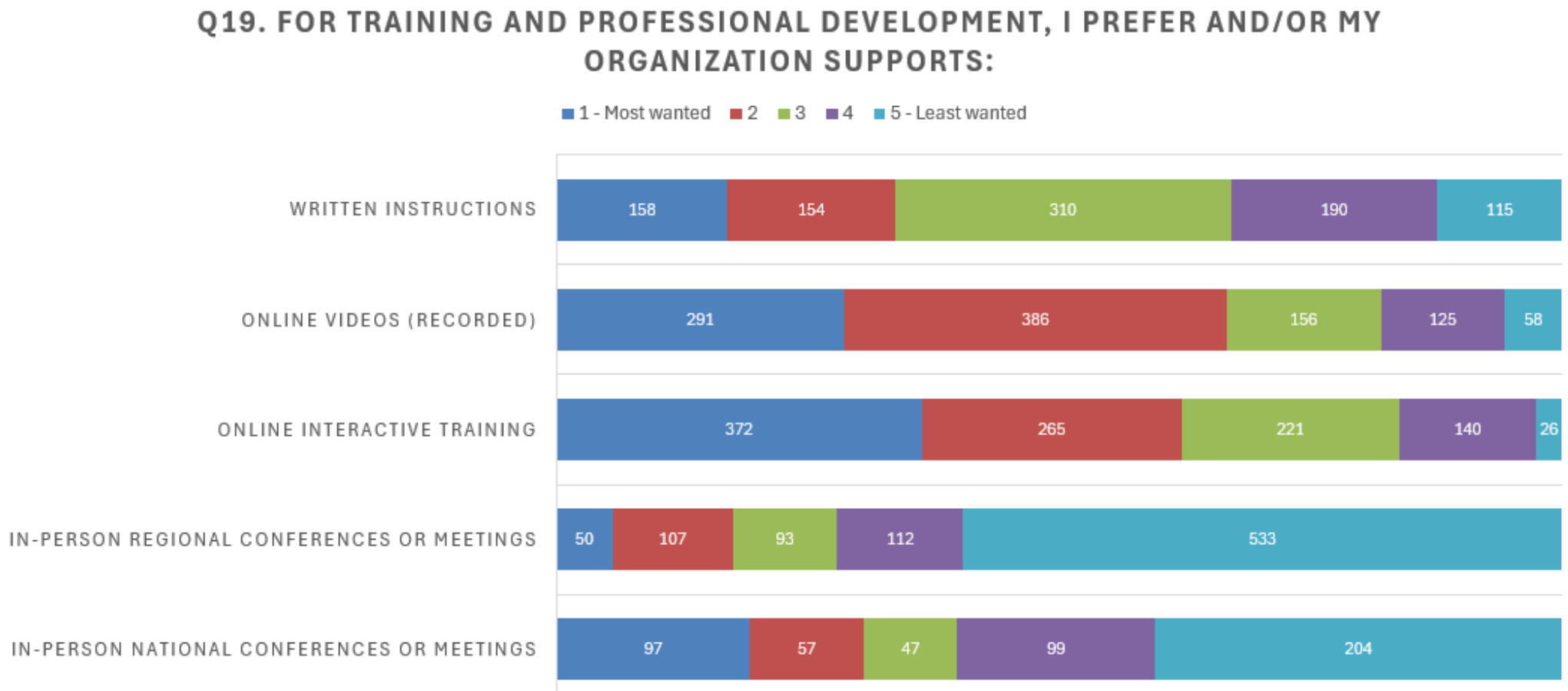
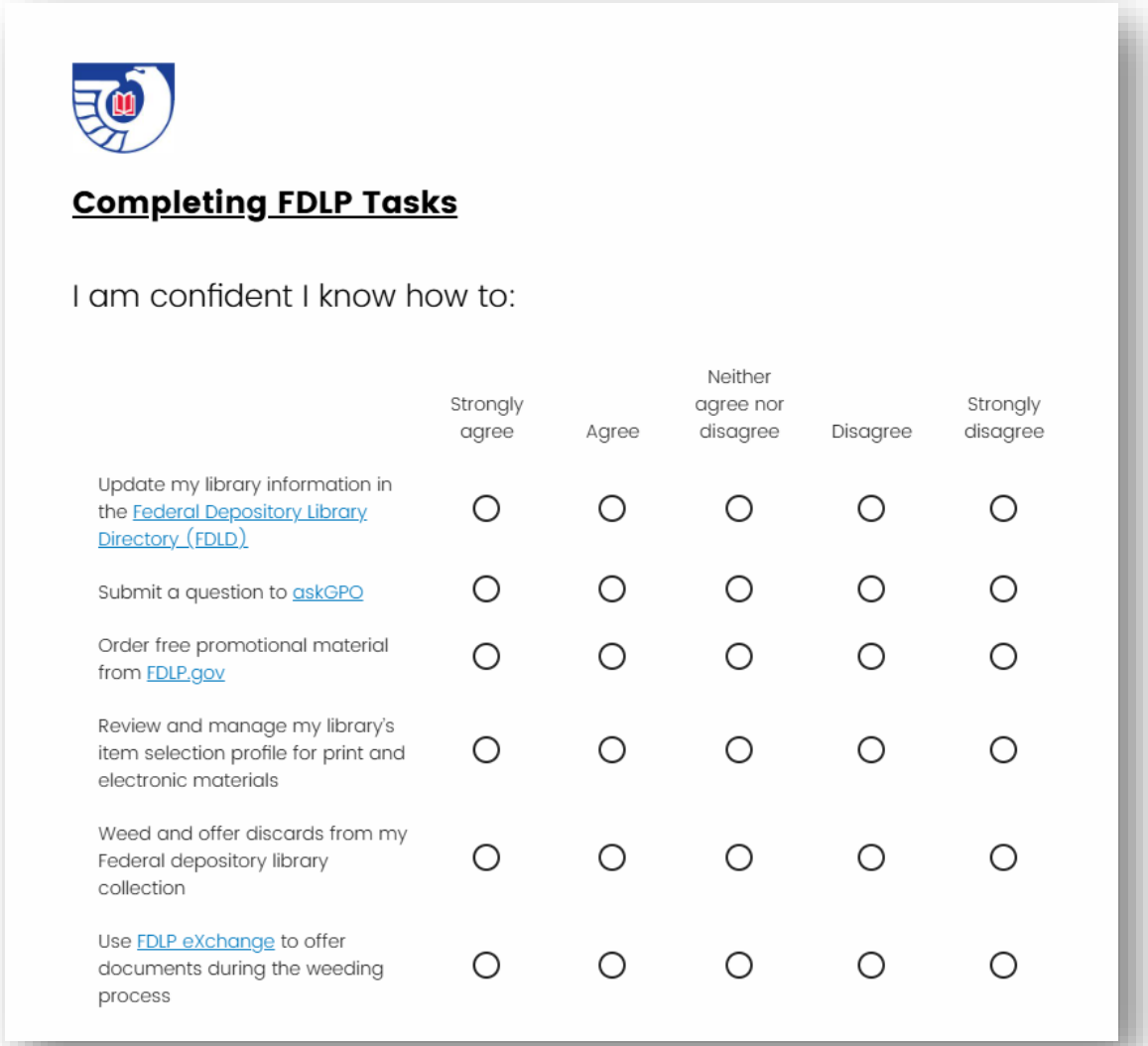


FDLP Needs Assessment

Kate Pitcher, Chief, Federal Depository Support Services

Needs Assessment

- **Opened** = February 18, 2026
- **Audience** = Current FDLs
- **Sample** = 343
- **Size** = 52 questions
- **Approx. time to complete** = 20 minutes
- **Closes** = March 28, 2026



Completing FDLP Tasks

I am confident I know how to:

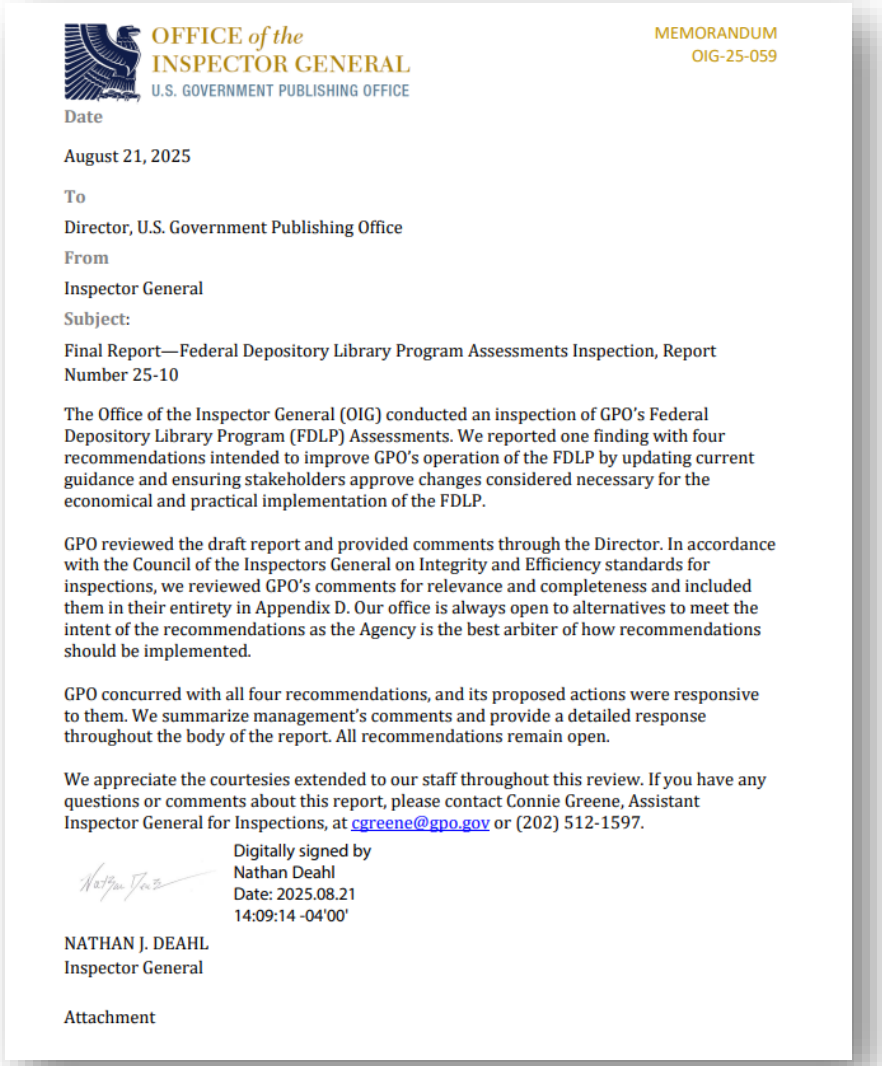
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Update my library information in the Federal Depository Library Directory (FDLD)	○	○	○	○	○
Submit a question to askGPO	○	○	○	○	○
Order free promotional material from FDLP.gov	○	○	○	○	○
Review and manage my library's item selection profile for print and electronic materials	○	○	○	○	○
Weed and offer discards from my Federal depository library collection	○	○	○	○	○
Use FDLP eXchange to offer documents during the weeding process	○	○	○	○	○

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Recommendations for FDLP

Kate Pitcher, Chief, Federal Depository Support Services

OIG conducted an inspection of FDLP Public Assessments during the winter and spring of 2025

- Interviewed SuDocs staff, GPO Governmental Affairs, and other personnel in LSCM
- Reviewed laws and regulations, GPO Directives, policies, and procedures; legal opinions; PAAs and other records
- Reviewed FDL websites, physically visited libraries, and took pictures of various conditions at FDLs



OFFICE *of the* INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

MEMORANDUM
OIG-25-059

Date

August 21, 2025

To

Director, U.S. Government Publishing Office

From

Inspector General

Subject:

Final Report—Federal Depository Library Program Assessments Inspection, Report Number 25-10

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted an inspection of GPO's Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Assessments. We reported one finding with four recommendations intended to improve GPO's operation of the FDLP by updating current guidance and ensuring stakeholders approve changes considered necessary for the economical and practical implementation of the FDLP.

GPO reviewed the draft report and provided comments through the Director. In accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency standards for inspections, we reviewed GPO's comments for relevance and completeness and included them in their entirety in Appendix D. Our office is always open to alternatives to meet the intent of the recommendations as the Agency is the best arbiter of how recommendations should be implemented.

GPO concurred with all four recommendations, and its proposed actions were responsive to them. We summarize management's comments and provide a detailed response throughout the body of the report. All recommendations remain open.

We appreciate the courtesies extended to our staff throughout this review. If you have any questions or comments about this report, please contact Connie Greene, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections, at cgreene@gpo.gov or (202) 512-1597.

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Inspector General

Attachment

Finding 1

SuDoc is **not meeting** the intent of 44 U.S.C. §1909 to make "*firsthand investigation of conditions for which need is indicated*" with the Public Access Assessments of the Federal Depository Libraries.

- Multiple factors contribute:
  - Current SOD 312 policy is too restrictive
    - Firsthand investigations could be accomplished in a variety of ways
  - PAAs and previous incarnations were burdensome and overly complex
  - No communication from SuDoc to JCP about the cessation of PAAs

Recommendation 1

Resume conducting firsthand investigations, in accordance with Title 44 section 1909, paragraph 2.

- *Management concurred with the recommendation and plans to prioritize in-person visits after updating their "definitions of 'firsthand investigation of conditions for which need is indicated.'"*

Recommendation 2

Update SOD 312 to include rubrics and definitions, along with a simple checklist, as a minimal firsthand investigation that executives can use during commemorative event trips.

- *Management concurred with the recommendation and plans to update SOD 312, using experiences from the spring and summer of 2025 activities.*

Recommendation 3

Request JCP approval for measures that are considered necessary for the economical and practical implementation of the FDLP, such as including commemorative events, training, or consultations as firsthand investigations.

- *Management concurred with the recommendation and plans to engage with the JCP and will send future measures taken under Title 44 section 1914 for the economical and practical implementation of the FDLP to the JCP for its approval.*

Recommendation 4

Develop and use a system of recordkeeping to track notifications to the JCP and JCP approval of Supt. Doc. activities for the economical and practical implementation of the FDLP.

- *Management concurred with the recommendation and plans to develop a recordkeeping system to track notifications of FDLP changes submitted to the JCP, including when staff are briefed, and approval or disapprovals are received.*

LSCM will work on addressing each of the four recommendations during FY2026:

1. Update definitions of "firsthand investigation of conditions for which need is indicated" and develop a structured plan for consultations and in-person visits.

2. Update SOD 312 policy and create assessment rubrics, templates, and materials for evaluation.

3. Engage with the JCP as LSCM updates and implements recommendations as outlined #1 and #2.

4. Develop a recordkeeping system to track JCP requests and approvals.

Appendix A. Table of Recommendations

Recommendation	Management Response	Status	Return on Investment
Director			
1. Resume conducting firsthand investigations, in accordance with Title 44 section 1909, paragraph 2.	Concur. LSCM staff will update the definitions of "firsthand investigation of conditions for which need is indicated" and develop a plan to prioritize in-person visits based on the criteria in those definitions.	Open	Enhance compliance with laws, regulations, and standards *Firsthand investigations are required in Title 44 section 1909.*
2. Update SOD 312 to include rubrics and definitions, along with a simple checklist as a minimal firsthand investigation that can be used by executives during commemorative event trips.	Concur. LSCM staff will update SOD 312 so that minimal firsthand investigations can be made with less effort than was required by the former Public Access Assessments. LSCM and SuDoc staff have piloted simpler evaluations and visits during the spring and summer of 2025. LSCM staff will use that experience to make appropriate updates and develop checklists.	Open	Enhance management controls *Including rubrics and definitions in policy allow management to clarify how they will conduct firsthand investigations.*
3. Request JCP approval for measures that are considered necessary for the economical and practical implementation of the FDLP, such as including commemorative events, training, or consultations as firsthand investigations.	Concur. SuDoc and LSCM staff will engage JCP as they develop the updates needed to implement Recommendation 2. Future measures taken under Title 44 section 1914 for the economical and practical implementation of the FDLP will also be sent to JCP for its approval.	Open	Enhance compliance with laws, regulations, and standards *Title 44 section 1914 allows the JCP to approve GPO activities for the economical and practical implementation of the depository library program.*
4. Develop and use a system of recordkeeping to track notifications to the JCP and JCP approval of SuDoc activities for the economical and practical implementation of the FDLP.	Concur. SuDoc and LSCM staff will develop a recordkeeping system to track when notifications of FDLP changes are submitted to JCP, including when staff are briefed and when approval or disapproval is received, ensuring the preservation of those records. LSCM staff have begun this work, including documenting policies and procedures tied to JCP approvals along with the records of those approvals.	Open	Enhance management controls *Using a system of recordkeeping to track requests for and JCP approvals will allow management to ensure the implementation of the FDLP is supported by the JCP.*

Q&A

Questions & Follow-up

- Join us Thursday for the Q&A Follow-up session.
  - Contact us via askGPO: https://ask.gpo.gov/