

## The New Federal Depository Library Directory - Transcript

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We'll see both of those in detail during the demonstration today. The directory or FDL is for the public, anyone who works at a depository library, used by staff, people at Congressional offices, just anyone who might need to find a depository, get government information, and get help with it.

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We've been working on a new and improved site. That site went live in August of 2020. The directory used to be part of the -- or hosted sort of within the catalog of U.S. government publications or CGP, but we wanted to move it over to the new GPO site, on a sales force platform. So that is what we just recently did. This new directory went live in July 2021, just about maybe two weeks ago now, and it has an updated search and display interface and lot of new features. So some of the things you'll notice are a new home payable, a new search interface. When you get your search results, and when you click on the page for an individual library, you'll see new lay outs there as well.

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One of the thing that's similar to other sites is, on your search results page, you also now have filters available on the left-hand side to help you narrow down within your search results, which is handy. Something that a lot of our customers had asked for and wanted and that we now have, which is great, is that the search-result pages are bookmarkable links. So if I did my search for all the libraries in the district of Columbia and I have my results page, if I click on the URL at the top of the page, I can bookmark it, copy it, and e-mail it to someone. Whoever goes back to that link will see that same list of results.

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On the pages for individual libraries, we have also added a location map, and if we have one, an exterior building photo. That's just useful for people trying to go to the library in person so they can recognize the building when they get there

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And another big new thing is what we call the FBLD page, including an interactive map. That is the thing I was talking about, which we will see in the demonstration that has a list of which depositories are in which state, and also a map that shows you where a state is served by one regional or two regionals or in special regional agreements.

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Another thing I want to mention is that with the new directory, we are discontinuing to locate in the library feature. Locating a library was something listed in the CGP where you could click on a link for a publication and see a list of the libraries with the item number associated with that publication. .

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So what's happening with that now is we're redirecting those links to the new directory, and soon we're going to depress those links entirely in the CGB. This is just a little preview, screen shots just to get some images instead of text in there. On the top left is the new landing page or home page for the directory. The bottom left is the FBLD page with the regional and selected information. On the right is the page for an individual library. So including that photo and map, and basic information about the library.

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We have also -- even though it just released, we already have ideas for even more improvements. So you will be seeing more of those soon. They're planned for the next release, which is scheduled for

around October of this year. So some of the things you'll see coming for improvements are sorting by column headers on the search results.

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So for example, if I have a list of 100 results and one of the columns is city, I can click on that to alphabetize everything by city. Also the number of search results will show on the page. We're thinking about regrouping the advanced search fields just to kind of get them a little more legible and easier to use. And also improving the FDLP network page so it will show multi-state regionals in that list on the left.

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And we're always looking for more library building photos. We sent out a call, and a lot of people responded and sent us photos of their building. So check the directory, and if your library doesn't have a photo up, send it to us, and we would be happy to add that.

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I want to say we have between 650 or 700 photos of libraries out of our 1,110 libraries. So a little ways to go. But they really enhance the page. I also wanted to mention where you can get help, where all the documentation is about this. We have a training site, and on that site is a user manual that you can download, so that is -- you know, it's all written out. It has a lot of screen shots for anyone who likes to read their instructions. That's great. We also have a short webcast, about 5 minutes,, I think, on the new federal depository directory. And then this webinar is being recorded as well. That will go up in the training repository.

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Another important thing to know, I mentioned that we're happy to get feedback. You have two ways to submit your feedback. You can use the ask GPO site. Pick the FPL file, choose the other category, and let us know you have feedback, or you can always e-mail or call us at GPO.gov or at 202-512-1119. That's a shared e-mail and a shared phone where you can reach me or any of the other out reach librarians at GPO.

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So I will pause just briefly before we get to the demonstration to see if we have any questions before the demonstration. .

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No pressure. I'm now going to pass the ball over to VERTIE, who will be doing the demonstration for us. Thanks.

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Thank you, Laura. Hold on one second. I'm a business analyst on this project representing our course 13. We have other members of course 13 as well. I do want to share my screen and do the demonstration. If you guys have any questions, please feel free, you know, to put it in the chat, and we will be happy to answer that either between the demonstration or postdemonstration. .

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So the start of it, here I am on the ask GPO Web site. As you can see, I'm not logged in, so I'm not a user yet. I'm logged in as a public user. Since most of you, I'm assuming, have logged in, I'm going to log into this page. Just an FYI, the FDL directory, as you can see, we have it here, is accessible as a public user as well. But as a logged-in user, you have access to more fields and more library details compared to a public user. So I'm going to log in and address the password.

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So as you can see, I'm logged in. I can see my user name profile over here, and I have similar options, as you used to see before, but now there are a couple of more -- the first thing that I want to start with is the FDL home tab, which is right here. This is a directory tab to visit the main page that Laura just showed us. .

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The other option to visit the FDL directory page is from here. We have a quick link as well.

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Also if you go to FDL.gov and go to the directory link from that, which I can show you in a moment. So when I click here, this Web site I can visit the FDL.gov Web site. I click on it, I can read on it. And similarly, if I go under about the FDLB and then click on the directory link, I will come back I can go back to the page of the FDL directory.

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And then a few things on this main page we want to discuss. The first thing is the basic search option. As you can see, we have it here. We can use any keyword to perform a search in our environment, and the results will be all the active libraries that the search is connected.

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So for example, if I look for -- it will give me the results of all the libraries in Washington, D.C., Washington state library, or anywhere that the word "washington" is submitted.

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And this is the search result page, as you can see.

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If you know the particular library you are looking for, you can add that, and then perform the search, and then that narrows it down. So if you were to look for a selected library site, medium within the state of Alabama, right, and then, if I do the search, it will narrow down my search result within the state of Alabama. I'm just looking at all the selected depositories, and the library sites. All right.

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Going back to the main page, there are a few other buttons. The first one is CLDLs. It will show you all the FDLs on there, which is 1,110, as Laura said. Then we have see our regional DLs, which would give you a result of only regionals from the United States. And then we have the FDL button, which I'll talk in a little bit about.

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Then we have the map-based button. This is a searchable map. If you click on any state, for example, Alabama, then I'm redirected to the search result. It gives me a list of all regional and selected libraries, the state of Alabama. Talking about the search result page, we have this URL. If you see the URL, it tells me what list is provided below. So I can go here and bookmark the URL. And then I can name it, for example, and I can just save it. I can share the URL with anyone, and then, if somebody else accesses the URL, they will be coming to the same result page. .

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As you see, the filter button allows you to narrow down your results. So I am already in the state of Alabama. But let's say I just want to see the regionals. Select the regional, and then I can click on "search." My result shows only the regional libraries. And then I want to go back to my previous search. Click on here. And then it gives me my results back.

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The next thing we have is the export functionality. I can either select particular libraries I want to explore, or I can select all of them by checking this first box. When I go to export, I have few export times. One is the CF BDF. It allows to export only 10 fields for each library, but there are more fields. And then you have the search button. From here, you can jump back to the other search if you're not sure of your searches.

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The next thing I'm going to talk about -- I'm just going to take a pause before I go on to the next thing just to check if there are any questions regarding the main page or the search results. .

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I don't see any questions in the chat yet.

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Thanks, Laura.

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So the next thing I want to talk about is the individual library page. Search results. Within the state of Alabama. There is staff information, designation, and other information related to the library. We also have the address of the library. .

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On the right side of this page, the first thing we have is the highlighter. Since I am looking at a regional library, over here, I can see the list of all selected libraries that this particular regional has. So I can score down, and if I want the selected libraries depositories that this region is serving, and if I go to a selected depository page, then I will be seeing all the regional depository that is served by, which I'll show you in just a moment.

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Over here, we have a good up map that shows the location of the library. I can zoom into it as needed. And then, finally, we have the picture that shows the image of the library that we are looking at, basically the image of building of the library. .

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And I'll show you the selected library so that we know what we are talking about. Here I'm looking at a select depository type. And as you can see, Alabama has two regional depositories. So this particular -- this is both the regional depository than this particular selected by. .

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The next thing is the FDLN network. The network can be accessed either from the main page, or we can go into the more drop-down, and the FDLN is the last option, as you can see here. The FDLN network is a separate URL as well, so you can store -- you can bookmark if you need to pass it on to someone. A couple of items to look for on this page. As you can see on the left side, we have an entire list of states sorted, and then states displaying regional depositories and selected depositories, right? as you can see, Alabama has two regional, and then a bunch of selected, and then we go on to Alaska. Alaska showing its selected depositories and then so on. .

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And then you can scroll all the way down to Washington. On the right side, we have the RGS map. Over here we are showcasing the legends, where it shows selected depositories and regional depositories. This is embedded in the link so you can play around with it, and, you know, you can zoom in, zoom out. As you can see, I can click on an individual depository, and then get more details of that depository, as you see here. .

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And that's pretty much it. I'll be happy to answer any questions anyone might have regarding either the FDLN network page, library detail page, or even the main page, and any other functionalities that is there. .

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Thanks. So does anyone have any questions? does anyone need to see something again, or feedback? your feedback can be not a question. It can be a comment. .

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Mark is asking, can you collect fields to export from the results list?

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not so far. Currently, the export functionality is for library. So as you can see where I am under Alabama, I can select particular libraries that I want to export, but not the fields that are part of the select libraries. .

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Yeah. So what you'll get is all the fields that are on the advanced search unless you choose PDF, in which case you'll only get 10 fields, kind of a shortened list. .

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Any other questions? thank you.

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And we have also have a note that bookmarkable URLs will be very handy. Thank you. Great. People like the map and the picture. Good. Anything else? questions? comments? feedback? I know it's hot in Washington, D.C., so we may all be ready for our map the rest of the day. how do we get a picture added to the profiles? so you'll send it to us, Scott. You can e-mail it to FDLI outreach at Gmail.gov, and we will put it on for you.

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Jacqueline asked, can you show the different file types with a few site? I'm not sure, are you talking about showing the file types that we can export, Jacqueline? Janet said it's easy to use, so that's good. Jacqueline would like to see the export. So maybe we can do one.

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Sure, yeah. So I can -- right now, I have selected all the libraries that are a part of Alabama. I can go in and select Celeste. So you can see it's selected here. I can click on "export." it will download a file on your local computer. There is a standard name we have given it, but you can see it as the main one. Once you open it, as you can see on my screen, we have a bunch of fields. There is a regional library as you can see, and additional as well. We have the director, first name, last name, and all the other details we've already, the depository. These are a couple of fields, the depository Web site you can access for that. .

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Thanks. Can we also see a PDF download, just to compare?

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Thanks.

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So for the same number of libraries, I'm going to start our PDF. We have ten fields. The good thing. there is a pro and a con. We have a limited amount of fields. The good thing suck print it out. You can easily, you know, share it with someone, and it's pretty much easy. .

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Okay. We had a question about if we find things that need to be corrected, who do we contact? and I answered in the chat that you can send corrections to FDLI outreach at GL.gov or contact the person that's listed as the depository coordinator for that library. If you send it to GPO, we will confirm and then update as needed.

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Thanks.

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And Chris has a question, if a library is a preservation steward, will there be a way to link to the preservation steward info? that's a good question. Can you look at any individual page? so right now, I think it's just showing, if you are a GPO partner, it will show that field, but it doesn't have a link out to your preservation steward inventory or any kind of extra information like that. This is what you'll see. So it would say type of partner preservation steward. But I'm going to break that down as a potential enhance. . Thanks for that suggestion, if it was a suggestion. I'm writing it down as one. Okay. Anything else. I'm going to ask Ashley to send out the link to the satisfaction survey for the webinar so you can let

us know how it was, what else you want to see from this -- about the FDL or about anything else, other webinarS you would like to see. If you can fill that out, that would be great. We have a little time left for any last questions. .

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Who should we send the library photo to? you can send that, Pamela, to FDLPout reach at GPO.gov. That's a shared, mail. I'm taking it in here. Ashley is faster than I am. .

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Yes. Ashley is mentioning we love seeing your photos. I've been taking some of the photos, and actually so did VERTIQUE and the others, loading them up. Yes, it's quite fun seeing all the different kinds of library buildings. .

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All right. I think we have run out of questions for the moment. But you do have the slides for the web,NA are. areR. We will be sending you a recording if you registered as well. Those slides included all the information about how to contact us with feedback or if a question occurs after the fact. So I want to say a big thank you to the team for the demo today and for all their work. Thanks to all of you for coming today, spending your time, learning a little more about the directory, and we hope to see you again at another FDL or webinar. .

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