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Dear Depository Library Coordinator,

I'm writing to introduce myself as the new Superintendent of Documents. I'm both excited and honored to serve in this new role. Over the last 20 years, I have held a variety of roles working in libraries and as a part of the FDLP community. I have had the pleasure of working with so many of you during that time, whether in a library or through a professional association, collaborating at a conference, or through the work of the Depository Library Council and the Task Force on a Digital FDLP. The importance of the mission of the FDLP and its integral role in our democracy cannot be overstated. I welcome the opportunity to work with all of you moving forward as we implement the [strategic plan for the National Collection](#) and continue to develop our services to you and your libraries.

At this time, I'd also like to update you on public access requirements for depository collections. Because public access is a key statutory obligation of depository libraries, the temporary restrictions on physical access permitted by the [letter from May 2020](#) should now be phased out. While the COVID-19 pandemic remains with us – and flu season has started – most restrictions on gatherings and building access have been lifted by local health authorities.

Depository libraries need to ensure that Government information is freely accessible to the public. This may be done in ways that accommodate locally required health measures, such as limiting the number of people allowed in the library at a time or recommending scheduled appointments. Please post information about Government document access on your website and in signage visible from outside the library. Additionally, you should publicize how the public may receive help remotely by email, phone, or other means. The goal is to ensure public access to anyone wishing to use Government materials received through the FDLP.

Please review your library's [FDL Directory](#) entry by logging in and clicking on "My FDL" in [askGPO](#). Pay close attention to the Public Notes field, and verify if information is current or make updates as necessary. If you are unable to be open to the public generally, but can still support them, contact us; Federal Depository Support Services will work with you.

Thank you for implementing measures to ensure the provision of services during the last two and a half years. Your continued dedication to the mission *America Informed* has been energizing. We value your continued participation in the FDLP.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Matheson".

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