



Value Proposition for the FDLP

For libraries that need official and authentic Government information, being a Federal depository library in today's public online environment offers the benefits of a Federal coordinating agency. Drawing upon a century of national service and as valued partners, depository libraries are strong and dynamic stewards that work with the Government Printing Office (GPO) to assure their communities enjoy free, permanent, and open access to the Federal government's wide selection of information resources. As the coordinating agency, GPO specifically:

- ▶ Assists depository libraries with the acquisition of Federal resources, including free access to selected Government fee-based databases and core print primary sources;
- ▶ Catalogs the collection of Federal resources using recognized standards, which provides the capability for Federal depositories to retrieve those records in bulk;
- ▶ Provides free tools for maintaining the depository collection, supporting public service, and fostering communication;
- ▶ Provides opportunities for specialized training to keep depository library staff abreast of new Federal information resources and depository administration guidance;
- ▶ Facilitates collaboration, partnerships, and opportunities to cooperate across geographic and institutional lines in order to make more Federal resources and services available to depository libraries and indirectly to communities;
- ▶ Offers depository libraries authentication services for their digitized Government information dissemination products; and
- ▶ Develops marketing materials to promote broad public awareness and disseminates them freely to depository libraries.

Unlike other libraries, Federal depository libraries enjoy the singular century of public service to sustain a program of Government information expertise, to manage significant public permanent historical collections, and to work with their communities in positive ways to assure that informed civic choices are made with an open and transparent infrastructure of public information.

Federal depository libraries, in partnership with GPO, are afforded the privilege of safeguarding no-fee access to a rich historic public information source that contributes to the individual and collective well being of communities throughout the United States.