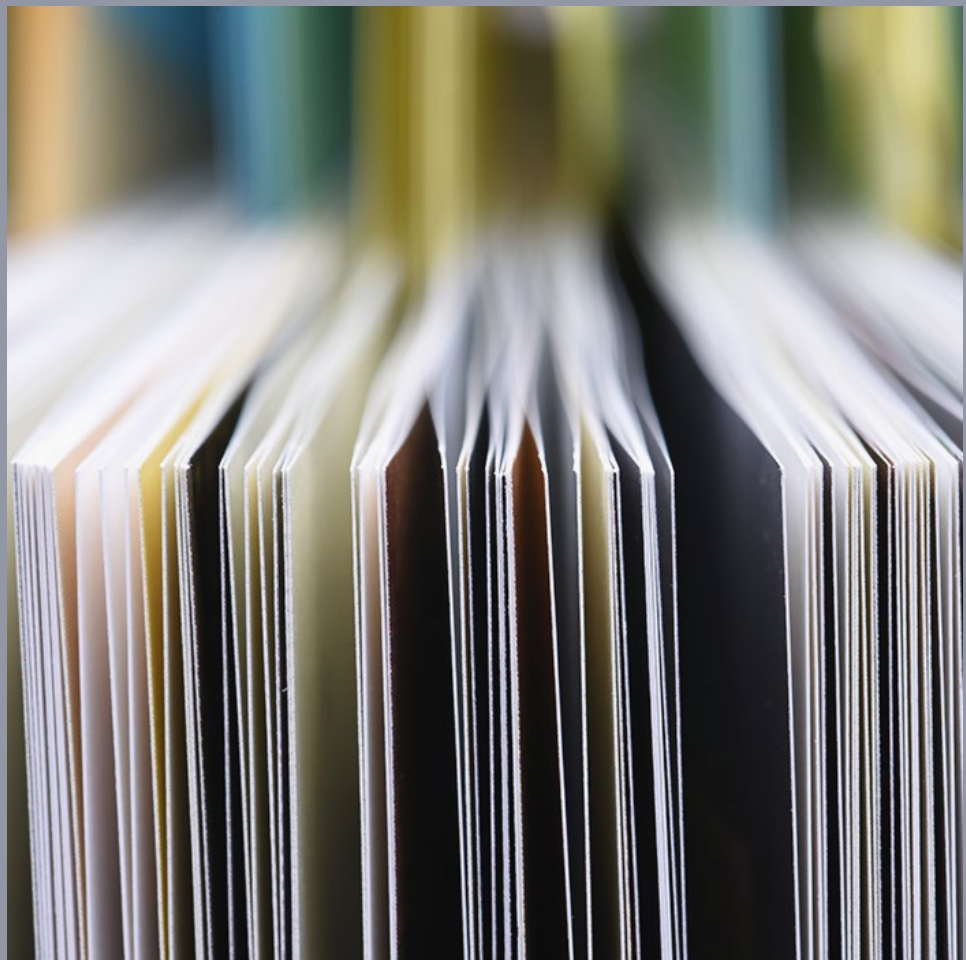


Depository Library Council
Recommendations & Commendations
to the U.S. Government Publishing
Office, Fall 2017



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INTRODUCTION

This document presents the recommendations & commendations of the Depository Library Council from the Fall 2017 Depository Library Council Meeting and Federal Depository Library Conference and the U.S. Government Publishing Office's responses to those recommendations.

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DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS & COMMENDATIONS TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE, FALL 2017

Recommendation #1: Council recommends that the Library Services and Content Management division explore using MARC field 542 to define the copyright status of government publications.

Justification:

By adding this note field to cataloging records created by GPO and made widely available through the Catalog of Government Publications (CGP), the Cataloging Records Distribution Program, commercial vendors, and OCLC, the copyright status of federal government publications will be clearly defined for library users. Use of this field to identify “public domain material” should promote more active use of government documents by the public, particularly in teaching and research materials. Council believes that this small cataloging enhancement will assist GPO in becoming a more active agent in advancing open access to government information.

GPO Response:

GPO concurs with Council on the need for and the value of including copyright and restrictions information in the bibliographic records of the U.S. Catalog of Government Publications (CGP). Looking forward to the linked data future, the presence and usage of GPO’s metadata on the web will expand greatly, and a clear statement on copyright status will be a critical element in this new environment.

GPO consulted with other Federal agencies about their practices and examined the following MARC fields as potential means of recording copyright status:

- 506 Restrictions on Access Note
- 540 Terms Governing Use and Reproduction Note
- 542 Information Relating to Copyright Status

As a result, our plan is to publish information about our intent on FDL.gov, solicit comments from the community, and discuss options at the spring 2018 DLC Virtual Meeting. Our goal is to implement with bibliographic records produced by GPO beginning in FY 2019 (October 1, 2018)

Recommendation #2: Council recommends that the Government Publishing Office explore options for making Preservation Steward Agreements available to the public.

Justification:

It is the consensus of Council that making Preservation Steward Agreements available for review would accomplish several shared goals. First, the ability to review PSAs would market to the public the commitment to access and preservation that the steward libraries embrace. Second, the ability to review active PSAs would encourage more institutions to consider becoming stewards themselves. Third, awareness of the scope of the agreements would help federal documents librarians and government information service providers identify

critical areas of need and opportunities to contribute. In sum, having all of the agreements in one, publicly accessible, digital location would promote transparency in this important program and encourage more libraries to become a part of the cooperative movement for permanent access to government information.

GPO Response:

GPO thanks Council for this recommendation and their support of Preservation Stewards. When agreeable to the Preservation Steward partner, GPO will make a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which establishes the partnership, available on the [partnership page of FDL.gov](#). GPO is contacting the current Preservation Stewards to receive permission to release their Preservation Steward MOAs. Language regarding public release will be added to future MOAs with the agreement of the partner.

Recommendation #3: Council recommends that GPO explore new or additional methods to enhance retrieval and access of archived FDLP Academy Webinars and Webcasts.

Justification:

The extremely successful program known as the FDLP Academy has produced several hundred excellent instructional programs exploring multiple facets of government information and depository library administration. Currently, the programs are arranged on the web in a long list broken into four general categories by date. The categories are: Depository Library Community Webinars, Federal Agency Webinars, FDLP and C&I Webinars, and GPO's Federal Digital System (FDSys) and *govinfo* Webinars. This arrangement was sufficient when there were only a few programs, but now the launch page for selecting programs is lengthy and unwieldy for users. Additional options for identifying appropriate content such as subject, title, creator, presenter, agency, etc., would increase the flexibility of locating webinars and make them more accessible for users.

GPO Response:

LSCM staff have been working on redeveloping the FDLP Webinar Archive within the FDLP Academy on FDL.gov. The project has involved the identification of user needs as well the identification of new features available in the FDL.gov environment that may enhance access to archive content and improve GPO staff workflow.

A project team is currently laying the groundwork for enabling new features, including tagging content for subject-based browsing. Once this process is completed, webinars will be searchable on the FDLP Academy page on FDL.gov.

Development work is expected to be completed in FY18, with staff continuing to convert older video content to MP4 format over time. LSCM staff will reach out to the DLC seeking their input when the project is at a suitable stage of development. An update will also be presented to the FDLP community during the spring 2018 DLC Virtual Meeting.

Commendation #1: Davita Vance-Cooks, Former Director, Government Publishing Office.

Council wishes to express its extreme gratitude to Director Davita Vance-Cooks for the support she provided the Government Publishing Office and the Federal Depository Program during her tenure at the GPO. Having served in senior positions at GPO beginning in 2004, she was confirmed as the 27th Public Printer of the United States in 2013. She embraced her role as leader of the GPO, and pushed for the recognition that GPO is a modern publishing operation by proposing legislation changing its name to Government Publishing Office. She continued the transition to a digital publishing program, and her title reflected the push when she became known as the Director of the Government Publishing Office. She actively supported the Federal Depository Library Program, reaching out to depository libraries through a robust program of nationwide library visits that have been highly praised by depository librarians. During her last year as Director, Ms. Vance-Cooks testified in Congress on behalf of the GPO and the FDLP. To that end, in June 2017 she asked the Depository Library Council to advise her about potential changes that could improve the FDLP and access to federal government information. Well over one hundred individuals and organizations responded to DLC's call for comments and suggestions. During this period, Ms. Vance-Cooks invited the DLC to a working session in Washington, D.C. where Council members and GPO staff were able to work thoughtfully and efficiently to reach consensus on a recommended path to change. She graciously met with Council during that working session, as well as following the successful fall Depository Library Council Meeting and Conference in Arlington, VA. Her sincere interest in the FDLP was evident throughout this time. We, the Depository Library Council, on behalf of ourselves and the Federal Depository Library Community, commend Ms. Vance-Cooks for her service and wish her the best in her new endeavors.

GPO Response:

GPO thanks the DLC for this commendation and echoes the sentiment of the DLC. The staff is grateful for Ms. Vance-Cooks' strong leadership of GPO and her dedication to the FDLP.

Commendation #2: The Library Community.

Council wishes to thank the depository library community, national library associations, and every director and leader who submitted thoughts and comments on the modernization of Chapter 19, Title 44 of the United State Code. Through the online comment form created by GPO, you provided thoughtful, insightful and helpful guidance to Council as it worked to meet the request of Director Vance-Cooks to provide recommendations for the revision and modernization of the guiding legislation for the Federal Depository Program.

GPO Response:

GPO thanks the library community for their commitment to the program and its continued improvement and recognizes the significance of the partnership between GPO and these nationwide libraries in advancing free public access to U.S. Government information.

Commendation #3: House Committee on Administration.

Council wishes to thank Rep. Gregg Harper, Chair, and all members of the House Committee on Administration and its staff for their interest in the revision of Title 44, United State Code. We especially

thank them for the opportunity for several members of the Depository Library Community to testify on behalf of the Federal Depository Program on September 26, 2017.

GPO Response:

GPO supports efforts to sustain and improve the FDLP for future generations and will pass on your commendation to the Committee.

Commendation #4: Keynote Speakers, Fall Federal Depository Council Meeting and Conference, October 16-18, 2017.

Council commends each of our distinguished keynote speakers, Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, James LaRue, ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, and Jane Sanchez, Law Librarian of Congress for their outstanding presentations.

GPO Response:

The staff at GPO feel that the three keynote speakers at this year's fall conference in Arlington, Virginia enhanced the event with their insightful, entertaining, and informative presentations, and we are glad that the Council enjoyed them as well. GPO has composed letters of thanks for each of the keynote speakers, and the DLC commendation is also being passed along to them.

Commendation #5: Laurie B. Hall, Superintendent of Documents.

Council wishes to congratulate Laurie B. Hall on her permanent appointment as Superintendent of Documents. Council looks forward to her continued leadership.

GPO Response:

The staff at GPO and especially within GPO's Library Services & Content Management and Superintendent of Documents units, is grateful for the leadership of Laurie B. Hall, and we thank you for your commendation.

Commendation #6: James Shaw, Acting Chair of Depository Library Council.

Council commends fellow Council Member James Shaw, Government Documents Librarian and Professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, for stepping in on short notice and under challenging circumstances to become Acting Chair of Depository Library Council. Jim did a wonderful job leading the Fall 2017 DLC Meeting and FDLP Conference and Council is grateful for his leadership.

GPO Response:

GPO is grateful for Jim's excellent leadership in serving as Acting Chair of the DLC. His calmness under pressure, quick wit, and attention to detail helped to ensure the success of the 2017 DLC Meeting & FDL Conference, as well as the DLC's charge to develop recommendations to amend Title 44 of the U.S. Code.