



Preliminary Agenda

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Monday, October 16, 2023

12:00 – 1:00 **Conference Kickoff / Library Award Presentations**

- Jen Kirk, Depository Library Council Chair, Government Information Librarian, Utah State University Libraries
- Hugh N. Halpern, Director, U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)
- Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents, GPO

During this opening session, the event will be officially called to order, and opening remarks will be delivered. Awards for the 2023 Federal Depository Library of the Year and Federal Depository Website of the Year will also be presented.

1:00 – 1:10 **Break**

1:10 – 1:40 **Keynote Address**

- Allison Baker, Economic and Policy Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

1:40 – 1:50 **Break**

1:50 – 2:50 **GPO: Digital FDLP Community Conversation**

- Kristene Blake, Moderator, Office of the Superintendent of Documents, GPO
- Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents, GPO
- Kate Pitcher, Chief of Federal Depository Support Services, LSCM, GPO

Join the FDLP community for updates and a discussion on the first phase of the digital FDLP implementation.

2:50 – 3:00 **Break**

3:00 – 3:45

GPO: Bills and Resolutions MARC Records Process

- Fang Gao, Chief of Library Technical Services (LTS), LSCM, GPO
- Stephen Kharfen, Supervisory Librarian, LTS, LSCM, GPO
- Ben Webb, Technical Services Librarian, LTS, LSCM, GPO

GPO's Library Technical Services is testing a new process to generate MARC records for House and Senate bills and resolutions, based on the MODS metadata in [GovInfo](#). The panel will talk about the cataloging/metadata processes and infrastructure work that have led to the development of this initiative. LTS estimates that we will produce 12,000-15,000 records per Congress based on the number of bills and resolutions in the [GovInfo Congressional Bills collection](#). LTS will post monthly files of the records for downloading free of charge in one of its [GitHub repositories](#).

3:00 – 3:45

Community: Evaluating Uncataloged Collections Using Sampling: A Case Study

- Arlene Weible, Oregon Federal Regional Depository Coordinator, State Library of Oregon
- David Isaak, User Support Librarian, LSCM, GPO

Many depository libraries have uncataloged historical collections, which makes it difficult to evaluate holdings and make retention and disposal decisions based on a state's regional FDLP collection. It is even harder when historic shelflist or inventory data is minimal or unavailable. In Oregon, staff from Reed College, University of Oregon Libraries, and the State Library of Oregon worked with GPO staff to develop a sample-based inventory to evaluate a large collection of Congressional hearings for disposal. This approach saved countless hours of staff time yet still provided a robust analysis of collections on which to make retention decisions for Oregon's regional FDLP collection. Speakers will share details about this project and hope to inspire others to think about innovative approaches to working with large collections slated for disposal.

3:45 - 3:55

Break

3:55 - 4:40

DLC: History of Government Documents Librarianship

- Angela Kent, Head of History Research Centers (Special Collections), Houston Public Library
- Sarah Erekson, Regional Government Documents Librarian, George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida

3:55 – 4:40

GPO: GovInfo Enhancements & New API Search Service

- Heidi Ramos; Lead Program Planner; Programs, Strategy, & Technology (PST); GPO
- Jon Quandt, Lead Program Planner, PST, GPO

The GovInfo program team will review and demonstrate highlights of new functionality and enhancements to GovInfo since last year's conference. In addition, the team will provide a demo of the new GovInfo API search service, which vastly expands the capabilities to get targeted GovInfo content. This demo will include example searches and allow time for questions. For more information on the search service, see <https://www.govinfo.gov/features/api-search-service>.

4:40 – 4:50

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4:50 - 5:40

Community: Tips, Tricks, and Search Techniques: Finding, Using, and Preserving Government Information in Other Languages

- Jane Canfield, Coordinadora Centro de Información de Gobierno Federal, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Biblioteca Encarnación Valdés

This program will concentrate on search techniques for finding and using Government documents and information published in languages other than English. The presentation draws on the 15 years of wisdom and experience gained by the presenter in serving a population in Puerto Rico that is exclusively Spanish-speaking. The presentation will emphasize agencies that produce information in other languages and offer in-depth search techniques for finding the information. Ideas for preserving the information at local levels will be presented since information in other languages is frequently not retained for long periods of time by Government agencies. A guide to the available information and to the agencies which publish in other languages will be included in the presentation. Subject emphasis will include immigration, health, education, disasters, daily living, and other subjects of interest to speakers of other languages.

4:50 - 5:40

Community: Uncle Sam on the Road: Managing the Intricacies of a Government Documents Collection Move

- Laurie Aycock, Collection Development Librarian, Kennesaw State University
- Michelle Colquitt, Continuing Resources and Government Information Management Librarian, Clemson University
- Amanda McLeod, Social Sciences and Government Information Librarian, Clemson University

Space is and always will be a consideration in academic libraries. Join librarians Laurie Aycock of Kennesaw State University and Michelle Colquitt and Amanda McLeod of Clemson University as they discuss the space concerns that led to large scale collection moves. Clemson University's Government Document collection move involved Mother Nature's intervention—a cold snap that led to a severe flood and breakdown of the library's HVAC system on most of the R.M. Cooper Library's floors (five out of six). Kennesaw State's collection move took place during 2020-21 when University System of Georgia colleges had moved to online instruction and minimal employees were on campus, and without much advance notice. This session will also cover project management, communication challenges, and the need to adapt project plans quickly.

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Tuesday, October 17, 2023

12:00 – 12:45 **DLC: Words Matter: Harmful Language and U.S. Government Information**
Collection & Discovery Services Subcommittee

- Kelly Smith, Moderator, Government Information Librarian & Librarian for Urban Studies & Planning and Environmental Studies, UC San Diego (La Jolla)
- Susanne Caro, Government Information Librarian, New Mexico State Library
- Jennifer Morgan, Government Information Librarian, Jerome Hall Law Library, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- Melanie Polutta; Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division; Library of Congress

Collections with historic material also contain historic language. These terms were at one time considered acceptable by those using them but language and our understanding evolves leaving relics in our catalog records. What is the process for using more accurate terms, increasing findability, and respecting users and culture? Join us for this discussion that covers how to work with researchers and using older terms, how Library of Congress Subject Headings are changed, and item description to make materials accessible.

12:45 – 12:55 **Break**

12:55 – 1:40 **GPO: New GovInfo Content and Congressionally Mandated Reports Preview**

- Megan Minta, Collection Development Librarian, LSCM, GPO
- Amanda Dunn, Program Planner, PST, GPO

Join us to learn about new content added to [GovInfo](#) over the last year. The session will include an update on GPO's implementation of the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act and a preview of the GovInfo collection launching December 2023.

12:55 – 1:40 **DLC: Researching Demographics and Social Security**

- Rob Mead, State Law Librarian, Washington State Law Library

The news is awash with stories about the impending demographic threat to Social Security. This presentation will focus on the basics of Social Security research; using U.S. Census Bureau documents to understand the challenge; directing patrons to the resources they need; and, outlining the various proposed reforms.

1:40 – 1:50

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Community: Using Government Information in Social Media: Opportunities & Challenges

- Elizabeth Sanders; Research, Engagement, and Learning Librarian; Lamar University; Mary & John Gray Library

Most libraries use social media for outreach and engagement, but Government information librarians may not traditionally create content for them as part of their duties. In early 2023, I began creating social media content for Mary & John Gray Library, the first time I had been given such tasks. I soon began infusing Government information into my content in different ways, including identifying and locating free-to-use images of diverse individuals and locating relevant, interesting resources to include in posts. Attendees will learn my inspiration for using Government information in social media and challenges I faced in starting to create social media posts. They will also view example content I've created using Government resources (and hear ideas I've brainstormed but haven't yet used). I hope to illustrate practical ways attendees can use and highlight Government information via social media at their institutions and to help others identify, and potentially overcome, some of the challenges I've encountered.

1:50 – 2:50

Community: Beyond the Library: Connecting with K-12

- Gwen Sinclair, Moderator, Librarian V and Chair, Government Documents & Maps Department, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Library
- Katie Strand, First-Year Experience Librarian, Utah State University Libraries
- Jen Kirk, DLC Chair, Government Information Librarian, Utah State University Libraries
- Bess Robinson, Head of Research and Instructional Services, University Libraries, University of Memphis
- Perveen Rustomfram, Head of Government Publications, University Libraries, University of Memphis
- Jenny Groome, Reference Librarian, Connecticut State Library

Librarians from three Federal depository libraries will summarize their work with K-12 schools.

- Jen Kirk and Katie Strand of Utah State University will describe how USU librarians hosted a conference for high school librarians and teachers to familiarize them with USU’s collections, including the Government Information Collection.
- Perveen Rustomfram and Bess Robinson of the University of Memphis will describe their presentations for school librarians at local conferences, including lesson plans, student activities, and the range of multimedia resources available to educators that could supplement curricula in humanities, social sciences, and STEM.
- Jenny Groome of the Connecticut State Library will share best practices and tips for assisting students who are preparing for History Day.

2:50 – 3:00

Break

3:00 – 4:00

Regional Libraries Meeting

- Regional Government Information Librarians (REGIL)

The Regional Libraries Meeting is open to all. The meeting will cover topics of relevance to regional FDLP libraries and will be led by regional coordinators from across the country.

3:00 – 4:00

Community: We're in This Together: Research Data, Government Information, and the Future of Open Science

- Deborah Yun Caldwell, Data Services Librarian, University of North Texas Libraries
- James R. Jacobs, U.S. Government Information Librarian, Stanford University Libraries
- Lynda Kellam, Interim Head of Research Data & Digital Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania Libraries
- Shari Laster, Head of Open Collections Curation & Access, Arizona State University Library

In 2020, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), one of the largest funders of biomedical research, issued a Data Management and Sharing (DMS) policy effective January 25, 2023 that requires researchers to share scientific data to the extent possible. Moreover, an August 2022 memorandum from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), known as the Nelson Memo, requires Federal agencies to make Federally funded publications and data freely available without an embargo by December 31, 2025. Alongside the efforts to mandate data sharing, the NIH and the Nelson Memo advocate for data to be created using the FAIR principles, which aim to ensure the long-term access to and reuse of research data. Increasingly, researchers and data curation and management efforts are also acting under the CARE principles, which were created by the Global Indigenous Data Alliance to respond to needs of Indigenous communities for data sovereignty and self-determination. In this panel presentation, team members from the Preservation of Electronic Government Information (PEGI) Project will present and discuss the FAIR and CARE principles for data, and offer perspectives on how issues in open science, research data management, and digital preservation of Government information are closely interwoven.

4:00 – 4:10

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4:10 – 5:10

Community: Marketing & Outreach for Your Collection

- Angela Bonnell, Moderator, Associate Professor, Head of Government Documents, Milner Library, Illinois State University
- Andie Craley, Manager for Technical Services & Government Documents Librarian, FDLP Depository Library Coordinator, ILL Supervisor, Harford Community College Library, GODORT Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect
- Sarah Dobransky, General Research Collections Manager, Cleveland Public Library
- Whitney Gerwitz, Library Associate II, Government Documents Coordinator, St. Charles City-County Library

Panelists will share creative, low-cost, and effective methods that libraries can use to promote Government information to help meet patrons' needs. We will share marketing strategies to create engaging programs and eye-catching displays and exhibitions. Also, learn outreach techniques to expand collaboration and partnerships for strengthening engagement in your communities.

4:10 – 5:10

Community: Federal Depository Collections: Where Do We Belong in the Academic Library?

- Amy Laub, Federal Regional Depository Librarian, University of Kentucky Libraries, William T. Young Library
- Ryan Wilder, Federal Depository Unit Collection Management Library Specialist, University of Kentucky Libraries, William T. Young Library

Our library recently went through a reorganization, and the Federal Depository Unit was moved from Collections to Special Collections. We're still figuring out what that means but it prompted us to look at where other regionals are located within their organizations. We will give an overview of the information we found, but more importantly look at and discuss whether that location within an organization has an impact on depository services now and in the future as we move to a digital FDLP.

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Wednesday, October 18, 2023

12:00 – 12:50 **DLC: Open Discussion with Council: Transition to a Digital FDLP**

12:50 – 1:00 **Break**

1:00 – 1:45 **GPO/DLC/Community: Government Information Librarianship Competencies**

- Kate Pitcher, Chief of Federal Depository Support Services, LSCM, GPO
- Susanne Caro, Government Information Librarian, New Mexico State Library
- Richard Leiter, Director of the Law Library & Professor of Law, University of Nebraska College of Law
- Nia Rodgers, Public Affairs Librarian, Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries
- Lynda Kellam, Head of Research Data Services, University of Pennsylvania Libraries
- Jennifer Morgan, Government Information Librarian, Jerome Hall Law Library, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- Cass Hartnett, U.S. Documents Librarian, University of Washington Libraries

What does it mean to be a Government information librarian? This session will discuss expected competencies in the field, identify current training opportunities, explore library school curriculum, and speak with authors who have written on the subject. Together we will explore:

- What is the critical need for current training?
- Where are there gaps?
- What recommendations may there be for the future?

1:45 – 1:55 **Break**

1:55 – 2:40

DLC: (Re)Building Trust in a Sea of Distrust

Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, and Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee

- Helen Keremedjiev, Moderator, User Support Librarian, FDSS, LSCM, GPO
- Rebecca Chapman, Undergraduate & Indigenous Outreach Librarian, University at Buffalo School of Law
- Alexander Soto, Director, Labriola Center, National American Indian Data Center, Arizona State University
- Stacy Wedlake, Co-Designing for Trust
- Cindy Aden, Co-Designing for Trust

For the last two decades, approximately 80% of people have feelings of distrust in the Federal Government. This climate has created challenges for libraries to share information by and about the Federal Government to patrons. Four panelists discuss their own experiences and solutions that address peoples' skepticism about Government information. They are Rebecca Chapman from the University at Buffalo School of Law; Alex Soto from Arizona State University; and Stacy Wedlake and Cindy Aden from Co-Designing for Trust.

2:40 – 2:50

Break

2:50 – 3:35

DLC: Listening Session: Hearing from the Community

- Jen Kirk, DLC Chair, Government Information Librarian, Utah State University Libraries
- Hayley Johnson, Head of Open Scholarship & Government Publications, Louisiana State University Libraries
- Members of the Depository Library Council
- Members of the FDLP community

Community members are encouraged to attend and participate in this session. Attendees can share their comments, questions, and observations about current and future issues in the Federal Depository Library Program with members of the Depository Library Council.

3:35 – 3:45

Break

3:45 – 5:15

DLC Business Meeting

- Members of the Depository Library Council

During this session, Council business and potential recommendations to GPO will be discussed.

5:15 – 5:30

DLC Wrap Up & Closing

- Members of the Depository Library Council

During this session, Council will review and discuss conference takeaways and DLC action items.

5:30

Adjourn

Acronyms

- DLC: Depository Library Council
- FDSS: Federal Depository Support Services
- GPO: U.S. Government Publishing Office
- LSCM: Library Services & Content Management
- LTS: Library Technical Services
- PST: Programs, Strategy, & Technology