



Draft Policy: Regional Depository Libraries Online Selections

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Agenda

- Regional pressures + LSCM responses
- Survey of Regionals
- Concerns raised in the survey
- New policy
- Test
- Questions



Regionals' Need for Flexibility Is Not New

“Depository Library Council believes that it may not be necessary for all 52 regional libraries to keep everything in perpetuity ...”

1993 DLC report

Alternatives for Restructuring the Depository Library Program

“The vision reflected in this document assumes ... any future structure will remain flexible enough to allow libraries to decide how to best meet their users’ needs.”

2006 DLC visioning document

Knowledge Will Forever Govern

“Investigate the ability to have online as a format selection option for regionals, in place of paper or microfiche.”

2016 Office of the Superintendent of Documents

National Plan for Access to U.S. Government Information



Recent LSCM Response

- [Government Publications Authorized for Discard by Regional Depository Libraries, SOD-PPS-2020-1](#) (supersedes 2016-3)
- [Guidelines for Establishing Shared Regional Depository Libraries, SOD-DGD-2018-1](#) (2018)
- [Draft Superintendent of Documents Public Policy Statement, Regional Depository Libraries Online Selections, 202X-X](#)



Survey of Regional Depository Libraries

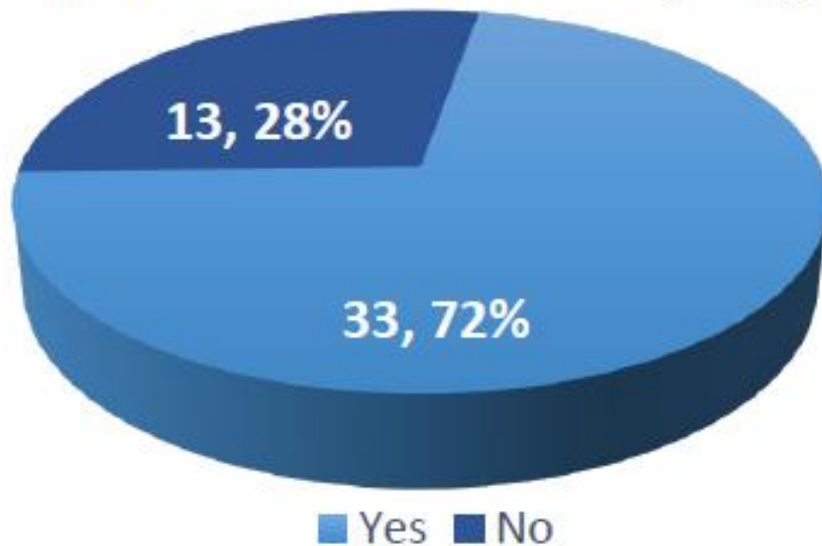
- Open September 17 - October 19, 2020
- Survey was conducted to:
 - Gauge regional depository interest in this prospect.
 - Provide LSCM insight into how regional depositories might implement such a practice.
 - Inform the development of LSCM processes.
- 100% response rate
- Survey achieved its intended purposes
- [Report of survey findings](#) on FDLP.gov



Regional Interest in Online Selections

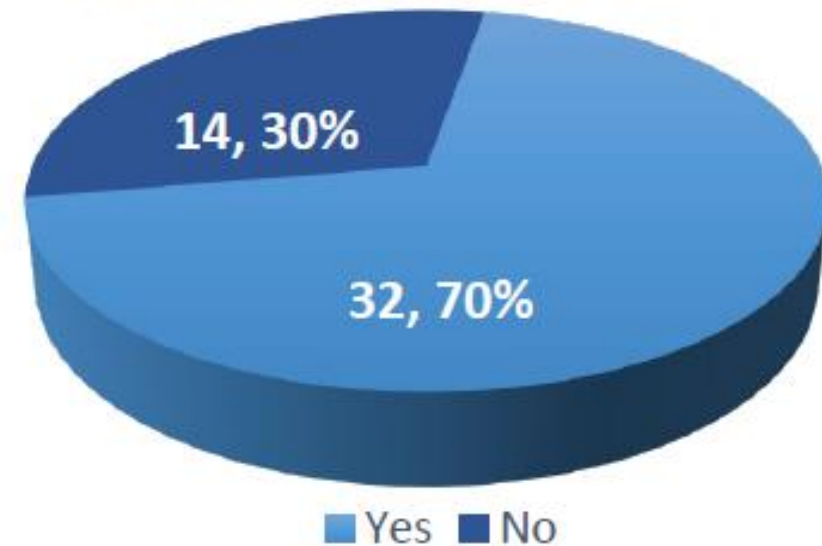
Daily Congressional Record

Would you select only the online version of the CR (Daily)?



Federal Register

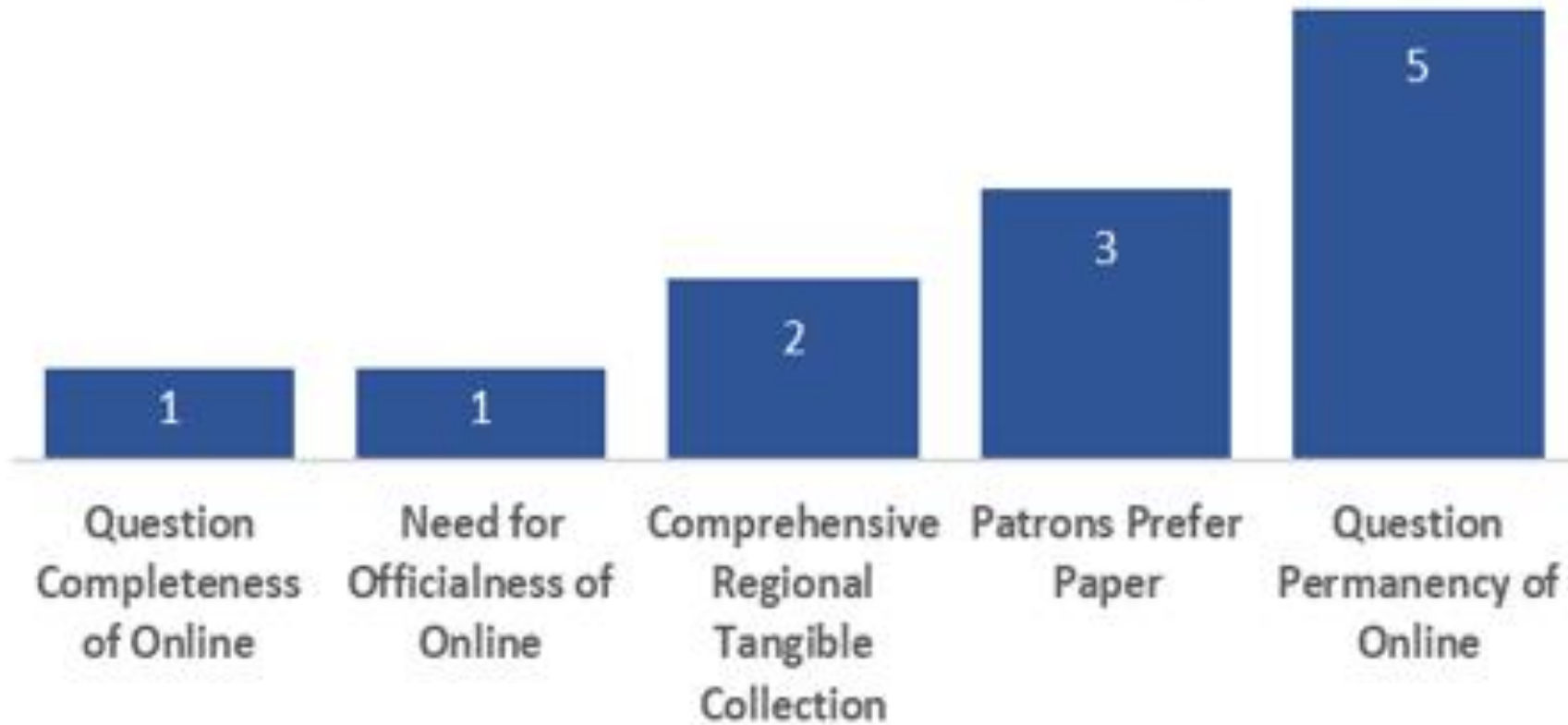
Would you select only the online version of the FR?





Insight into Regional Implementation of Policy

Reasons for Reluctance to Select Only Online





Further Insight

Ten respondents indicated they would be more receptive to the idea of selecting only online versions if there were certain stipulations ...

If there were certain stipulations ...	#	%
Applied to titles that are superseded or replaced by bound volumes	5	7
Assurances that tangible copies are geographically distributed	2	3
Online versions are maintained on a secure and permanent site	1	2
Patrons can easily access items when needed without restrictions	1	2
Online version of the Congressional Record was considered “official”	1	2



Tangible Format Safety Net

Survey responses indicated there is concern about geographically distributed access to the daily *Congressional Record* and the *Federal Register* once regional depositories are allowed to select just the online format.

It was in response to this feedback that GPO developed the Print Selector safety net requirements.

“A tangible record of governmental actions is needed to ensure effective public oversight of the federal government.”

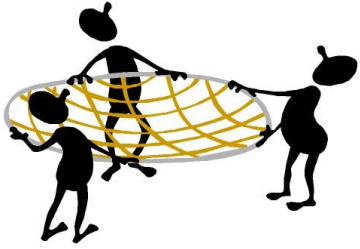
“Several of the selective depositories in our region have expressed the feeling that they are able to withdraw the tangible in favor of the online because they know that the regional will have the print if they need it.”

“I think this is fine as long as you ensure that these are tangible copies geographically distributed”



Draft Regional Online Selections Policy

- [Draft Regional Online Selections Policy](#)
- [Submit your comments](#) (through May 16, 2021)
- **Goal:** Allow **flexibility** by permitting regionals to select the online format & deselect tangible format for select titles, after public access to the print format is locked in via suitable safety measures
- **Safety measures** (broadly speaking)
 - 4 geographically dispersed Print Selectors
 - On **govinfo** or from official Digital Preservation Steward partners



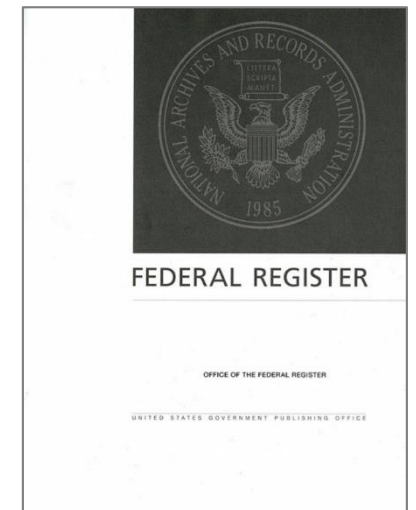
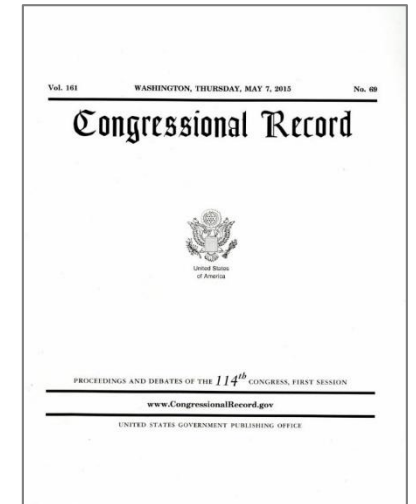
Importance of the safety net

- As we continue to re-envision the FDLP, we anticipate there will be fewer publications retained overall, but they will be better managed collaboratively.
- Enabling regionals to better manage their collection space and staff time will be key to keeping them in the FDLP.
- Regionals currently serve as the primary holder of the ‘regional collection’ – that may shift to the regional being the ‘administrator of the region’s collection.’
- As regions reallocate where content resides locally, it will be important to guarantee that the public continues to have access to a print edition where needed.



Print Selectors

- Print Selectors agree to:
 - Select and retain print versions of specified titles
 - Retain those publications for a specified time period
 - May be a selective or regional depository
- Two test titles:
 - *Congressional Record* (daily)
 - Print Selectors must retain dailies until the full volume bound edition (proceedings and index) is distributed.
 - Ex. Volume 160: Jan. 3, 2014 through Jan. 2, 2015 (113-2) must be received in bound format before daily issues of volume 160 may be withdrawn
 - Note: the bound edition is a “regional only” title, so if a Print Selector is a selective depository, they will need to self-identify when the bound edition supersedes the daily edition
 - Averages 176 issues per year
 - *Federal Register*
 - Print Selectors must retain for two years
 - Averages 261 issues per year



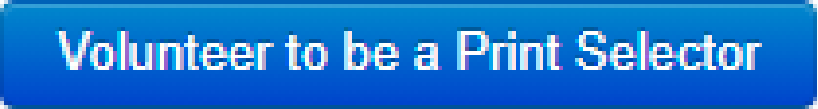


Four Geographically Dispersed Regions





Print Selectors & Regional Requests to Deselect

- [Regional Online Selections Policy](#) page
- Volunteer to be a [Print Selector](#) 
- When the safety net is locked in with 4 geographically dispersed Print Selectors, GPO will issue a news alert and regionals may deselect the item number.
- Note – content currently on the shelf should be retained per normal rules.



Comparison: Regional Discards & Regional Online Selections

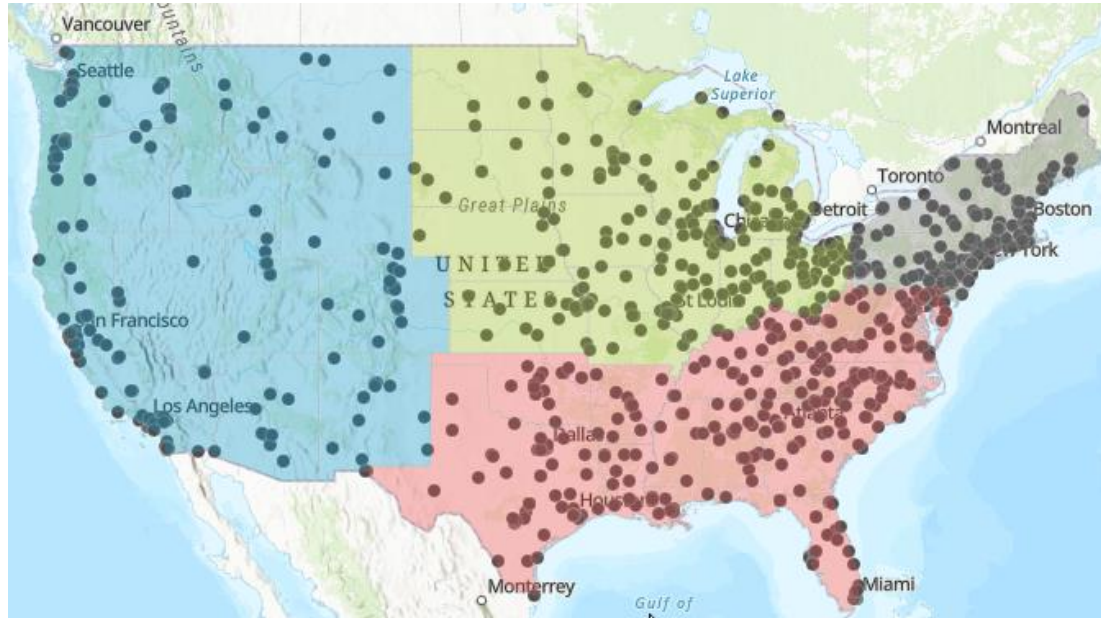
	Regional Discards Policy	Regional Online Selections Policy
Goal	Withdraw older material on shelves	Deselect current and future receipts
Safety net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 geographically dispersed Preservation Stewards • On govinfo, Digital Preservation Seward repositories, or Federal agency partners • Regional has held the material for at least 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 geographically dispersed Print Selectors • On govinfo or from official Digital Preservation Steward partners
Sign up to be part of the safety net & ensure public access	Memorandum of Agreement: Preservation Stewardship	Print Selector Agreement
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventories are submitted to GPO & holdings are added to the CGP 	
Submit a request to GPO (regionals only)	Request for Approval to Discard	No approval required – deselect item number



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