

# Resolving Anticipated Barriers to Digital Access

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*An FDLP Forecast Study Focused Discussion*

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## Expected Outcome

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- Determine options to **resolve** or **minimize** the anticipated barriers to accessing digital Federal Government information

## Barriers to Digital Access Identified in Forecast Responses


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- Access
- Digital Divide
- Technology
- Funding
- Preservation

## Poll: How Great a Barrier?

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- Access
  - ▶ Cataloging
  - ▶ Metadata
  - ▶ Indexing
  - ▶ Search interfaces
  - ▶ More




## Poll: How Great a Barrier?

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- Digital Divide
  - ▶ Access to a computer
  - ▶ Internet availability
  - ▶ Connection speed
  - ▶ Technical skill
  - ▶ More

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- Technology
  - ▶ Changing formats/platforms
  - ▶ Connectivity issues
  - ▶ Software compatibility, need standardization
  - ▶ Proprietary formats
  - ▶ Limited or outdated equipment in libraries
  - ▶ ADA compliance

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### ■ Funding

- ▶ Agency publications become commercial products
- ▶ No budget for ADA compliant hardware/software
- ▶ Limited funds to keep technology current
- ▶ Expensive printing costs to libraries
- ▶ Lack of funds to digitize or manage digital collections
- ▶ Funding cuts could inhibit GPO/FDLP/FDsys

## Poll: How Great a Barrier?

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### ■ Preservation

- ▶ Need to harvest and archive Web-based publications
- ▶ Need for an increased capability to harvest content
- ▶ Need for preservation plans
- ▶ Need for preservation standards
- ▶ More

## Question 1

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What can **GPO** do to mitigate each of these anticipated barriers to digital access?

- ▶ Access
- ▶ Digital Divide
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Preservation

## Question 2

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What can **depository libraries** do to mitigate each of these anticipated barriers to digital access?

- ▶ Access
- ▶ Digital Divide
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Preservation

## Question 3

Describe potential *partnership* opportunities between FDLs and GPO that would mitigate or resolve anticipated barriers.

- ▶ Access
- ▶ Digital Divide
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Preservation

## What's Next

- Continue the discussion
- Determine and fine-tune digital access objectives
- Incorporate into strategic plans or the National Plan
- Actions you can take

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