

method behind the madness

The beta release of the FDLP Desktop provided an excellent venue for learning how our community uses the Web and utilizes Program-related content. GPO makes every effort to research and work with new technologies that we think will enhance your online experience. Incorporating these concepts, a final version of the Desktop was developed that utilizes what we have learned from the beta as well as the latest Web standards and technologies.

The FDLP Desktop is evolving in tandem with Web technologies and your input. We strive to make the community stronger, and more effective in our mission to keep America informed. As part of the evolution of the FDLP Desktop, the site is being divided:

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This final redesign will provide dissemination of Program related content, services and news to registered Federal depository libraries.

FDLP Community will provide social networking tools which will enable registered individual members to communicate and network with others in the community.

An evolution from static html, to dynamic interactive sites and user driven dynamic sites.



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As part of its focus on Program-related content, services, and news, the FDL Desktop has taken on a transformation from the beta. Content is the first and foremost focus of the Desktop.

The beta Desktop included social networking aspects and allowed individuals to create accounts. The final Desktop has been stripped of all social networking tools and accounts are restricted to one per each FDL.

Each library will be able to log into the Desktop using their library number and internal password to get the most current news, take advantage of retrieving items from the file repository, ordering promotional items, and registering for DLC Conferences.

As Web dissemination evolves, so too must GPO's dissemination techniques. With the final release of the FDL Desktop, the following tools are being deprecated in favor of more streamlined and Web appropriate technologies:

- Administrative Notes (AdNotes)
- FDL Desktop Listservs (FDLP-L, FDL-Directors-L)

Information that was distributed via these tools will now be disseminated through the FDL Desktop. As part of our streamlining, information will be published once and output in various formats:

- HTML (with options for PDF, print, and e-mail)
- RSS
- E-mail/SMS alerts

As content is migrated from the legacy Desktop, other tools may also become deprecated and new tools developed to take advantage of the latest technologies.

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Part of the success of the FDLP is the geographic dispersion throughout the United States which puts Federal information into the hands of the American public. Traditionally, the FDL community was brought together to network and exchange ideas through semiannual conferences and third-party tools.

As Internet technologies have grown and become more sophisticated, GPO has seen the rise and demand for social networking tools and recognizes how they can be leveraged to enhance the communication between Federal depository librarians around the country.

The FDLP Community site is designed as a safe and secure social networking tool that is specifically aimed at the FDL community.



sharing
resources between
peers
will shape the
FDLP Community site.

Unlike the FDLP Desktop, the FDLP Community site's membership is based on individuals. Join this online community by creating an account and taking advantage of these social networking tools. As a registered member of FDLP Community, you will have the ability to:

- Blog about your professional thoughts and endeavors.
- Comment on blogs from fellow community members.
- Share expertise, problems, best practices, and more on the discussion forum.
- Create a member profile that includes contact information, subject specialization, professional memberships, personal biography, and avatar.
- Search for other members of the community that share your interests, affiliations, geographic proximity, library type, and more.
- Create photo albums and upload pictures.
- Share, rate, and review Web sites.

Other features will be added over time based on community demand.



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An evolution to the next level

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Contains FDLP-related content and management tools.

Content is created and maintained by GPO staff.

One account is granted per library.

Login is based off of your library number and internal password.

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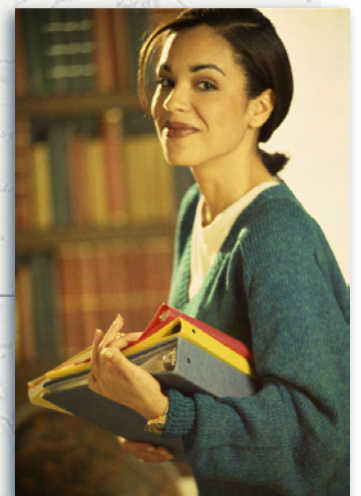
Contains social networking tools to better connect the FDL community.

Content is created and maintained by members of the FDL community.

Registration is only open to members of the FDL community.

Accounts are based on individuals. Usernames and passwords are determined by individual members.

The FDLP Desktop is transforming into the main informational hub for the Federal Depository Library Program by streamlining the dissemination of Program-related content. Keep informed through Web, RSS, Email, and SMS updates based on your preferences.



As a member of the FDLP community, your colleagues can benefit from your expertise and from the expertise of others around the country. Join discussions on the forums, blog about your passions, brainstorm with those with similar interests, and share resources.



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