

Conference Kickoff – Transcript of audio

Please stand by for realtime captions. Hello, everyone, thank you for joining us. We will get started in about two minute . Hello, everyone ticket to the fall library conference, Amos Kelly Seifert, before we get started I would like to review if you logistics with you we are recording the entire conference, all registrants will receive links for the recording after the event. They will be amenable in the LPF the training repository on LCC and.gov.

Our event, most of your presenters will be using their WebCam, just what you see here. In order for you to be able to see the slides and the chat box, the WebCam view is condensed to the corner of your screen. In the event you want to expand the WebCam view, click on the little box with the arrows. At any time you can mouse over the bar at the top of the screen and click return to come back to this default view. With that, I would like to welcome our depository library Council chair, Miss Lisa Pritchard, officially calling us to order. The floor is yours, Lisa.

Thank you, Kelly. Hello, it is 12:31, Eastern daylight Time. I would like to call the fall 2022 depository library Council meeting and federal depository library conference to order. Welcome. Would like to welcome you all on behalf of the entire depository library Council, whether this is your first time attending or 50th, we are so glad you took the time to be here. Would like to start off by introducing the other councilmembers. With terms ending in 2023, Jennifer Moore again, Julia Ezzo, Renee Bosman, Vicki Tate, Rick Milkulski. With terms ending in 2024, Valerie Glen, Jennifer Kirk, Richard liked her, Alan Moore a, Amy Quinn. With terms ending in 2025, and beloved Carol, Haley Johnson, Kelly Smith, Robert Mead, Suzanne Caro. These individuals have worked on behalf of the Council, of the LP as a whole and all of us in so many different ways. I know you appreciate their time and efforts as much as I do. Now for a few Council highlights. Since we met last fall deals he members have accomplished a great deal and a few highlights Peter in response to DLC recordation director Helprin Stubbs test force on additional federal depository library program. The scope and pace of the work of this 2020 three member task force which includes deals he members past and present has been remarkable. Reports for sent to GPO from the DLC along with recommendations and commendation for Laurie Hall. Reports included the final report of the digital deposit working group and two reports from the collection and discovery subcommittee. Council also transmitted recommendations commendation to GPO after the spring 2022 meeting. Council will review GPO responses to these recommendations during our business meeting on Wednesday. The long-term impacts of COVID-19 working group completed an initial analysis of data from the biennial survey questions that asked you about pandemic initiated changes that your libraries. This will be ongoing work and you can learn more about it during the session or during the business meeting updates. The unit challenges and underserved populations working group, I think it is a great example of how community interest, questions, concerns can lead the DLC to recommend the GPO look more closely at topics of importance to the community . This working group was formed as a result of broad interest, expressed and the many questions raised during last fall session on historically black college and university and tribal college federal depository libraries. Attend their session or join our business meeting to learn more. In addition to the work by the subcommittee task force, working group members, DLC has, like you, reviewed proposed practice and policy changes, commented on GPO you strategic plan, provided feedback about the national plan and help with the testing and creation of new ways of conducting the LP business. Really our work cannot be separated from the work that everyone in the FT LP accomplishes, always informed by what you are doing and what we are doing in article libraries. I feel this is the real strength of what happens in this program, each of us doing good work with what we have where we are. Whether that work is handing out 1000 copies of the pocket constitution, wow, leading and lengthy expertise in institutional resources to digitizing and preserving government information, teaching, finding and reporting publications, presenting for the FDLP Academy, reading,

cataloguing, making guides or answering request for government information, it is all part of our bigger aspiration what we are all working toward and that is America informed. This years conference includes more time for community presentation, because of last week's preconference that provided important updates from GPO. I am looking forward to the presentations by our colleagues and I hope you will attend many sessions. The populace next with council sessions are back tomorrow and Wednesday. You will have opportunities to share your experiences, connect with and learn from your colleagues, asked questions. This meeting and conference touched on many important initiatives happening at GPO and across FDLP. It is truly and extra ordinary time to be a government information professional. Government information may feel very are everyday as I know it does for some of you. Be part of your duties like it is for me or be something in between. No matter how you contribute, it can feel like there is not enough time to make a meaningful difference, but I hope after these three afternoons, spending time and learning from your colleagues and connecting that you take away is sense that what you do really has an impact. I look forward to learning from all of you, enjoy the conference.

Now we are going to do our traditional show us where you are activity. In a moment you will see a map of the United States. Here are some instructions for you, for participants on a computer, [Inaudible static] in the upper left corner of your screen towards the top of the gray menubar. The leftmost menu option is an arrow that points to the right. You click once and arrow to activate the tool then click on [Inaudible static] wherever you choose. Is the clicking [Inaudible static] once you click it again you will have turned it off. Here is the map, please show us where you are. That is incredible. Quite the tongue twister, council, calisthenics, thank you all for participating. Superfund, it makes me feel more connected, you got up very early, Jane. Somebody up there in Maine, Maine California, Texas, Florida, that is awesome. Very fun. I see familiar names, that makes me feel talking happy. I wish I was there with all of you in person, but this is a good thing. They are still coming, Kelly. [Inaudible static].

I like the ones that move around. I see some councilmembers. I feel like, I don't know, is that looking through? I see Suzanne, I see Jen. People are still coming, thank you. Or just moving around. I love how fast it feels up, also. Hello, everyone. Superfund. This is always a popular activity. Kelly, are they still coming?

[Inaudible static] we will move on to our next poll question.

All right, okay. How many years have you spent government documents? If you want to fill out the poll question, we could get a sense of who you are.

In this case we are not using the pointers, but filling out the poll question that pops up on your screen, thank you. [Laughter].

That was funny.

All right.

You have a few more seconds. To fill out the poll, we could get a sense of the whole group. We would love to hear from first time participants in the chat. Okay, we have poll results, Kelly?

Yes, it is wrapping up. It will display in about 10 seconds.

All right.

People like their pointers, I can see. Let's see, so fewer than five years for many of you. 5-10. We have some people who have been to conference over 21 years, yes. That is very fun, thank you for participating in. Unless council calisthenics what type of library do you represent?

Again, this is a poll question that has popped up. Not using your pointers.

Okay, looks like just a few seconds. Then we will see the poll question results, fun to see the different types of libraries that are represented. I am at a community college. I did not fill out the poll question, but that is where I am. Looks like the majority of you are at academic libraries. Some of you may be preferring to answer with the pointers so there is no answer, but we have some other community college libraries. Law libraries, public library's, state libraries. Thank you all for being here. One more. How many fall FDL conferences have you attended either in person or virtually?

Again, use the poll question function to answer the question, even though the pointer is really fun. I know many of you are anxious for the day when we can meet again in person. Have that sense of community that you all talk about. For those of you who are new, we are here for you. Whether we can meet in person or not. This is a very great community of people who share information and support one another. If this is your first time here, you have got lots of people here to help you. It looks like the poll question will get an answer in just a few seconds. I think that, for sure, is our last calisthenics. My first, while map, a lot of first-time attendees, that is awesome, welcome, welcome. I am glad that I was thinking about my first conference. Wanting to feel included so welcome to all of you, welcome to all of you with all of the additional knowledge, and we are going to move on, kickoff our event. To help us kickoff the event, I'm pleased to share with you a video greeting from U.S. Congressman Zoe Lofgren, Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 1995. She represent the 19th district of California, currently serves on the house judiciary committee, the house science space and technology committee, and the committee on House administration. She has been the chairperson of the committee on House administration since 2019. Also currently chairs the joint committee on printing, which oversees GPO. We are so grateful that she took the time to prepare a few words for us today. Please enjoy.

Greetings to everyone. San Jose, California, home state of 72 depository libraries, including the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. library, San Jose State University. Right in the 19th Congressional District director Halperin, superintendent Matheson, Ms. Hall, share Prichard, numbers of the depository library council, I'm glad to take part in this annual event that celebrates the nation's federal depository libraries. To the members of the federal depository community, I am delighted to speak with you today about what some describe as one of the most important programs of the U.S. government. The federal depository library program. The work you do and ensuring free, equitable, perpetual access to government information is not just commendable, but an important element of success for our democracy. Thomas Jefferson put it best this way. Whenever it the people will inform, they can be trusted with their own government that where everything goes so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights. For our nation to uphold the principles founded on, liberty, equality, justice, to name just a few, we must have a robust and well functioning democratic process. The federal depository library program, each one of you, provided vital and direct link between the public and the information necessary to ensure that our nation people remain well-informed about the work of their government. This work as part of a long and rich history. Since U.S. Government Publishing Office then call the printing office began operating all the way back in 1861. The staff that GPO has produced and distributed countless and important government documents, but it is their strong partnership with nationwide federal depository libraries that is the link and fulfilling their vision of an America informed. Understanding the workings of are to government can be a challenge, but you help bring important government information to light and assist your patrons, fellow citizens to decipher it all. As many of you know, the U.S. government struggled with successfully printing and distributing its information to the establishment of GPO . As noted in the GPO publication , keeping America informed, 150 years of service to the nation and I quote, work often was performed sporadically. There are many examples of incomplete or nonexistent records from early Congress. The original systems of government printing were costly and frequently subject to corruption, public scandal. The story of public printing and the founding in early years of GPO , it is a story of how Congress struggled with different systems of keeping America informed, how GPO, once it began operations, contributed to that responsibility, even in the era of civil war. From those humble beginnings, government information reduction and dissemination has expanded in advance exponentially. At the speed in which the public can gain access to this information is now almost instantaneous. Regardless of any technological advancements, the work you do for your libraries and with your patrons, each day, can't be replaced. I was inspired by some of the testimonies about the FDLP data came across. I would like to share some with you. The highlight the

many ways in which FDLP impacts the American public. One example from the 1990s, Arcadia, California, quote, the Arcadia public library recently had an impact on the life of a two-year-old child. His mother was referred to our library by local officials seeking information on how to locate abducted children. The child's father had kidnapped him from his home in your by couple city, taken him to Iraq. Is a federal depository library, we were able to provide the child's mother with expert resources and sources to identify the names and addresses of government offices in Iraq, names and addresses of warring consular offices in the United States. The connections made through our library federal government depository collection were instrumental in helping her to locate her son. Now from the present day, from the St. Charles city County Library District and O'Fallon, Missouri, quote, our government documents branch specializes in health literacy. We can use our documents to assist with directing people to Medicare answers, government grants for nursing homes, health statistics from CDC, health and human services needed and much, much more. Another demographic we work with is our veteran population, St. Charles County, the home for over 20,000 veterans. I've helped Vietnam veterans exposed to agent orange find federal information that will help them in their medical cases, with the VA. Another from present-day, from Richmond, Virginia, quote, as a Virginia humanities fellow at the Library of Virginia, I was conducting research about the enemies immigrant and refugee experience in Virginia. The library collection of federal records yielded several congressional reports from the mid-1970s. Despite the divisiveness that sometimes characterize the Vietnam era war, these records reveal that members of Congress, regardless of their political persuasion, were united in their empathy about the plight of refugees. I was most taken with the inclusion and federal reports of documentary photographs in life magazine about photographer Swanson who captured images such as Vietnamese children crowded together on their mattresses, long lines of refugees waiting for meals, a woman in the traditional Vietnamese dress, searching a printout for the names of missing family members. It was moving and painted a true picture of a tumultuous time. These stories demonstrate just a few of the ways that federal depository libraries impact the lives of the American public every day. Sometimes in unique ways. In the years ahead, as technology continues to change, I hope to work closely with all of you to ensure the FDLP continues to play an important role in the civic life of Dr. country. I look forward to reading the final report of director Halpin task force on a digital federal depository program when it comes out later this fall. I look forward to working closely with all of you to advance recommendations designed to improve the accessibility of information in this digital age. Another thing to recall, wanting to have access to information on the Internet. It is another thing to have access to accurate information which GPO is known for. I want to thank everyone for every thing you do for are country and important work to ensure that as Jefferson said, quote, the people are well informed. I hope you have a wonderful conference, thank you for letting me be part of it.

I know you all appreciate those words from Zoe Lofgren as much as I do and I know GPO will pass along our thanks and appreciation. Now I'm pleased to introduce to you GPO's director Hugh Nathaniel help in, he is the 28 person to lead GPO since the agency opened its doors for business on March 4th, 1861. President Donald Trump nominated him to be GPO director on October 17, 2019, happy nomination anniversary. And the U.S. Senate confirmed him on December 4, 2019. Prior to coming to GPO, Hugh Halpren held a leadership positions during his 30 years and Capitol Hill. If you have not read his biography on GPO.gov, I encourage you to do so. Without further ado I'm happy to welcome Hugh Halpren to speak with us today .

Thank you for that introduction, thank you so much for having me again. It is always great to catch up with the council, everyone else in attendance. It is great to have chairperson Lofgren join us, tremendous supporter of GPO and the nation libraries . Before I give an update, all initial welcome our new Superintendent of documents, Scott Matheson. Scott officially started at GPO last week, he has been working since we announced his appointment to get up to speed. While he comes to us from the Yale law school library, many of you know him from his prior work with the Council, most recently the

FDLP all digital task force. Scott will have more to say about himself and his plans in a bit, but all of you should note that I am very excited to have him on board. He will continue the strong leadership we have enjoyed in the past. I believe he will bring an unprecedented level of understanding to the issues of the library of community. Also, we should all thank our had about Alysia Laurie Hall. She did double duty as both our superintendent and the head of LS CM for a number of years. While I know he is happy to be down to a single job now that Scott is on board, work reflects GPO's ongoing commitment to the FDLP community and deserves all the accolades coming her way. In terms of an update, let's talk a little bit about what Congress is doing. As many of you know, Congress recently approved a 10 year term for the director of GPL. I believe that is an important step forward in professionalizing this role and ensuring that GPO enjoys consistent leadership. I expect the President to sign the bill in the coming weeks. Senator Blunt deserves a lot of thanks for advancing this important change, as well as chairwoman Clover char, chairperson Lofgren, Congressman Davis for their support for the bill and for GPO . Congress is also working on its appropriations work for fiscal year 2023. The good news is that all of GPO's priorities are fully funded in both the House and Senate funding bills including the full request for public information programs, administered by the superintendent of documents. While we are currently working under continuing resolution, GPO is largely unaffected as only about 12% of the agency funding comes from directly appropriated funds. I am hopeful Congress will complete its work on the spending legislation by the end of the calendar year and there will not be a need for further CR. In terms of what is happening at GPO, you may have seen some recent personnel changes. Notably, I have appointed Steve LeBlanc, he is to head up our secure identification business, as the agency chief of staff. Steve will help bring some of the discipline that served SID so well to our other business units. Similarly I was pleased to formally appoint great E step, as the manager of our plant operations. While I don't think you will notice a lot of external changes, these appointments are all centered on ensuring that our next generation of leadership is ready when the agency needs them. In terms of our priority projects, I am happy to report on the continuing progress on our next-generation composition engine, x pub. X pub recently reached an important milestone when we released a production version for our customers to start testing with their own systems. While I expect our goal development to continue in parallel, I am hopeful that the house and the Senate will deploy X Pub in the first half of next year for the production of bills, resolutions, amendments. It will bring with it an enhanced web-based text display that will be far better than the current plaintext view. Last, I will provide a quip update on the work of the task force on all digital FDLP. As most of you know, last year I established a task force to look at the feasibility of an all digital FDLP, make recommendations on implementation if they thought we should move forward. I gave the task force a broad charge and they are making great progress on delivering a comprehensive report. Right now, they are reviewing the comments on their draft report before it gets finalized and they deliver it to me in December. The task force members deserve a lot of thanks for their tireless efforts. I will have more to say about this after I have read the final report and reviewed their recommendations. In short, GPO is in good shape . We are back at work. Our balance sheet is where it should be. Our customer customers seem happy. Thank you for your support of GPO over the years . We would not have been able to get where we are without you. Thank you again and have a great conference.

All right. Thank you, director Halpern. While my, last time I got to talk you all or with you is when I was Council chair, 2016, 2017. Five, six years ago, quite a while, but my thanks today especially to council for their kind letter, all of you who are Britain, very warm welcome I got to spend a little bit of time at GPO , week before last. Meet some of the staff there as well, it has been a wonderful sort of onboarding, I have been here now a week. I'm supposed to talk my background in history with the program. So I will tell you about that. Then a little bit about where I think we should be headed together as we move our FDLP forward . I got my start in got docs, levers go, when I took what was then still called government publications. Probably how many of us started, but certainly not all. My class was for some reason on

Saturday mornings at 8:30, as I recall. So it took some dedication from this very much. Not a morning person student to show up, learn, but it was a great experience, turned out to be a good investment time. My first library job had depository library coordinator added and, like so many of us after about a year or so I learned quickly about the program and attended the interagency depository seminar, weeklong orientation that was held in the big red brick building in DC, I met the first of lots of GPO staff who I've met over the years who remain incredibly dedicated to our program. Really make it fun. Even my first professional association role was in the government documents interest section of the American Association of Law libraries. From there, over the years I was able to attend DLC, was honored to serve on council. By just incidents and a bit of luck I was actually able to teach government information at the Illinois I school to leverage students for several years. Last year I was asked to several what was then sort of mysterious sounding task force. Now I hope you've all seen and commented on the draft report from the task force on digital FDLP. It has been quite a lot of work . I know the other 22 of us, some very dedicated staff folks have worked very, very hard on it. I have heard from a lot of folks are ready about the draft and where looking forward to finalizing that. So now, I am here as superintendent of documents. Through all of the changes in my professional I, different libraries, different roles, different states, averment information has been a constant. I am so excited to have a part in stewarding the program that has meant so much so many of us and help me to transformation for the future and expand on its storied history. So some thoughts on goals for the FDLP . I have been here exactly one week today so I suspect these will change a little bit over time. The details of how to accomplish them will surely need to be worked out, but it is good to have a destination in mind when starting out so I have got few good roadmaps to start from. We will talk about those briefly. My boss, the director, you just saw, will get the report from the task force on the digital federal library program. In December. After we have incorporated your comments and finishing touches on it, we will have more certainty at that point, but what has made me feel pretty good about the report in the last month or so is that the overall direction and the really important caveats that the task force has identified, don't seem to be surprised to too many folks. We may have some thoughts or different priorities within that, but nothing too surprising. The short, long-term goals identified in the draft all built on collaboration with and support from you, and your libraries. Something that I look forward to working with you on. The other document to consider, something that I am amazed at, the GPO staff, they have just done a stellar work on the recently released strategic plan for the national collection of U.S. government public information. The plan sets out goals for how the collection will be collaboratively built and managed, how GPO can support library partners to provide excellent services, based on the collection, both in print and online. You will get or details in the next session, but I think it is and important document to be aware of, because it fits in with the task force report. Together, they paint a really useful picture on where the FDLP can head. So together they set out goals to build on each other. They recommend new ways for GPO to support your libraries and to suggest new ways for our community to collaborate and ensure permanent, public access to the nation's public information. If he had not dug into the documents yet, that is okay. I encourage you to take time of the next three days to learn more about these plans for the program. And to, both by reading the documents and by attending the sessions, later today you'll hear about the national collection about the national collection service areas, as defined in the strategic plan. Learn about how support services to depositories are increasing and evolving to help preserve and make better use of the national collection. Tomorrow you can learn about GPO's pilot project with depository levers that help to pervert preserve and provide key historic collections. You can see how specific projects that your colleagues are presenting on will build towards meeting the broad goals in the national collection strategic plan. For example, you might hear about how the Government accountability offices library services increasing its description and discoverability of the publications, all of that making the national plan and our improve services possible. So I have I think we mostly share too longer-term goals, those are to preserve today's information for future research centers especially born

digital web published works. We also need to continue to steward our historic print, tangible collections. Also making them widely available. These are not mutually exclusive goals, but they do both need attention. Do both things at the same time. Ideal outcome for our outcome would be providing the support and training needed for librarians to give excellent service to their patrons and the deep collections that we need to support that service. Recently I've seen some libraries may see a trade-off between services and collections. That should not be the case for government information. Together we can meet the goal to have both collections and stellar service, patrons were connected with what they mean and need. So looking ahead, these are ambitious goals. They are achievable. It will take working together, thank you for your comments on the draft report. It would take continued engagement to ensure that we keep moving ahead. I had somebody say they are going to poke at me or, but me a lot. I would say that is your job. Please keep in touch and make sure that we are moving in the direction that makes sense, call out things when you think we are missing them. You will know my email address, S MedicineNet GPS.gov, email me, I will figure out what to do. The next five or more years will mean embracing some changes, while preserving and sharing our history. Saturday morning more than 20 years ago I learned about item numbers and should be less, we had show and tell with trucks of documents and CDs, kits, NASA mission stickers, patches. So there have been a lot of changes are ready. Reading the plans and the reports, we can see there are many more to come. When folks have asked me about my new role, I found myself saying, it will be an adventure. A little vague, but it is true. For meeting GPO staff to talking with you, looking at our sessions and posters for this meeting, it is pretty clear we are on the right track. I know you will join me in working through the changes and the challenge is to transform our program for the future. It will definitely be an adventure. So now. I would like to introduce Laurie Hall, immediate past C dock, current managing director of LSCM for an update up to to thank you, Scott. Welcome everyone, welcome to Scott as well. You know, like you said, Mr. Halpern reiterated, he has only been here for less than a week. Since October 11, when Scott arrived, I am not only when one had to let times as a to the community I've got a couple of hats, but I am wearing one now. That hat is the managing director of library services and content management. For those of you who don't know me or this is your first time to this meeting, basically that title or that position is I manage the day-to-day operations that support those four public information programs that are entitled 44, the cataloging, indexing program. The Federal depository Library program, the international exchange service and the bylaw program. When I was looking at the three day agenda, I was thinking about our last meeting, I was really proud of what we are representing today, what we have accomplished in these last couple of years that have been anything, but normal. It kind of came to mind that one of the key things was how innovative we all have been. You know, we have had the challenges of COVID. We have had situations that we have never even thought we would be able to handle, but we really came up with a lot of creative solutions. We really went, many of us, be on our comfort zones. I have seen that and presentations, and our communications with you, in our on staff at GPO. He really pulled out all the stops to make it happen. We always talk about collaboration. We continue to do that, really well. We come up with these creative solutions. We share ideas, resources to get things done. You know even though we were isolated physically in the last couple of years, wow, we still went outside our physical restrictions and did a lot of collaborative work that really helped all of us advance, keeping America informed. One of the other key things that I really want to thank everyone for is their service. You know, you served your students, your faculty members, people on campus, you served your library patrons coming in the door. You helped and assisted people coming to you virtually. You chatted with them, you answered reference questions when the library doors were closed. We also can see today and some of our presentations, you really took an extra effort to try to reach out to those folks who are often hard to reach, who have special needs, special or live in special communities that are in the middle of nowhere, have access problems. This community, this FDL community really did go above and beyond. I want to really thank you all for those, the efforts, you've done in the last couple of years. I'm

really looking forward to hearing about a lot of those things, your innovation, your collaboration and your service, think that you will talk about in these next couple of days. You know what, I think still is important, that you guys continued to carry out. You have got these people, your patrons, and your communities, you have got them the information that they needed, to increase their understanding of our often complex government structure, let's be honest, and you help them navigate that vast amount of information that is out there. I think that is really, really critical and important. It is truly amazing, all that we have accomplished. We did not think we would. So I also want to say that the LSCM staff has worked very, very hard as well. We provided lots of opportunities for collaboration with you throughout this event. I hope you will be willing to share your thoughts, your input in the chat. Chat with your fellow attendees in the chat box as well. You know, sure your photos, to us on social media, participate in those snaps with council. Be part of the conference. I also want to thank all of you who was able to join us last week for the FDLP preconference. It was the first preconference, this was a new experiment. There is very limited time. We wanted to have as many agency presentations and DLC presentations, and community presentation so we decided to try having the preconference where we just talked about what is going on in LSCM. I think it went really well. There was a survey out so we would like to hear your ideas. It also gave us an opportunity for you to meet some of the LSCM staff, here what they are doing, who they are. You make it a response from someone in LSCM, but you may never have seen them. We have not been at conferences, we have that traveled very often. There is new faces in LSCM. We are looking forward to hearing your comments about our preconference. We would like to do it again, if that works for everyone. You can see the recording if you could not attend. It is [that@theLP.gov/training](https://www.theLP.gov/training). So if you were not able to attend October 12, it is recorded so I also talked about the survey so please give us your comments. There also is LSCM update Honda, available under the conference webpages under handbooks and slides. Handouts and slides. You can also download all of those PowerPoint presentations, all our conference information, any of the handouts there on the main page on [fdlp.gov](https://www.fdlp.gov). We are also please to bring back our virtual poster, exhibitor galleries, both accessible from the conference webpage. If you have not visited the galleries, please do. All lots of good information there, lots of information about collaborative projects, efforts, initiatives and our community, to get government information out there to everyone who is interested. It is a rich, rich history of information. So please take a look at those. Of course, this year we have to do something fun right. We are continuing to do our conference bingo. Just keep your conference bingo card, nearby, for the duration of the conference. If you experience something on your card, check it off. Poster completed bingo card on social media with the hashtag FDL conference and take at USD PO, five attendees who get their ego selected at random will get an FDLP promotional prize, yes. With that, I would like to hand the ball back to my new boss, Scott Matheson, he will introduce another conference tradition. Scott, take it away.

All right. Thank you, Iari. As one of my first official duties as the new superintendent of documents, I am honored to present the Federal depository library of the year award. 2022. This annual tradition offers honors when exceptional federal deposit labor for their authority efforts throughout this year. I am pleased to announce that the Indiana State Library has been awarded this years honor. This library began collecting federal documents when it opened in 1825. The collection has been growing since that time. This regional depository library supports 29 selected depositories in Indiana, under the direction of depository coordinator rent Opera Combi, library director Jacob Spear. The Indiana state library is a natural choice for this award. They produce a wildly successful government information day conference, free biennial conference for librarians interested in learning about government information resources, improving information literacy. In addition, the staff at the Indiana State Library preservation and outreach initiatives. They provide access and instruction to the entire state from schoolchildren to adults. Their efforts to improve awareness of and literacy and government information are both creative and inspired. For example, the government information minute is a biweekly post on topics and

resources related to government information in Indiana state library weekly news library. Their Indiana federal documents website run and maintained by Mr. Abercrombie was created to aid new government library library and and and one incident information. Include several guys, resources, blogs all related to government information. In addition, deliberate serves as a preservation story the pledges to preserve their collections, official Gazette of the U.S. patent office, public papers of the Presidents, acts of Congress, statutes at large, various oversized titles. Stuff that is hard to keep. These are just some other many reasons we selected Indiana state library as this years honoree. At this time I would like to welcome Jake Spear, library director at the Indiana State library, regional depository coordinator for Indiana, Mr. Brent octave Combi, Stephanie Asbury, and Miss Marsha Caddell to accept the award. Good afternoon, good morning to Psalm, thank you very much for this award, we are truly honored to receive this award from the government printing office. We are more than thrilled to receive this, recognize a lot of hard work that staff and others have done here at the Indiana State library. As you mentioned we have been a state agency since 1825, coming up on almost 200 years of providing federal governments for the citizens of Indiana. We will continue on, so happy to partner with the government printing office, their tremendous partners was, support of this program. Thank you on behalf of the Indiana state library. Turning it over to director the program, Brent Abercrombie for a few words.

Thank you, thank you to GPO for this award . I would also like to thank our administration here Jake Spear, Stephanie Asbury, for their continued support of our government documents collection, encouragement and hosting our government information day conferences. They both see the value and importance of government documents and government information. Thank you to both of you for your continued support. I would also like to thank the great team that we have here at the Indiana State labor who work with our federal documents collection included my supervisor, Marsha Caddell, my colleagues Katie Springer, data library, Kate McEwan, reference librarian. They are both tremendous and energetic in promoting government documents for our patrons here. In Indiana. Also want to give special thanks to our staff the kind of work behind the scene, cataloging department led by Jocelyn Lewis. I went to particularly thank shall Fenton, who has answered my questions for me than I can count. Tremendous resource she is, here at the state library. Most importantly, I would like to thank our library wise old man, though he is not old..Conrad, he has been working here at the state library, working with our federal documents collection for over 45 years. He is truly our library historian, just a tremendous, tremendous resource for everyone here at the library. If it was not for all of the work that Doug, my predecessors have done, we would not be here to accept this award. Again, I just want to thank GPO for this award and recognition . We truly appreciate it. I hope everyone has a wonderful conference, thank you.

Excellent. Congratulations once again to the Indiana State library, 2022 Federal depository library of the year for your amazing work. All right. Now I will hand it back to Miss Lisa Pritchard, DLC chair, who will closeout the kickoff session. Lisa?

Thank you, Scott. Thank you. This concludes our kickoff session for the fall 2022 depository library conference and depository library Council meeting. We hope to see all in the sessions. You're welcome to join us at the business meeting. We really happy you're here. Enjoy the conference. Kelly?

Thank you, Lisa. We will now have a brief break. At 2 p.m. Eastern, regular programming begins. We are running one session in this room, the other in room B. Please refer to the referral for the session. If you're staying here for GPO national collection section, you can stay right where you are. Thank you.