

Preservation Stewards



What are Preservation Stewards?

Preservation Stewards make a commitment to retain specified tangible depository resources for the length of the partnership agreement. They also take on the additional responsibilities for preserving that material. This includes both preventive maintenance and conservation treatments.

Who can serve as a Preservation Steward?

Both regional and selective Federal depository libraries are able to serve as Preservation Stewards. There are many selectives that have historical materials and collections that can contribute to the preservation effort by becoming a Preservation Steward and housing preservation copies of record. GPO also welcomes the opportunity for discussions and partnerships with interested parties from beyond the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).

What material is eligible to be listed under a Preservation Steward agreement?

Publications within scope of the Superintendent of Documents Public Information Programs, that is, the FDLP, Cataloging & Indexing Program, and GPO's system of online access, are eligible to be preservation copies of record. Materials that are classified for reasons of national security or that have privacy concerns are not eligible until they are declassified or the privacy considerations expire. Fugitive documents, though not distributed through the FDLP, can also be preservation copies of record. With few exceptions, commercial reproductions cannot be preservation copies of record.

Below are a few titles for which GPO is seeking Preservation Stewards.

- *Bound Congressional Record*
- *U.S. Serial Set*
- Congressional hearings
- WPA publications
- *U.S. Reports*
- *Budget of the U.S. Government*
- *Handbook of North American Indians*

What are the incentives of serving as a Preservation Steward?

Preservation Stewards play an important role in ensuring the long-term access of U.S. Government resources that are valuable to their users and communities as well as to the whole FDLP community. GPO recognizes that access to the corpus of Government information for future generations is only possible through its preservation. To assist the efforts of Preservation Stewards, GPO plans to provide support services for carrying out this vital role. For example, GPO is paying postage for shipping materials to the Preservation Stewards from other libraries. Other support services GPO is considering are helping with cataloging, inventories, condition assessments, and contracting for conservation services.

Recent Preservation Stewards

Institution	Content
University of Minnesota	U.S. Serial Set
University of Maine School of Law Garbrecht Law Library	<i>U.S. Reports</i>
St. John's University, Rittenberg Law Library	Congressional material (Y4.AG 4: through Y 4. W 36:) from the 100 th to the 103 rd Congress
State Law Library of Mississippi	<i>U.S. Reports, Statutes at Large, and Public Papers of the President</i>
Colorado School of Mines, Arthur Lakes Library	Publications from the USGS, Bureau of Mines, Department of Energy, and ERDA
Department of the Interior Library	Department of the Interior annual reports

Considering becoming a Preservation Steward?

Contact GPO's Preservation Steward Team at PreserveFedInfo@gpo.gov.

More Information

Preservation Stewards on FDLP.gov: <https://www.fdlp.gov/about-the-fdlp/partnerships>