Depository Library Council Business Meeting

Angela Bonnell, Chair

March 5, 2026

Agenda

I.   Call to Order

II.   Secretary's Report

III.   Remarks from the Chair

IV.   Election for Next Council Secretary

V.   Reports

VI.   New Business

VII.   Wrap-up & Closing

VIII.   For the good of the order

IX.   Adjourn

Report of the Secretary

Roll call
Quorum?
Minutes of the Fall 2025 Meeting

Roll Call of Council Members

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

2023 — 2026 Term	2024 — 2027 Term	2025 — 2028 Term
• Angela Bonnell	• Charlie Amiot	• Michael Cerbo
• Angela Kent	• Lisa DeLuca	• Ariella Mason
• Gwen Sinclair	• Elissa A. Lawrence	• Melanie Sims
• Joshua Finnell	• Nia Rodgers	• Jonathan Underwood
• Sarah Erekson	• Andrea Stelljes	

Minutes of the Fall 2025 Meeting

Remarks from the Chair

Angela Bonnell

Election for Next Council Secretary

To serve June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027

Reports

Subcommittees
Working Groups
Representatives to NCSA Steering Committees

NCSA = National Collection Service Area

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

FDLs = Federal Depository Libraries

Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee

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Charlie Amiot, Chair

CDSS Members

CDSS = Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee

Council Members	GPO Members	Community Members
Charlie Amiot, Chair	Cynthia Etkin, DFO Superintendent of Documents Office	Kate Irwin Wake Forest University School of Law
Angela Bonnell Illinois State University	Jen Lindley Metadata & Collection Services	
Ariella Mason Fresno County Public Library		
Melanie Sims Louisiana State University Hebert Law Center		
Andrea Stelljes Hennepin County Library — Minneapolis Central		

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 Accomplishments

Since the Fall 2025 DLC Meeting

New Charter, effective August 14, 2025

- Designed to improve subcommittee operational efficiency and effectiveness.
- Clarifies duties, guidelines, and objectives of CDSS, in alignment with FDLP needs and goals.

Zine-Making 101: Zip, Zap, Zine

- Planned and delivered the Zine making session

Next Steps for CDSS

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

Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, & Federal Depository Libraries

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Gwen Sinclair, Co-chair and Jonathan Underwood, Co-chair

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	Jane Canfield Retired Depository Coordinator
Elissa Lawrence State Library of Ohio	Todd Scudiere Metadata & Collection Services	Marcos Corona DePaul University College of Law
Gwen Sinclair, Co-chair University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa	Lorelei Sensabaugh Federal Depository Support Services	Jennifer Morgan Indiana University School of Law
Jonathan Underwood, Co-chair Tuskegee University		Rob Mead Washington State Law Library

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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 Fall 2025 DLC Meeting

- Submitted a question for the 2025 Biennial Survey 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

- Began to 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

Next Steps for UCUP

- Continue to 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

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

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Ariella Mason, Chair

FDL = Federal depository library

COVID Working Group Members

Council Members	GPO Members	Community Members
Ariella Mason Fresno County Public Library	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 Fall 2025 DLC Meeting

- Questions included in the 2025 Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries.

  o Last of the Biennial Survey questions from the COVID WG

  o The questions were 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

Statistics and Metrics Working Group

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Joshua Finnell, Co-chair and Nia Rodgers, Co-chair

Statistics and Metrics Working Group Members

Council Members	GPO Members	Community Members
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	Susanne Caro New Mexico State Library
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
DFO = Designated Federal Officer

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 Fall 2025 DLC Meeting

- Usage Statistics Survey Data (2022-25)

- Qualitative Data Gathering

- StoryMap Prototype

Usage Statistics Survey Data (2022-25)

30 institutions supplied usage statistics of tangible materials from fall 2025 survey

- 19 universities
- 7 state, national, or law libraries
- 4 public libraries

Analysis: usage of the collections across all institutions increase significantly over this period

- Sample size not large enough to make any extrapolations to all 1,150 Federal depository libraries
- [Federal Depository Library Usage Statistics: Findings of a Survey](#) (April 2025)

Qualitative Data Gathering

- Inspired by the [America's Essential Data](#) project and [GODORT's 50th Anniversary Celebration Map](#)

- Prototyped an interactive map of government document impact stories using StoryMap JS

- Goal of collecting a story from all 50 states and territories for America 250

StoryMap Prototype
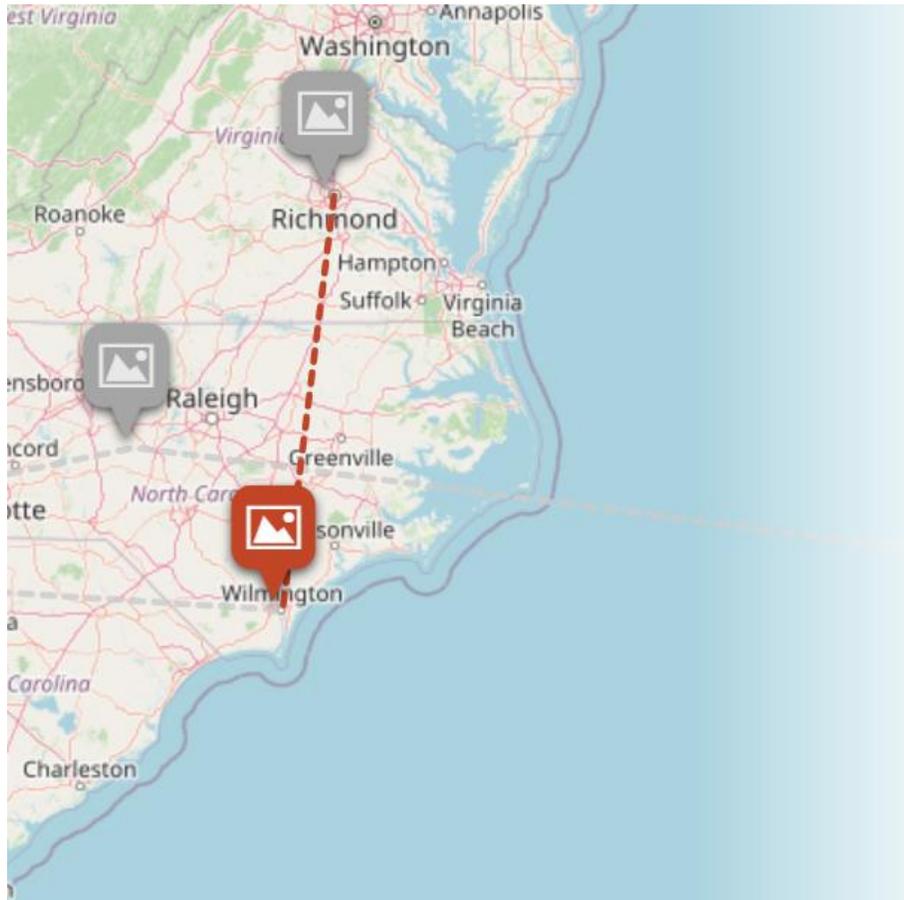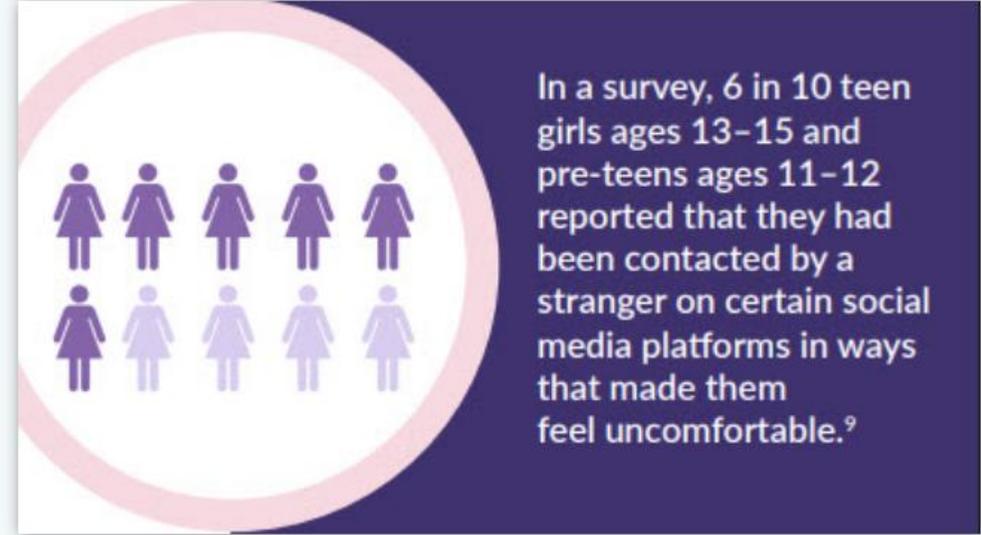

Image: Prototype of StoryMap

In a survey, 6 in 10 teen girls ages 13–15 and pre-teens ages 11–12 reported that they had been contacted by a stranger on certain social media platforms in ways that made them feel uncomfortable.[9]

North Carolina's 13th Congressional District

Social Media and Teen Mental Health: Guide for Parents & Caregivers to Support Healthy Social Media Use Among Teens

SOCIAL MEDIA AND TEEN MENTAL HEALTH

A student at the University of North Carolina Wilmington was conducting a feature for their journalism class about social media and mental health and contacted the government information librarian for assistance. The librarian was able to show the student several .gov websites and ultimatley pointed the student to this resource from the Family & Youth Services Bureau.

Image: Prototype of StoryMap

Next Steps for SAM

- Collect stories from depository libraries

- Create the final version of the story map

DLC Reps to NCSA Steering Committees

Midwest: Angela Bonnell

Northeast: Michael Cerbo

South: Jonathan Underwood

West: Gwen Sinclair

DLC = Depository Library Council
NCSA = National Collection Service Area

New Business

GPO's 2026 Legislative Proposals

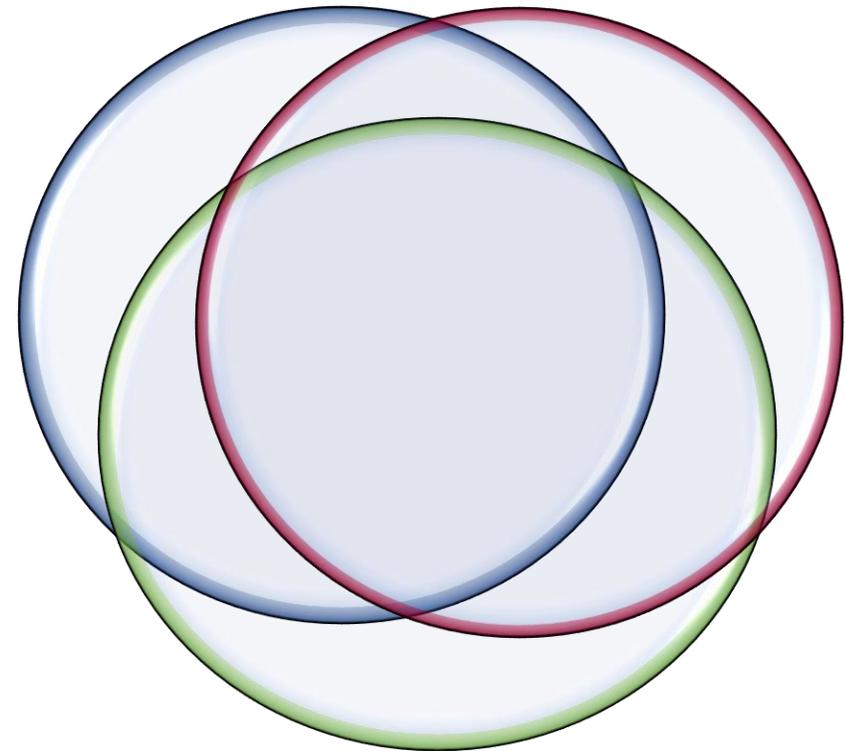Review of GPO responses to Council's Fall 2025 recommendations

Action items for Council

GPO's 2026 Legislative Proposals

https://www.fdlp.gov/project-list/legislative-revisions-title-44-usc-chapter-19-depository-library-program

- Digital-first
- Flexibility
- Purpose
- Public Information Definition

Digital-first

"§ 1909. Requirements of depository libraries; reports on conditions; consultations and training; termination; replacement

"(a) Only a library able to provide access to, custody of, and services for deposited materials **or** access to and services for online digital content and located in an area where it can best serve the public need may be designated as a depository library. The designated depository libraries shall report to the Superintendent of Documents at least every two years concerning their condition.

Flexibility

"§ 1911. Free use of Government public information in depositories; disposal of unwanted Government public information

"(a) FREE USE BY THE PUBLIC.—Depository libraries shall, pursuant to standards established by the Superintendent of Documents, make Government public information accessible for free use by the public.

"(c) DISPOSAL.—A depository library not served by a regional depository library, or that is a regional depository library, may dispose of unwanted Government public information in accordance with Superintendent of Documents policy and guidance."

Purpose

"§ 1900. Purpose and establishment of the public information programs of the Superintendent of Documents

"(a) The purposes of this chapter are the following:

"(1) To ensure the public's right to free, equitable, and convenient access to Government public information.

"(2) To establish the Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents in the Government Publishing Office, that together, function to identify, acquire, catalog, preserve, authenticate, disseminate, reformat, and provide no-fee permanent public access to the corpus of Government public information for future generations, including the following programs and activities:

Suggestion from ALA

"(e) Protecting user privacy.—The Director of the Government Publishing Office, acting through the Superintendent of Documents, shall implement measures to protect the privacy of individuals using the digital repository described in subsection (d), and shall ensure that such measures provide users with at least the same level of privacy as provided under section 552a of title 5 (commonly known as the Privacy Act of 1974) and section 208 of the E–Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–347; set out as a note under section 3501 of this title).

"(f) Removal of public Government information from National Collection.—The Superintendent of Documents shall publicly disclose online, not less than annually, a list of any public Government information removed from public access in the National Collection or the digital repository described in subsection (d), and the reasons for such removals.

Council's Recommendation 1
Develop print-on-demand services

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 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.

GPO Response to Recommendation 1

GPO thanks Council for addressing the needs of those who are caught in the digital divide. It has been a few years since GPO last investigated the feasibility of providing print on demand. While GPO continues to invest in equipment that can support low-volume printing, the binding process continues to be a hurdle for truly economical print on demand. GPO is continuing to evaluate technical solutions as it purchases equipment, with the hope of delivering this capability at a cost-effective level in the future.

GPO Response to Recommendation 1
(Continued)

GPO understands that there are a number of interlibrary loan (ILL) networks in existence. Additionally, there are library consortia with active interlibrary loan services. ILL is a topic for discussion in the National Collection Service Area Steering Committees as they develop their comprehensive collection development and management plans. GPO plans to include holdings information for some collections in the Catalog of Government Publications. This will simplify identifying ILL lending libraries.

Council's Recommendation 2
Increase outreach with a public-facing toolkit

In a digital-first environment, Government information is accessed both within and outside of FDLs. To increase outreach and awareness to underserved populations who may not visit FDLs, the Council recommends the GPO develop a communications 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.

GPO Response to Recommendation 2

While FDLP promotional materials are available, creating a communications tool kit for online use, and particularly for social media, is an excellent idea. Our promotional efforts should be wherever the users are. We will begin this effort by reviewing the responses to Question 17 from the 2025 Biennial Survey: "Please rank the FDLP promotional services that your library is most interested in."

Council's Recommendation 3
Establish a training portal

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.

GPO Response to Recommendation 3

GPO recognizes that FDLP.gov has many locations where different types of training reside. This year, Federal Depository Support Services will work with Web Content to develop a webpage that will provide a listing of the various types of training materials, including FDLP Academy webinars, webcasts, videos, Library Resource Guides, programs from conferences, and other training resources. A longer-term project is underway to enhance the FDLP Academy, including its web presence.

Wrap-up

Scott Matheson
Julie Balutis
Conference takeaways

For the good of the order

Angela Bonnell, Chair
Members, Depository Library Council
Address issues relevant to the organization's functioning

Adjourn

Council will convene again for its Fall 2026 meeting.