

## Regionals Meeting (REGIL - Regional Government Information Librarians) – Chat log

**Arlene Weible** -> All Participants: Hi Jen ... are you ready for this! :)

**Kate Tallman** -> All Participants: so moved

**Valerie Glenn** -> All Participants: second

**Sarah Erikson** -> All Participants: second

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: 2nd

**Emily Colucci** -> All Participants: second

**Kathleen Hale** -> All Participants: I will

**Cindy Etkin** -> All Participants: Draft Superintendent of Documents Public Policy Statement (SOD-PPS-2020-X) [https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository/about-the-](https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository/about-the-fdlp/policies/superintendent-of-documents-public-policies/4583-superintendent-of-documents-draft-public-policy-statement-regional-depository-libraries-online-selections)

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**Abby McDermott** -> All Participants: Here is the news announcement for “New Guidance: Strategic Disposition of Materials for Keeping America:” <https://www.fdlp.gov/news-and-events/4520-new-guidance-strategic-disposition-of-materials-for-keeping-america-informed>  
Informed

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Is there add'l info/details on the disposition process?

**Abby McDermott** -> All Participants: Maybe I misheard Laurie when she mentioned that new guidance document. LSCM has an project implementation team working to develop workflows and guidance to support that new disposition policy for those libraries that now leave the FDLP.

**Sarah Erikson** -> All Participants: is there a way to ask over audio? or just typing in chat?

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Texas put out a survey and created a map of all libraries status and closures (all libraries, not just FDLP depositories):  
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/TexasLibraryStatusMap>

**Kate Tallman** -> All Participants: I'm working on developing a dashboard of some sort that let's the community know who in the state of Colorado is open for public access. But i'm nowhere close to having it done and I don't even know what format it's going to take (probably some sort of Google sheet/doc

**Kate Tallman** -> All Participants: And Angela just inspired me. hahaha

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: It's a partnership with the state library (more info here):  
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/covid-19>

**Celina McDonald** -> All Participants: Diving right in, I'm wondering if any regionals are unable to process offers from selectives. If, yes, how have you been handling the offers from selectives - are you handling them? What has been the response of the selectives.

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Trust me, there'd be no way me (even as one of two Texas regionals) could pull that off :)

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: Can Texas share their survey questions?

**Kathy Bayer** -> All Participants: Celina, in response to the regional weeding survey for regional coordinators, here is what we have so far: 27 surveys received and 3 regionals reported they are not performing routine depository pubs discards processing.

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: This is the survey:

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/tslsurvey2020>

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: And the current results:

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/TexasLibraryStatusSpreadsheet>

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: Thanks

**Celina McDonald** -> All Participants: No worries.

**Celina McDonald** -> All Participants: That's cool.

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Texas held regional library check-ins (again all libraries):

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/regionalcheckins>

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Tom (Rohrig) and I then did a Texas FDLP check-in in June and we'll do a second one next week: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ref/fedinfo/index.html#special>

**Kathy Bayer** -> All Participants: The responses to GPO's voluntary regional weeding survey will be summarized and posted on the COVID-19 Toolkit, planning for next week. For the 19 regional depository non-responders up to this point, please contact me if you still wish to respond. If any responders wish to update their response, please let me know too. kbayer@gpo.gov THANKS A BUNCH!

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Yes, that's right. They also had a Google docs for participants to add info to.

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: A survey to selectives seems like the best way to collect information to share with the public

**Perveen Rustomfram** -> All Participants: In TN, we have an email distribution list for FDLs and we touched base periodically about the situation in our libraries.

**Kathleen Hale** -> All Participants: I did online meeting with small number in NW PA. Plan to do others

**Amy Laub-Carroll** -> All Participants: In Kentucky we have done the same as Tennessee

**Sarah Erikson** -> All Participants: i feel like i've just dropped the ball in being in touch. i would love to visit in person. Alas that's not going to happen for a while.

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: We also have an email distribution list in CT and keep in touch that way

**Valerie Glenn** -> All Participants: We may be an outlier in Georgia - many depositories are open to everyone, and/or have no physical depository collections for people to access. I host monthly "office hours" for selectives to drop in, but it's optional.

**Katie Farrell** -> All Participants: NY also has an email distribution list.

**Kathleen Hale** -> All Participants: I used GPO icohere as the platform

**Valerie Glenn** -> All Participants: @Jen it depends - our high was 8 (out of 22 selectives), but attendance varies.

**Susanne Caro** -> All Participants: We don't have many selectives. We try to reach our regularly.

**Thomas Rohrig** -> All Participants: You could send out info through State library Associations. And in Texas have different districts all with dist. lists.

**Kathleen Hale** -> All Participants: Many libraries in PA opened up wifi in the parking lot and many people used them.

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Everything from early statements about what is happening to practical apps/tools like this wifi map: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/wifimap>

**Perveen Rustomfram** -> All Participants: As Thomas said to state listservs and local area library listservs

**Lisa Russell** -> All Participants: I have a friend who has been thrilled about being able to get audiobooks from her public library. Not govdocs, but happy customers who spread the word always help.

**Kathleen Hale** -> All Participants: virtual reference

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: In CT we've had a strong upsurge in library card requests when patrons realize they can access many databases (gov and law) from home

**Susanne Caro** -> All Participants: Being able to point people to electronic versions or scan on demand has been appreciated

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: We've done a lot more blog posts about online collections

**Katie Farrell** -> All Participants: I've just started promoting interesting online depository materials and government websites on social media. There's been a coloring book for kids, teacher's resource book about art in America, and a beautiful NASA book with Earth photography. They've gotten the most likes on Facebook for us (I'm in NY). I try to tie them to what's going on. For Election Day we're going to share out astronauts vote in space (<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/astronauts-to-vote-in-space>)

**Perveen Rustomfram** -> All Participants: UofM Libraries created a fast-paced video about services during COVID times. Included a little segment about Gov Docs

**Jennifer Lindley** -> All Participants: Did anyone else see the "Library takeout" video from Duke? It was on my non-librarian social feeds recently.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1iGEM9NMFM>

**Gwen Sinclair** -> All Participants: Celina, we are handling offers as normal. No change in procedures.

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Celina: same as Gwen. We're accepting and processing offers.

**Susanne Caro** -> All Participants: Handling normally. We never closed.

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: Celina, we are handling discards via FDLP eXhange as usual. There quite a few libraries still discarding material

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: Processing discards are taking longer however as some staff is not in the building full time

**Brent Abercrombie** -> All Participants: Indiana is back to handling discards as normal.

**Alicia Kubas** -> All Participants: also handling as usual. we have a number of libraries starting large weeding projects.

**Amy Laub-Carroll** -> All Participants: We're handling discards as usual via the ASERL Documents Disposition database

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: Business as usual, student budget slashed but still accepting requests and processing needs/offers.

**Ren Bosman** -> All Participants: Celina, we are reviewing offers through the ASERL disposition list, but in reality, we don't have the staffing to check these against our collection as closely as we normally do

**Perveen Rustomfram** -> All Participants: We are back to handling discards at a slower pace using the ASERL disposition database.

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: I've said this before, implementing a statewide LSP during a pandemic has been the real fun this spring/summer.

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: Library Service Platform

**Amy Laub-Carroll** -> All Participants: Alma?

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: A shared catalog with 53 academic institutions

**Gwen Sinclair** -> All Participants: How many shipping boxes have regionals gotten? We've only received about 12 since March.

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: Yea Primo/Alma

**Elissa Lawrence** -> All Participants: In Ohio, our library is closed and I've only been able to go in twice a month so I've asked the selectives to hold off on offering items that are harder for me to ~38#x201C;pass~38#x201D;~38#x2014; mostly agency monographs published prior to 1962. I can easily go into eXchange and pass Y discards.

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: We have a shared catalog system also in CT and use Primo/ALMA

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: Thought there would be more by now.

**Alicia Kubas** -> All Participants: we haven't gotten much past the first batch. definitely hoping it'll pick up soon

**Kris Abery** -> All Participants: We started receiving boxes a few weeks ago and the number is quite low

**Elissa Lawrence** -> All Participants: We've received many shipments. It's like an overwhelming Christmas

**Laurie Fortier** -> All Participants: Boxes are trickling in but claims are so far not being fulfilled

**Jaime Hays** -> All Participants: Printing was slower during Covid so there are less publications going out.

**Jaime Hays** -> All Participants: We have had several questions about that

**Laurie Hall** -> All Participants: up until this week, our Laurel staff was only working 2 days a week, they start 3 days a week this week. For safety purposes. approx. 700 libraries are now getting shipments

**Susanne Caro** -> All Participants: We've been getting boxes, not a lot of material. Gov agencies aren't producing as much with the pandemic?

**Perveen Rustomfram** -> All Participants: We've been receiving shipments.

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Can we get a status of what's been shipped out? I'm not sure we've seen any boxes yet.

**Blaine Redemer** -> All Participants: A question I have maybe for future discussion is what to do if an entire institution closes. How to deal with a depository closing when the whole institution is closing in a short period of time. We had one institution close in less than three months from the announcement to the when everyone was gone. This may be an increasing concern with small private colleges.

**Jaime Hays** -> All Participants: contact [fdlpoutreach@gpo.gov](mailto:fdlpoutreach@gpo.gov)

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: I meant to ask earlier, any anticipated future response to the Recommendations of the Select Committee on Modernizing of Congress?

**Ashley Dahlen** -> All Participants: Status check on box shipments with Ashley Dahlen: [adahlen@gpo.gov](mailto:adahlen@gpo.gov)

**Gwen Sinclair** -> All Participants: Blaine, I think Montana (?) had a similar situation a few years ago. They had to take everything and sift through it at their site.

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: Sorry Modernization of Congress

**Susanne Caro** -> All Participants: Question for the GPO- when will we get the new public papers if the pres?

**Blaine Redemer** -> All Participants: Thank you Gwen. we did that with the institution in

question but i have a few other larger collections that could be problematic.

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Laurie Hall** -> All Participants: we have whole institutions that have closed, so if you have that situation contact Jaime Hays

**Abby McDermott** -> All Participants: Blaine, Jaime Hays and I would like to discuss your thoughts on those institutional closures with you further. You can e-mail me at amcdermott@gpo.gov

**Blaine Redemer** -> All Participants: Thank you Abby.

**Susanne Caro** -> All Participants: Thanks Laurie!

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: My question can wait, just curious how all the possible plans to reform House Information Resources (HIR) might affect work with GPO and publication production.

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: Probably a next congress thing and will be a function of what happens Nov 3 and after.

**Laurie Hall** -> All Participants: got it in my notes, Bill and others

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: Yes anticipate change - we can only hope

**Cindy Etkin** -> All Participants: Thank you for allowing GPO to make the draft policy announcement!

**Lori Thornton** -> All Participants: Lori seconds that!

**Perveen Rustomfram** -> All Participants: Thanks to the REGIL Leadership for organizing this interesting session!

**Emily Colucci** -> All Participants: This has all been very engaging and informative, thank you!

**Cindy Etkin** -> All Participants: Thanks everyone! Good meeting!

**Shari Laster** -> All Participants: thank you all, this was great!

**Abby McDermott** -> All Participants: Thank you to REGIL for this great session!

**Bill Sudduth** -> All Participants: Jen and Arlene, thanks and good work.

**Wendy Briley** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Valerie Glenn** -> All Participants: Thank you all!

**Alicia Kubas** -> All Participants: thanks to everyone on regil for organizing and leading!

**Katherine Montoya** -> All Participants: Thank you.

**Thomas Rohrig** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Kate Pitcher** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Gwen Sinclair** -> All Participants: Thanks, and bye!

**Angela Kent** -> All Participants: Thank you!

**Laura Saur** -> All Participants: Thank you

**Jody Hewitt** -> All Participants: Thank you!