

DLC Wrap Up & Closing – Audio transcript

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Okay, welcome back everyone. This is our final session for the members of the depository library council. And we will begin with the chair.

That you can so much. It is my pleasure to wrap up and close this wonderful conference that we have had for the last three days. It has been so much information and so much fun. At this time, I'm going to ask -- we will start with working group reports from the council working groups. They provide highlights for 2021 and what is next or what is upcoming for the groups. First we will hear from collection and discovery services. I will turn it over to Jennifer.

Hello, everyone, I'm Jennifer Morgan at the Jerome hall library at Indiana university, school of law. I'm the chair of the collection and discovery services working group. And next slide? The highlights, I would say two of my favorite highlights were the open forum discussions we held this year and our spring virtual meeting. We held an open forum in which we discussed a wide range of issues, including the ideal library technical services department of the 21st century, a registry for cataloging meta data projects. We asked for the community to share challenges and issues that they would like to see our working group address. We discussed a new series of item numbers for historical publications and this is a project being explored by library services and content management. And then we discussed new or changes to existing cataloging services and products that the community might find useful. Our second open forum discussion on the year was held this afternoon on the CGP of the future. Content service management, funding for Next Generation CGP and he is going forward on planning of the modernization of the catalog. Our group held the open forum to know what features the community would like to have in an online catalog or discovery tool. Today in our discussion, we asked the community to help plan the catalog that would best serve your needs and your library patrons. Also, this year, the working group began a discussion based on feedback that we received at the spring virtual meeting that we be able to collect libraries using the same ILS or integrated library system. The feedback that we received was that they wanted to connect in order to discuss best practices and how to do certain things. That idea is in discussion at the moment. So you can see then on the right side of the chart, our next steps. We have begun drafting the report on lessons learned from our spring open forum. We will complete that report, submit it to council by the end of the year and we will begin drafting our report on lessons learned from the fall open forum that we had on the cgp of the future. We will continue to discuss the best way to go forward to create a program or resource that responds to the community needs regarding the ILS systems. Thank you, Will.

Thank you for the report, Jennifer. We will now move on to the digital deposit working group at this time. I will give the floor to Julia.

Thank you. I'm Julia Ezzo at Michigan State University. Cochair of the digital deposit working group. Highlights include focus groups for searching for catalog publications and using ask GPO as a reporting tool, nishiating a pilot program of volunteers to search for publications and conducting interviews to help the working group realize the process of digital deposit. Our next actions will be to send our

recommendations for council, right a final report detailing the work and findings of the group. And sunseting the digdle deposit working group.

Thank you for the updates. We will move on to exploring the durability of PURLs. I will give the brief highlights and what's next. For 2021, the group held three focus group sessions where we solicited feedback from the community about the needs of the PURL for the community. A review of the state of PURLS was conducted for GPO's needs on their side and considerations which will help inform the deliverable for council and also inform potential recommendations as well. Additionally, the lit review which was partly background information was cleared and will be included as part of the report. Additionally, the working group has continued research of persistent identifiers. Another thing that the working group did was there was a creation of a subgroup to draft up identifier principles. One of the things that occurred during the work is that the working group felt we lacked some of the expertise to recommend a specific scheme of the system, however, we did feel we had the expertise to come up with general principles to guide decision making for future systems and this group created a draft of the principles to be included in the report and possible recommendations. Finally, the group has begun drafting the final report which is one of the two deliverables. What is next for the PURL working group? One is to complete and submit the final report to council. Additionally, the group will draft and submit any recommendations to council and finally upon completion of those items, the working group will sunset.

At this time, we will move on to the fourth working group, longterm impacts of Covid-19 on FDL access, collections, and services. I open the floor to Rick.

Thank you. Can you go to the next slide for highlights? The highlights for 2021 as I mentioned in the last session, we formed in June so these are still early days. Highlights have been creating a charge to form the group, establishing membership, gathering materials for a lit review but because the topic is new, there is not a lot published yet. We have begun to identify specific data sources we can use for the study. The most important of which has been drafting any question for the survey. This leads into the what's next at the big project ahead of us is to evacuate data from the survey. Obviously, with the survey being cut off a couple of months, it will be a little while before we get to see the preliminary data from that but that's our next big step. We will reexamine new literature as it is published. And finally, we will produce a report, probably not a final report, for DLC based on our findings for the spring meeting. And that's all I have.

Thank you, Rick. And thank you to all of the working group chairs along with the group members for your hard continued work. At this point, we will move on to council highlights for 2021. I want to point out that this is not everything the council has done but these are some of the highlights over the past year. One of which is we created a working group that we just heard from Rick. The working group were exploring the longterm impacts of Covid-19 on FDL access, collections and services. Additionally, council reviewed and provided feedback to GPO on several different issues and topics, one was the upcoming biennial survey,ditionally, council providing impact on sod, DGD2021 for federal depositories relinquishing designation. Council provided feedback to GPO on regional depausory biBRAERZ online selections. And it also provided feedback for pilot projects. Council held open forums with you and the community. And you and the community have provided valuble feedback to council so we can provide feedback to GPO as needed. We are thankful for all of the information you have provided us. That is one of the things we are very happy and proud of is the interaction of you in the community so we are able to hear you are one of the many voices that makes up the professional community. Finally, I must mention our working groups. They have just done a spectacular job. The digital deposit for working

groups have been working very hard on their reports, their various topics and there have been a significant amount of work on that. The collection of discovery services has done a fantastic job of addressing all sorts of issues that relate to depositories and cataloging, discovery, and any of the many issues that are related to that. And finally, as I mentioned in the opening remarks, while we did have a working group sunset back in the spring, we never seemed to really run out of working groups. When one leaves, one seems to pop up. We look forward to the additional work that will come from the new working group and the working groups that we have. I do want to note that the collections and discovery services is the only ongoing working group as the digital deposit and the PURL working groups are slated to sunset once they complete their deliverance.

So what is next for Council? There are a couple of major things that will be coming up and are very exciting. The first of which will be the submission of working group reports and possible recommendations to council on the various groups. Specifically, digital deposit, exploring durability of PURLs and their alternatives, collection and discovery service working groups, anticipated to finalize and transmit reports to council, most likely before the upcoming spring meeting. Additionally, those working groups will also provide any recommendations to Council that they come across. Additionally, the other what's next for council is going to be the creation of a recommendation to GKS PO for the GPO director or DF OSHS to create a subcommittee, working group or entity to address and investigate potential needs, challenges related to tribal and historically black universities depositories. Another exciting thing that just came out of our business meeting on and council had voted to go forward with it. That's an issue that council sees as important to address.

At this time, I would like to have an open forum with you all in the federal depository community. The Federal Depository Council wants to hear from you. Do you have any questions, concerns or suggestions? Do you have topics or issues that you would like Council to address? There are only 13 of us on council and we don't necessarily or not able to see everything going on. We would love to hear what you all have. So please, put your questions, concerns, suggestions in the chat. We will go ahead and give a few minutes to put those in there. As you put in your comments and questions, we will read those out loud as well. Go ahead and we will give you a few moments to put those in. I see that John hit bingo on his bingo card so congratulations.

So we have a question, will the conferences become hybrid? That will be a question for GPO and I will turn it over to someone from GPO to answer that.

This is Lori Hall from GPO. That's what we continue to plan. We will always have the options of virtual and/or in person. We will record all of our sessions so that folks who can't attend can still hear all of the good stuff that we have to share. So yes, we plan to continue.

Thank you, Lori. Our chat is starting to flow. Give me a moment and I will roll back up. A need for detail beHIEPD the scenes, how to be a government documents librarian, all the things that go into taking on this new role. Amy asked LAURa, are you asking for written or video guides for this? Both, okay, thank you, LAURa. And we will note that Andrea gives a thank you for the hybrid option. From Sean, with the facing out of tangible items, will there be guidance or learning session on withdrawing microfiche collections if that's what libraries decide to do? Not saying that is the plan but just wondering. That will be another one for GPO.

Thanks for that question. We plan on having a webinar to discuss the phasing out of microfiche and tips and tricks and how to handle it with your collection. So that's coming. Check for those scheduling with the academy.

Thank you. And to Laura's question, the coordinator training program is excellent. And Amy concurs there is a coordinator certificate program that is very good. I will not put in the chat but absolutely, the coordinator certificate program is fantastic. It is great for new coordinator and it is great for the veteran coordinators. I know I learned a ton from it. I would encourage anyone who hasn't completed that program to apply when it is available. From Laura, I looked up the videos but a lot was not clear. How do I know what to do in the day to day, what stats to do, cataloging, how do. And Laura, a lot of the coordinator program does help out with that. I would also encourage you to reach out to the FDL community as well. Other coordinators along with the regional coordinator can provide you information as well. This is one heck of a professional community and we are able to help out as well. Lisa points out that the program and there is a LIPG in the chat to use. As Amy noted, please feel free to reach out to your regional and anyone else. Always glad to help anyone. And Ashley has put in the chat, the FDL training repository. And Jamie Haze is the FDL coordinator program will be offered again in spring of 22. And from Gen, she notes that feel free to reach out as she was asking the same questions recently and has also provided a link in the chat. From Rick, there are a number of recent books for new coordinators. I don't want to give specific titles in case I exclude someone but there are great books to help. Yes, that is absolutely, I would second what Rick has said. From Alicia, in addition to microfiche, it would be helpful to better address other formats that are even more obsolete like VHS. I know there are efforts in the past to preserve them but I'm not sure where that stands. This would help.

Thank you. Kathy has put in, I recommend having a text book around and has a Lib Guides text book link in there as well. From Andrea, I would like -- my chat just folded. I would like to see more outreach on the state level from officials and council member. It raises the profile of libraries, for example, speaking at conferences et cetera. From Mary, might consider having a formal mentoring program for new coordinators. Andlery responded there is a program. David Walls is heading up the new project. From David, we have a task force underway to look at obsolete media. Be able to talk more about it. And Alicia, that is great, my apologies if this was mentioned in one of the sessions. From Joanna, someone mentioned about recording the history process procedure. I recommend that. Joanna, could you maybe expand a little more. I applaud YZ if I'm missing a reference going through the chat. And we have another bingo from Bernadette. And nothing really written down, started writing down everything. That does vary from library to library. Some places you have well written notes and some places you don't. So reliance on national colleagues are helpful. There are a number of Lib Guides that provide information for newer coordinators. Such as the calendar content and more and please note there is a link in the chat. From Valerie, a previous session it was mentioned that we need to document procedures. I agree with you on that. We still have a few minutes for you if you have questions and comments. We have more time to hear from you. We love hearing this. It is some of the most -- really helpful for council as well to hear this information. It does help us out. We really appreciate it.

From Valerie, yes, thank you Joanna, that's what I'm trying to explain. Thank you for clarifying.

From Dean, what are the plans for future print documents, I hope we will still receive them. That will be another one for GPO.

I will say something instead of typing. I make a lot of typos in the chat. We plan to continue to send print documents as long as the agencies and congress is still printing them and you all still want to select

them. That's how it works. We will be exploring some of that when we have this new task force on a potential all digital FDL. So up until that time we continue to distribute print documents. Thank you so much, Lori and to echo that, good news, absolutely. I agree that's wonderful to hear. And Amy put into the chat, the FDLP guide for new librarians that has a link. You may want to check out this guide. Or even those who are veterans, you may find some there as well. We still have a few more minutes. So if you can keep the chat comments coming. Any questions or concerns? The only microfiche I receive are the house and senate documents or reports. How do other libraries think they will deal with having the serial set only online? I think that's a very interesting question to answer. If anyone on council would like to to answer, you are welcome to give your thoughts on that as well. For the federal and fdl community, feel free to put in the chat, responses as well.

We did have a couple of responses. Lori says that would be one thing we take into consideration when we start the phase out. Thanks for that. And from Amy, her response is that's how I have you find the serial set for many years since my last library did not have many volumes of the serial set. It was a difficult adjustment but the users liked it better online.

We have a few more minutes. Another one from Amy beth. The library did have the serial set but neither were used except by me. And from Jennifer, currently the serial set are very large. I would like to see smaller pdf files, black and white scans that are more usable. From Suzanne, are there currently any best practices for converting obsolete formats. If not, anyone want to write them? I'm not sure who to turn this over to answer but hopefully someone else can answer that one. And from Vicki, when given a choice of materials online versus microfiche, I have never had people wanting microfiche. Paper and online, there are people who prefer either or. From Arlene, I'm curious if any libraries have requests for printed congressional reports. I don't think I have had anyone unhappy with online access although that may not be true with historical material. That is an interesting question if historic material, if users are preferring the tangible materials. Great question. Lisa has put another helpful guide for the coordinator into the chat. For Jennifer, this is a question from Suzanne, are you having issues with the full volumes or the files with the individual documents? And Jennifer has responded the full serial set volume files are large which is one of the reasons we split into the individual documents or report. It doesn't help that the it only contains a single document. And from beth, one thing I noticed is some of the information is not included such as budget materials in a separate style. From -- I apologize if I mispronounced your name, we get microscan requests even when we offer online. From Phyllis, what about the microfiche titles that are not online? Should we keep them in the selective depository collection? That's one that I'm not the right person to answer that. I'm not sure if there is someone from GPO to answer that question. Valerie's response to Suzanne, I don't know the specifics but I'm guessing there is a lot in the digital literature for these formats. . From Mary, with the trend to e-documents, how will this impact lawyers and others requests to print for legal reasons? That's another one that I'm unable to answer. If anyone on council would like to answer that, I'm happy to let you answer that. From Renee, you rarely get folks doing real research who want the print. Now that we have deselected congressional records and federal register, my plan is to send people to the depository at the law school if I can help them. Some prefer redox print but pdfes are good for searching material. From David, one of the outcomes of the task force on media is how we can provide access to media online such as gov information or point to the site where the agency has migrated or if the item is not recoverable, we would provide guidance on what can be carefully discarded so we can save some copies, moping for a solution when future technology may provide a solution. Jennifer to Suzanne, I think a color scan is more difficult to read than a black and white scan, in reference to the serial set. Kelly to Arlene, we have traditional faculty who want print congressional materials arth than online versions. And from Laura, we keep the microfiche that are not online because they cannot be digatized due to copyright limitations.

And I would respond, we do the same thing at Vanderbilt. We have a comprehensive microfiche collection and we keep it for the same reasons.

All right. We have about 5 minutes left for the community to comment and add any questions or suggestions. Please keep filling up the chat.

The pages are scanned at 8 bit gray scale. Only pages with color ink are scanned in 24 bit color. The digitation specs are available and the link has been posted in the chat. And thank you, Suzanne for providing that. Jennifer says thanks, Suzanne and I will take a look at it. All right. We have a little under 4 minutes remaining for additional comments, questions, anything else from you, the depository community. So please keep filling up that chat.

From Jennifer, who would I contact if I have questions about the serial digitized set? Great, Suzanne. She has provided her email address in the chat. Okay. We are coming up on the last couple of minutes. If you have any burning questions or issues to throw in, go ahead and get that into the chat now. From Arlene, I'm not sure if regionals will meet for tangible collections without a microfiche options. Expectations for regional collections will need to be clarified as microfiche phases out. Thank you for that comment. All right. We have one minute remaining for anything else from you in the community. So put that in if you have anything else.

At this time, I will go ahead and close the public comment forum of the wrap up session. Thank you for all of your questions, comments, information. At this time I will now announce the next depository library council chair who will serve from June 1, 2022, to may 31, 2023. I ask everyone me to join me in congratulating Lisa PRICHered from Jefferson college library, Hillsborough, Missouri. A round of applause. You will do wonderful, congratulations. And now after our -- now that we have announced our chair elect for DLC, I'm very pleased to announce the save the date for the spring virtual depository -- sorry. Spring 2022 depository library council virtual meeting that will take place on April 11 and 12, 2022. Be on the lookout for registration that will open in January. We look forward to seeing you there.

At this time, I will ask if council has any questions or comments they would like to make at this time. And council, feel free to open up your mic to make any comments.

This is Lori. I need to have a few seconds to make a few closing comments or remarks and information for anybody. Is that okay?

Take it away.

Okay. Just a few logistical things for everyone. I just want to take this opportunity from GPO to thank all of you all for presenting, attending, all of the DLC council members and the entire community who came and shared and presented and shared their experience and knowledge are all of us. It was really great two or three days. Just to remind everyone, there is a survey that we always send out, plus a link to all of the recordings. That will come in an email to all of you shortly, please fill out the survey and let us know how everything went, the good, the bad, the ugly. We always learn from it and make changes to the next meeting going forward. Just to let everyone know, we had 855 registrants for the three days. That is probably a really good record. So thank you everyone for finding time in your busy schedules to be with us. Just a reminder, the posters and exhibiting sections are still up. So if you missed any of those, they are able to take a look at. And Kelly wanting to remind all of the bingo winners that we will be

reaching out to you shortly. With that, those are my comments from GPO. And hope you have a safe next week, next day as you go back to your institutions. Thank you for letting me say a few things.

Thank you so much, Lori, we appreciate that. I want to take a moment to thank everyone in the federal depository library community, all of the presenters, all of the attendees, this has been one heck of an experience and one heck of a conference. Thank you all for everything you have done. Thank you to GPO, everything you continue to do. It is an absolute honor and privilege to be a part of this professional community and I am humbled every time I get to be with you all. Thank you all so much for everything you do. I look forward to seeing everyone in the spring virtually and I hopefully look forward to seeing in the not so far future, we may get to see each other in person at some point. Thank you for everything you do. Keep up the wonderful work. At this time, I will go ahead and formally adjourn the fall 2021 federal depository library conference and meeting of the depository library council. Thank you so much.

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