



Future Scenarios

2021, A Depository Odyssey



Future FDL





Doom & Gloom - 2021

- Public apathy about information
- Restriction of access based on fear
- Few official privacy safeguards
- Weakened GPO (GWO)
- Association of depositories
- Locally stored digital files
- Very little print
- Two tangible dark archives (one in Culpepper)
- 15 distributed full FDL collections
- Much government info distributed by private vendors



Status Quo

- “After a period of transition to online format for U.S. government information, a number of print copies of government documents are deposited at designated depository libraries in order to insure the historical record of government information.”



Digital Town Meeting - 2025

- Direct democracy – more or less
 - Approve programs more than 5% of budget
- Each County - Public Info Centers
- Each State – Information aggregator library
- Virtual, distributed Congress
- Virtually all information is digital
 - Collections are artifacts
- Voice driven queries



Duncan I - Collections

- 300 depositories
- 10 full, distributed, circulating FDL collections
- 2 light archives, w/ federal \$\$\$ support
- 2 full digital, library-housed FDSys mirrors
- 60 LOCKSS libraries
- 100-200 libraries locally store Federal Information – short term basis
- Federal files harvested automatically, some human intervention



Duncan I - Metadata

- Everything full text searchable
- Limited, machine-generated metadata
- Agencies insert some metadata
- XML
- Libraries can (and do) create access tools



Duncan I - Intermediaries

- National online service to assist with info.
- Experts (FDL librarians, agency) who are available to other FDLs
- Can libraries cooperate to develop very useful Network tools for assisting users?



Duncan II - Partnership

- Contraction - FDLP
 - 12 full FDL collections
 - 2 light archives OR no light archives??
 - 4 full digital collections
 - 2 dark archives
- Expansion – FDSys
 - All libraries able to establish profiled download in FDSys
 - No mandates or obligations



Duncan II - Partnership

- Current Collections
 - Use collections to ensure complete dark, light, & FDL collections
 - Libraries take ownership of print legacy collections
 - Keep or dispose of as they see best
 - EBAY
- Reference
 - Nationally coordinated reference
 - Knowledge base
 - Reference specialists available
 - Coordinated training for gov. info. Specialists
 - Webcasted annual conferences



Lori

- Information Dissemination & Preservation Agency (IDPA) - merged GPO & NARA
 - Franklin - Full text, online access to every federal pub.
 - George – classified materials
 - Automatically declassified
 - Cataloged & full text searchable
 - 2 archives – DC and remote



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- Information Dissemination & Preservation Network (IDPN)
 - 1 Franklin mirror site in each state
 - Federal Info. Assistance Centers (FIAC)
 - Reference, download info., access Franklin
 - Training
 - Certified Fed. Info. Specialists
 - Give input to IDPA on policy & usability issues
 - Effective partnership



John - 2015

- No-fee access via GPOAccess
- Some print
- Reformatting old data cost money
- Online Plus
 - Online publications
 - Print distribution of anything not online
- Fewer Regionals, more networks of libraries
- On Demand digitization
- Light & Dark archives



John - 2015

- Clearinghouses for obtaining print materials
- 100s of depositories
- Government information mainstreamed
- Staff work behind scenes to improve access
- FDSys (Harding) important for harvesting and accessing information
- Data storage primarily a federal responsibility
- Similar problems as 2007



What's Your Scenario?

- Let us know
 - Elements to include
 - Collections – physical and electronic
 - Services
 - Relationship w/fed govt – governance
 - Structure of the system
 - Metadata/cataloging/finding aids
- <http://dlcvisionoutline.blogspot.com>