

LSCM Director Remarks

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Greetings and Good Morning,

First, I want to welcome you to beautiful Tampa, Florida and the Spring 2009 Depository Library Council Meeting. I also want to take this opportunity to give many thanks to the University of Florida, University of South Florida, University of Tampa, Lexis-Nexis, and Marcive for the fabulous kick-off reception held yesterday at the University of Tampa. A great time was had by all.

As I always like to reiterate, throughout the Meeting, I want to encourage you to approach me or any member of my staff and talk with us about any of the initiatives you hear about today. I am always available for questions or comments, and if you think of any after you return home, you can always e-mail me directly at rdavis@gpo.gov.

I want to take a moment to thank our esteemed Council members who are ending their tenures this fall: Our Chair, Tim Byrne; Denise Davis; Denise Stephens; Katrina Stierholz; and Kendall Wiggin. Your service and dedication is enormously appreciated, and you will be missed.

Before I update you on the many important initiatives progressing in GPO's Library Services & Content Management business unit, I want to touch briefly on several items of note.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

At last fall's Depository Library Council Meeting, the Public Printer, Bob Tapella, asked the Council to focus their next meeting on regional depository issues. Specifically, Mr. Tapella asked that two issues be examined: 1) how the partnership between depositories and GPO can thrive and 2) how the relationship between regionals and selectives can be strengthened.

In response to this charge, two very important sessions are being held this afternoon, beginning at 2:00pm:

1. New Birth of Freedom – Creating an Informed Citizenry through Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: Federal Depository Libraries and GPO Thriving Together as Partners
2. New Birth of Freedom – Creating an Informed Citizenry through Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: Strengthening Regional and Selective Relations

Two sets of questions are being presented today for discussion. These discussions will provide GPO and the Depository Library Council with an agenda for near, mid, and long-term actions. I strongly encourage all of you to attend and to provide us with your valuable input.

Questions being posed today have been included in your Meeting books and were posted to the FDLP Desktop prior to the Meeting. The Web page will remain up after the Meeting so that additional input may be submitted.

BUDGET

The 111th Congress recently passed H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act for FY2009. This bill allows for an increase in funding for GPO. Some of the highlights include the following:

- After an extended period of relatively flat funding for the Salaries and Expenses Appropriation, it begins to fund several important initiatives of the FDLP.
- It also provides \$1,000,000 in new funding for continued Federal Digital System (FDsys) development.

Four major S&E initiatives were funded under the bill:

1. Data storage (\$500,000) – It is critical that GPO have adequate server storage to ensure space is available for continual growth of FDLP electronic publications. The data storage that GPO requires to acquire additional content for the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) increases yearly with the release of new databases, new database features, and as content offerings are expanded. The additional data storage space purchased with these funds will accommodate these needs.
2. FDLP Outreach and Online Educational Training (\$100,000) – The outreach and online educational training funding will be used to procure qualified contractor support through the OPM Training and Management Assistance Program to develop comprehensive, Web-based educational instruction modules for depositories. The modules will enable FDLP librarians to better serve their patrons in locating and using online Federal information and to provide expanded user support to GPO information systems.
3. Modernization of Item Selection Systems & Other Mainframe-based Applications (\$150,000) – This allocation will go to a most critical need in Depository Distribution: the conveyor system. The conveyor system moves boxes from the distribution line where the publications are gathered together to the case sealer and then to the area where material is palletized for shipment. The current system is antiquated and can no longer be repaired or supported. The replacement of this legacy equipment will allow GPO to distribute materials to depositories in a more reliable and timely manner.
4. Cataloging & Indexing Program (\$1,000,000) – Nine projects will be allocated a portion of the \$1,000,000. Each has the same goal: to increase acquisitions and cataloging of Government resources and thereby, promote openness and transparency in Government. The Automatic Record Distribution project, among many others, will receive a portion of the funds.

FDSYS

As mentioned, the beta of GPO's FDsys was released to the public. The system may be accessed through < <http://www.fdsys.gov> >. The information on *GPO Access* is in the process of being migrated to FDsys, a process that is expected to be complete in mid-2009. The migration is occurring on a collection-by-collection basis. The information on *GPO Access* will remain current and continue to be available until migration is complete. Users will continue to be able to access all *GPO Access* content as described in the A-Z Resource List.

Collections currently available for search in FDsys are:

- Congressional Bills
- Congressional Documents
- Congressional Hearings
- Congressional Record
- Congressional Reports
- Federal Register
- Public and Private Laws
- Compilation of Presidential Documents

For more detailed information, I want to encourage you to attend the FDsys Update, tomorrow morning.

BULK DATA DOWNLOADS

GPO has recently been called upon by Congress in the joint explanatory statement on the Omnibus Appropriations Act for FY2009 to work with the Library of Congress, including the Congressional Research Service, and the Law Library of Congress, to discuss access to bulk data.

To address this request, a Legislative branch task force has been assembled consisting of representatives from the offices of the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House, the Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, the Law Library of Congress, and GPO. This task force has already met and is working to develop a position on access to bulk data. We will look to this work on making bulk data accessible through FDsys. You will hear more about this at tomorrow's FDsys presentation. FDsys has been designed to support geographically dispersed content repositories. GPO will be seeking guidance from the council on ensuring your requirements are met. This will help ensure, I think, a sound, long-term access and preservations model for digital content that involves FDLP libraries and GPO in partnership, where appropriate.

Now I'd like to update you on some of the exciting initiatives going on in LSCM.

FEATURED LIBRARY

Each library in the FDLP brings something special and unique to the world of Government documents. GPO wants to shed light on these invaluable institutions by highlighting a different Federal depository library each month. By spotlighting the unique services and offerings of our depositories, we can share in the strengths and innovations of our partners and help promote the essential American service that is the FDLP. Beginning in May, GPO

will be spotlighting a different “Library of the Month” on the FDLP Desktop and on gpo.gov. Look for announcements from FDLP-L and the Desktop soon.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS PLAN

GPO is currently working on developing a formal Customer Relations Program. The goal of the initiative is to identify ways to improve services to and communication with Federal depository libraries. In working to achieve this goal, we have initiated several steps. We are working with a contracted company, Outsell, Inc., that is helping us better categorize FDLP libraries and determine your unique and individual needs, based on those specialized types. In doing so, GPO and Outsell will be communicating with you over the next few months through very brief surveys and outreach. We are very fortunate to have Leigh Watson Healy from Outsell, Inc. here with us at the Meeting. To learn more about what we are doing, I invite you to attend the tonight’s 5:30pm session with Ms. Healy and GPO’s Cindy Etkin.

VALUE OF THE FDLP

If you haven’t seen it yet, I encourage you to visit the “Value of the FDLP” Web page on the FDLP Desktop. The page highlights the value of being a Federal depository library, including services GPO provides FDLP members, the expertise and services that FDLP members provide each other as part of the larger depository network, and the local value individual libraries place on the FDLP within their institution.

GPO used feedback over the past year from this page to develop a Value Proposition for the FDLP. For clarification, GPO defines the value proposition as a statement that summarizes why libraries should be or become a depository and how depositories differ from other libraries. The full Value Proposition can be found in your Meeting books.

FDLP STRATEGIC PLAN & THE FUTURE OF THE FDLP

For more than a year now, GPO has been working with the Depository Library Council and the FDLP community to develop a Strategic Plan for the FDLP, reaching toward 2014. The three goals identified are:

1. Develop new models for Federal depository collections.
2. Develop new models for Federal depository services.
3. Develop new models of communication for the Federal depository community.

We anticipate some innovative ideas and lively discussion today. The outcomes of today’s sessions will feed directly into the Strategic Plan. What I also need from you in these sessions is your thoughts on funding requests going forward to best meet the needs of the Program.

AUTHENTICATION

Progress is continuing in regard to our authentication initiative. As you know by now, GPO is implementing digital signatures to certain electronic documents on *GPO Access* and *FDsys* that not only establish GPO as the trusted information disseminator, but also provide the assurance that an electronic document has not been altered since GPO disseminated it. A digital signature, viewed through the GPO Seal of Authenticity, verifies document integrity and authenticity on GPO online Federal documents, at no cost to the end user.

Last year alone, we have:

- Implemented an Automated PDF Signing System, which allows documents to be authenticated in bulk;
- Digitally signed and certified the FY2009 Budget of the U.S. Government; and
- Launched authenticated Public and Private Laws as a permanent application on *GPO Access*.

In January 2009, after successful beta testing, we launched authenticated Congressional Bills on *GPO Access*. Digitally signed PDF files are now available for the entire collection of Congressional Bills from the 110th Congress, and Bills from the 111th Congress are being digitally signed as they are published. Digitally signed Congressional Bills are also available via FDsys. GPO is looking to expand additional authentication of content moving forward through FDsys.

Next, we are exploring authentication for GPO partner content. Learn more about this at the Authentication session on Wednesday at 8:30am.

ILS

The overall goal of the implementation of GPO's Integrated Library System (ILS) is the provision of access to depositories and the public to bibliographic records of Federal Government publications, many containing links to the electronic version of the publication, and the use of the system's capabilities to provide services to depository libraries and to the public. The goal is also to streamline workflow and internal activities in support of the FDLP and to reduce use of and dependency on legacy systems.

The ongoing development of the Aleph 500 ILS at GPO enhances GPO's ability to perform statutorily authorized functions of the FDLP and the Cataloging and Indexing Program. Several ILS features and functions have been developed and released within the past year:

1. Desktop access was granted to all staff in GPO's Library Technical Information Services to the Aleph staff client through Citrix;
2. The new Federal Depository Library Directory (FDLD) administrative module was released, enabling depository libraries to edit their own directory information;
3. The public interface to the new FDLD launched;
4. Access to the CGP via the Z39.50 communications protocol for search, retrieval, and download of bibliographic records was granted to depository libraries;
5. Acquisitions, phase 1: monographic materials workflow changes/brief records was implemented;
6. The Aleph software was upgraded from version 16.02 to version 18;
7. A requirements document was created, vendor selection was made, and a contract was awarded for authorities cleanup and ongoing authority control;
8. CGP Web interface enhancements were made to improve functionality and ease of use;
9. For ease of navigation between the FDLD and the FDLP Desktop, the depository eagle symbol in both the FDLD administrative module and the public interface links to the FDLP Desktop and opens a new browser window. The FDLD public interface in the left navigation menu also has a text link to the FDLP Desktop;

10. The CGP can now display authorities cross-references. GPO re-indexed the Aleph bib and authority libraries to implement that;
11. GPO also just completed vendor clean-up of controlled headings in 51,000+ bib and 42,000+ authority records and reloaded them into the CGP as part of our database cleanup and ongoing authority control project; and
12. Ongoing monthly authority control service for the CGP has begun. The first group of approximately 2,000 authority and bibliographic records processed by our authority control vendor was loaded into the CGP at the end of March.

Coming later this year, we have several enhancements planned:

1. Implementation of a login page specifically for depository libraries to take advantage of authenticated services in the CGP. This will include configuration of the circulation module and the creation of depositories as patrons. An example of an authenticated service will be the ability for FDLP libraries to set up their own search criteria for e-mail notification from the CGP when records meeting those criteria are added to the Catalog;
2. Page design and configuration of resources for federated searching (MetaLib);
3. Serials control (check-in of individual serials issues). All active serials are the ultimate goal. We will start with a subset and work forward;
4. The addition to CGP records of searchable serial issue-level Superintendent of Documents classification numbers and shipping list numbers for distributed titles and issues; and
5. Enhancements to the FDLD.

As a sidenote, we will launch a new WEBTech Notes database application in June of this year.

DIGITIZATION

As most of you know by now, GPO has been working with the library community, other Federal agencies, and the public on a national digitization project with the goal of digitizing all retrospective federal publications back to the earliest days of the Federal Government.

The project includes the digitization of the complete legacy collection of tangible U.S. Government publications most of which are held in libraries participating in the FDLP. The objective is to ensure that the digital collection is available, in the public domain, for no-fee permanent public access through the FDLP. The goal of the project will ensure that the collection is digitally reformatted for both preservation and access purposes.

GPO envisions a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship with a private or public sector participant(s) where the uncompressed, unaltered files created as a result of the conversion process are delivered to GPO at no cost to the Government. These files will serve as the digital copies that will be preserved and used for the creation of access derivatives within FDsys. In exchange, the contractor or contractors shall be able to maintain a collection of files produced in the process for inclusion in their collections (e.g., search indices, book search sites). This content will be made available online, free of charge from GPO.

To help meet this challenge, A Statement of Work was created, and a Request For Proposal was posted to Federal Business Opportunities. The review of the proposals has been completed, and GPO has made a decision for an award. We are sending this to the Joint Committee on Printing for their approval to allow us to move forward as they requested when this process began.

We are also continuing down additional paths in regard to digitization. We continue to work with the National Digital Standards Advisory Board, Federal Still Image Digitization Working Group. The goal of this project is to establish common standards, methods, practices, and guidelines for the digitization of visual material (excluding motion picture images). Common digitization standards will enhance the exchange of research results and developments, encourage collaborative digitization practices among Federal agencies and institutions, provide the public with a product of uniform quality, and set a common benchmark for digitization service providers.

The Web site for the Federal Agencies Digitization Guidelines Initiative is available at <<http://www.digitizationguidelines.gov>>. The initiative represents a collaborative effort to establish a common set of guidelines for digitizing historical materials.

I'd also encourage you to visit our Digitization and Preservation Initiatives Web page on *GPO Access* and review our list of priorities for digitization. The direct URL is <<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy/>>. If you have any materials we can utilize in coordination with that list, please contact Robin Haun-Mohamed or James Mauldin through the "Contact Us" link on the FDLP Desktop.

Finally, I want to encourage you to share with us any collaborative efforts in regard to digitization. Last year, we re-launched an enhanced version of the Registry of U.S. Government Publication Digitization Projects at <<http://registry.fdlp.gov>>.

Project listings derive from voluntary and solicited contributions from Federal depository and other libraries, Federal and other government agencies, and other non-profit institutions.

We want to continue to add to this so that we all know what each other is doing in regard to digitization projects. I would like to see a comprehensive listing of all digitization projects here.

BEN'S GUIDE

I am pleased to report that Ben's Guide to U.S. Government will soon be getting a new look.

A survey was recently conducted to gain feedback from the Ben's Guide user community. One of the surveys was geared toward children and students, and the other toward parents, educators, and other users. From the survey results, we were able to capture users' comments about Ben's Guide by asking specific questions regarding their usage of the site, what features they like about Ben's Guide as it is now, and also what they would like to see in a redesigned Ben's Guide. Survey responses were abundant, quite positive overall, and ultimately, provided important insight into the needs and expectations of the user base. We received approximately 4,000 survey responses.

Most suggestions from students showed an interest in fun features that test their knowledge and abilities, like new games, interactive quizzes, and questions. Also important to users were media enhancements like sound, video, new graphics, and pictures. Users showed a strong interest in downloadable and printable hand-outs like lessons plans or worksheets. Suggestions such as adding new graphics, alternative navigational features, printable materials, additional activities, and quizzes are all things that will be taken into consideration as efforts toward a redesigned Ben's Guide carries on.

Planning is continuing, and next steps for Ben's Guide are being determined. Concept outlines and possibly beta testing should become available later this year. We are still interested in obtaining beta testers for the next version of Ben's Guide.

FDLP MARKETING PLAN – PHASE II

Last summer, GPO disseminated the FDLP Marketing Plan and launched the “Easy as FDL” marketing campaign. Our main goal in this initiative is to assist depositories in marketing their unique and valuable services to the widest audience possible, as well as to provide depositories with the tools necessary to market their own services to both the general public and non-Federal depository libraries.

If you have not done so already, I encourage you to visit the FDLP Desktop, review the Plan, order the new “Easy as FDL” promotional products, and use the tips and strategies provided to promote your library.

Additionally, we debuted our first FDLP promotional video in October. You can view and download that video from the FDLP Desktop. From the “Outreach” tab, click on “Promotional Resources” and “Promote the FDLP at your Library with the Easy as FDL Video.” From this page, you can obtain detailed instructions on how to download and share this video.

Another small set of promotional videos are now available on the FDLP Desktop. GPO staffers took to the streets of DC to gauge what the public knew about the FDLP. These “Person on the Street” videos are both informative and entertaining and really highlight how important it is for GPO and depositories to market the FDLP.

Our next endeavor involves the use of Public Services Announcements. We are embarking upon a campaign to inform students about depositories using college radio stations across the country. To start this process, we have created an audio PSA, and we are reaching out to a sample of about 20 college stations around the country whose campus libraries have a depository. From there, we plan to reach more campuses with depositories and eventually branch out to colleges without depositories on campus. The first of our PSAs should be airing later this summer.

This spring, you will see the release of Phase II of the FDLP Marketing Plan. Phase II will provide more tips and strategies on how to market your library and more tips on how to utilize the Easy as FDL promotional products.

FDLP DESKTOP

The FDLP Desktop is continuing to evolve with the latest Web technologies and your input. As part of the evolution of the FDLP Desktop, the site has been divided into fdlp.gov and community.fdlp.gov.

Since the launch of the final redesign of fdlp.gov on January 5, 2009, the Desktop has seen about 200,000 page views.

[FDLP.gov](http://fdlp.gov) provides dissemination of Program-related content, services, and news. [Community.fdlp.gov](http://community.fdlp.gov) provides social networking tools which enable registered individual members to communicate and network with others in the community.

While content is the first and foremost focus of the new Desktop, we also want to provide you with the latest and greatest social networking technologies to help everyone in the community collaborate together.

Tomorrow afternoon, we will be holding two sessions on the FDLP Desktop and the FDLP Community site, beginning at 4:00pm.

AUTOMATED METADATA EXTRACTION

In late 2007, GPO entered into an Interagency Agreement with the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) in collaboration with Old Dominion University (ODU) to create cataloging records using automated metadata extraction software tools and processes currently being used by DTIC.

ODU will determine if the engine component developed for the DTIC and NASA projects can be used for GPO collections, including a sample of the GPO EPA harvested collection. GPO collections differ significantly from the DTIC and NASA collections, and therefore, the scope of the work will be expanded to take the domain into account and answer questions as to what metadata can be extracted.

ODU will also conduct a feasibility study and exploratory prototyping of major types of documents from GPO's collections to determine if automated metadata extraction is a viable method for creating metadata for these materials.

The Automated Metadata Extraction agreement is being conducted in two phases over two years, with project completion expected in October 2009. The first phase of the agreement, which focuses on GPO EPA harvested documents, is almost completed. During the first phase:

- GPO identified and provided FDLP, in-scope, harvested EPA PDF files to ODU for analysis.
- Directly working with GPO, ODU analyzed the documents to identify major classes of documents in the collection, metadata elements present in each class, and issues with existing template language for extracting metadata.

- ODU provided GPO with a report on the findings of this analysis and made enhancements to the automated metadata extraction software.
- ODU made several refinements to the templates, software, and engine.
- GPO has received an initial batch of extracted metadata and conducted an internal review of this data. Based on this review, ODU enhanced the software and provided GPO with a final batch of extracted metadata just this month.
- GPO is conducting final evaluations on the phase one extracted metadata produced through this tool.

As part of the second phase of the agreement, GPO identified and provided 1,000 FDLF in-scope Congressional PDF files to ODU for analysis. ODU has analyzed the documents and provided GPO with a characterization and feasibility report. Next steps include GPO evaluating and testing metadata extraction records in fall 2009.

PRE-1976 SHEFLIST CONVERSION PROJECT

The Pre-1976 Shelflist Conversion Project aims to convert cards in the historic card catalog covering U.S. Government documents from 1870's - October 1992 to machine-readable metadata (MARC21) to make this material available in the CGP. The electronic records generated by this contracting activity will be available to the FDLF libraries and the wider library community to assist in their efforts to identify and catalog previously un-cataloged materials in their library collections. This will in turn provide greater exposure to collections of U.S. Government publications and improve awareness of resources available in the FDLF libraries. This project also includes the digitization of the historic cards for research and preservation so that the historic shelflist can be transferred to the National Archives. This project is a top priority for LSCM, and part of the \$1,000,000 awarded to GPO for the Cataloging & Indexing Program under the Omnibus Appropriation Act for FY2009 will be used to continue to fund this work. Records for a batch (approximately 200 titles) of transcribed cards are undergoing final quality control and will be available in the CGP in the coming weeks. Look for announcements from us when these records are available for viewing.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Finally, there are several aspects of community outreach that I would like to touch on today.

- Public Access Assessments
- Partnerships
- Online Training
- GPO's Upcoming Events

PUBLIC ACCESS ASSESSMENTS

The Public Access Assessments program, also known as PAA, is GPO's individual depository library operation assessment and consultation program. It focuses on free, public access to depository resources and also the services and cooperative efforts that support the visibility and use of the depository resources at the library.

PAA will be conducted upon request or as need is determined by GPO. If you wish to have current depository management activities documented by GPO now, you may request one at any time through the Request for GPO Participation Form on the FDLF Desktop.

We strongly encourage you to contact us anytime you have a question about depository management activities at your library so that we may discuss the issues and various options or best practices you may consider. This is just one way we continue to partner together for a more efficient and effective FDLP.

PARTNERSHIPS

GPO has been developing partnerships with Federal depository libraries and other Federal agencies to increase access to electronic Federal information since 1997. With an increasing amount of Federal information available electronically, partnerships ensure permanent public access to electronic content and provide services to assist depositories in providing access to electronic material and in managing their depository collections.

These partnerships also allow GPO to take advantage of the expertise of Federal depository librarians and the services they have developed. FDLP partnerships generally fall into three categories: Content Partnerships, Service Partnerships, and Hybrid Partnerships. Partnerships are not limited to these categories, however, and GPO will consider partnership proposals that fall outside of these categories.

- **Content partnerships** assist with providing permanent public access to electronic U.S. Government information. Partners agree to provide storage capacity and user access without restrictions on re-dissemination. In the event the partner is no longer able to provide free, public access to this electronic information, the partnership requires the agency or library to transfer a copy of the content to GPO. GPO will then make the content available either through *GPO Access* or in cooperation with another partner.
- **Service partnerships** assist GPO to provide enhanced services to Federal depository libraries. These partnerships can focus on repurposing GPO-provided information or on providing other services to depository libraries and the public. These services may provide assistance to librarians with administering their depository collections.
- **Hybrid partnerships** are a mixture of content and service partnerships. For example, providing permanent public access to electronic U.S. Government information and also offering a service important to the administration of the FDLP collection.

If you would like to propose a partnership with GPO, please submit a partnership inquiry form via the FDLP Desktop.

GPO has also developed a new marketing plan for partnerships, which will soon be posted on the partnerships page on the FDLP Desktop.

This plan calls for creation of a partnership logo for partners to display on their Web sites, special recognition of partners at GPO conferences, the highlighting of partnerships on the FDLP Desktop front page, and much more.

OPAL

I wanted to also take an opportunity to remind everyone that Online FDLP learning is available for Federal depository library participants via OPAL (Online Programming for All Libraries), an interactive Web-based meeting and conferencing service.

The educational sessions may be live or prerecorded. In addition, training events are archived to allow those unable to attend a live event to replay the event at their convenience.

Past presentations can be accessed through the OPAL site, which is linked from our Outreach link on the Desktop.

I am pleased to announce that beginning in May, we will be starting a new, recurring OPAL session entitled, "Chat With." The May session will focus on the topic of authentication, and participants will have the opportunity to chat with Ted Priebe, GPO's Director of Library Planning & Development and Lisa Russell, the manager of Library Planning & Development's Content Management group. Each month that we hold a "Chat With" session, a different topic will be covered and facilitated by a different GPO representative. Look for upcoming announcements via FDLP-L and the FDLP Desktop.

Last year GPO opened up its OPAL room to members of the depository library community to present additional educational and training sessions for the benefit of the community. Presentation proposals should focus on a specific aspect of U.S. Government information, FDLP issues, or depository library operations and management. I encourage you to submit a proposal to participate by completing the Online Educational Program Proposal Form, found on the FDLP Desktop under Outreach. To date, two of our most popular OPAL sessions were presentations given by members of the FDLP community.

To learn more about OPAL, to obtain URLs to archived GPO OPAL presentations, or to learn how to provide feedback for GPO's OPAL presentations, please visit the FDLP Desktop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

I'd like to remind you of GPO's next important event. GPO's Interagency Depository Seminar 2009 will be held from July 20 – 24. Registration is now open for this event, being held in Washington, D.C. To register for the event and to make hotel reservations, please visit the FDLP Desktop's Events Calendar. The last day to register is July 20, 2009.

Additionally, the Fall 2009 Depository Library Council Meeting and Depository Library Conference will be held October 18 – 21 in Arlington, Virginia at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City. I hope to see you all there.

I want to thank you all for your time today and for your continued dedication to Government documents.