

DLC Business / Recap & Closing – Transcript of audio

Hello everyone and welcome back for the final session of the spring virtual meeting. This is that DLC business meeting and closing session. With that, onto you, Lisa.

Thank you, Kelly. This is a continuation of the meeting we began yesterday. We recognize that we had quite a few things to cover, so we did split that up, I hope, into even parts. We will begin with a very important working group report. Then we will move on to accommodation that we already have ready to go from DLC. We will have the a time where you can ask questions or provide comments. Our new chair will talk about the new officers, new councilmembers and the all meeting. Someone asked about that in the last session. We have a few words of the superintendent of documents. The quick survey we hope you will complete and we will say goodbye. We will get started with the working group reports. The first working group and subcommittee report is from the collection and discovery services subcommittee. Jennifer, are you providing that?

No Valerie is the chair now.

Valerie, I'm sorry, my apologies, Valerie, forgive me, go ahead.

It's quite all right, Lisa. Hi everyone. A bit about the collection and discovery services subcommittee. We address and provide programming for issues related to cataloging/metadata, technical services and collection management and to serve as a sounding board for the library technical services unit. Our current membership going through the end of this month is myself as chair. Susan is secretary. Members from the depository library Council. Richard, Jennifer, Kelly and Vicky . Representatives from GPO include Cynthia, Stephen, Jen. And to members at large , Michael and will. Just to recap some of the activities for the past few months. You may have heard in last week's pre-meeting GPO mentioning CRS policy terms and catalog records for congressional publications. That's in the example of issues that GPO brought to the subcommittee to review and discuss and recommend that GPO pursue that. As we transition from a working group to a standing subcommittee of the Council, we spent a lot of time on organization governance work related to that transition. We are pretty much well set up to continue the work of the subcommittee moving forward. For this meeting, we presented the program yesterday at FDLP 101, collection management basics. We got good feedback on that for those that attended. Thanks for letting us know you appreciated the work. And the updated charge and link from previous slide is available on the Council section of the FDLP website. Now next steps. Our to community members are rotating off of the sub committee at the end of this month. We recently released a call out. Jen beat me to it. We are currently recruiting to new members from the community for the sub committee. The term will last for two years, beginning June of this year going through May of 2025. There is information in the announcement. We asked people to submit a statement of interest and experience. My email is in the announcement. I will put it in the chat. If you have questions about work in the subcommittee, if you'd like to do that before a official statement of interest. I'm happy to answer questions. In our meeting in June, we will select a new chair. That's where we are now. The next group is Renee, exploring the durability of FDLP PURLs . Our summary is to investigate the durability of PURLs and their alternatives and to counsel for the recommendation. Our working group is made up of depository library Council members and GPO staff and depository community members, as well. We are finishing up our final report. We have been continuing to meet weekly, as of late. Even though the report isn't finished, we have recommendations to bring forward to counsel today. Our first recommendation is to adapt the principles outlined in the report. Share with counsel ahead of time. The working group recommends

endorse the principles. And further recommend transfer into GPO with recommend to adopt. Recommendation two, provides context on this one. Part of the working group, we can get focus group sessions for members of the depository community last year. And it was evident that there needs to be additional training regarding PURLs and use. As a depository member. I know links in the catalog but I don't know all the back and of all of that. We are recommending to GPO that training be offered on PURLs. Using the library report profile how it can be used to promote government resources and features in GPO for graphic reference that relates to PURL. What coordinators do day today with PURL. That's the second recommendation coming out of the report . We will complete the final report to DLC. If we are able to adopt the recommendations, we can move before that. When that is all done we will form the working group. I will pass it on to Rick.

The impact of COVID-19 for services. The working group will examine practices, policies and procedures enacted by FDL's since March 2020 has adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it will assess long-term impact of these efforts at the institutional and national level. Long-term input locations.

There's a request for you to speak up a bit.

Sorry, is this better?

Yes, thank you.

Excellent, sorry. The working group members here. I will thank them all further work on this. Much appreciated. Our activities for 2022-2023. We examine and organize qualitative and quantitative data collected from the survey. Thanks to the community for entering those. We've been continuing to test teams as a potential communication Ford GPO. We created written summaries to highlight and examine qualitative responses. One thing I'm pleased with his we created a readable data file. Our script that will allow the members of the community to analyze data the, themselves. In addition to the write up, we want to make it easy for those question the data, as well. Currently drafting a white paper for GOP end DLC with a summary of the report with suggestions on how this group will move forward with future surveys. Our next step is to complete the report which we are currently working on, and make it and the supplemental files in the data file and the script available.

Okay great I guess I'm next.

Yes, we can hear you. I'm not sure if my camera is on, as long as you can hear me. Thank you everybody. I'm going to report on the unique challenges and federal depository working group our charge was to study and recommend possible solutions for federal depository libraries and we expanded this to other FDL's that had unique challenges. It impacts the ability to have tangible and digital depository resources. Our goal was to deliver them to the director, by March 31st. We have unofficial word I believe that the report was read and one of the recommendations was to continue the working group into next year. I believe that will take place. Go to the next slide. These are the working group members. I believe Renee, Jamie and Jennifer are rolling off. I want to thank them and everybody else for their hard work in putting this together. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge will for getting the ball rolling the year before last. And Risa Lisa the was instrumental on keeping this on track. As far as our activities. We started by looking at the biannual surveys just to gather some, I guess, baseline challenges that some of the libraries may be facing. We decided to expand that a little bit. We did a survey of about 500 FDL libraries that fell into the different categories that we were able to identify. We started by looking at the I affinity focused institution and soon realize there's other libraries. Community college libraries that we

wanted to include. That was included in the report were we made recommendations that the demographics we identified be made permanent and be part of what the DPL looks like when they are making recommendations and improving services. Again we requested though working group be turned into a standing committee. Waiting for a standing committee. We got a green light to move forward to another year. We did have a program yesterday on speaking my language and providing government services in multiple languages. That came about from some of the responses we received in the survey. We got 92 responses. 18% response rate. One of the things that bubbled to the top is the need to transfer this information into multiple languages. The speaker focused on Spanish yesterday. But we realize there's other languages that people need to have information in. One thing that did come about. A lot of the government agencies have a way to translate their information into Spanish and a couple of other languages. A lot of that is general information. Legal information, the lock, was only available in English. There is a need to make that available in multiple languages. Next slide. What we want to do is develop focus groups to gather more detailed information, study the segments of the FDL that we identified that represent demographics. Further goals and recommendations that come up with benchmark's to gauge success in meeting our goals. I think that's it for me. I will pass it back to Lisa is it?

Yes, thank you, Alan. No need to pass. Kelly has it, but thank you very much.

We don't always have a commendation ready at this point in our meeting. Sometimes it comes after the meeting. We had one ready in February, after the task force report was released. I will read you the accommodation and that will be formally transmitted after the spring meeting along with the recommendations that came out of the Pearl group and recommendations that came out of the unique challenges and underserved population working group. I will read our accommodation. The 2022, 2023 depository library counsel, commands the members of the task force on the digital federal library program further work on the feasibility of the federal depository library program. The report of the GPO directors task force. This report and Reppert recommendations represent a year of accelerated collaboration, research and outreach by a cross-section of individuals committed to providing information to the American public. When we transmit our commendation, you will be able to see, once it's made public, the justification for the accommodation. 2023 began with this report. 2022 was consumed with the work and the creation of this report. We definitely wanted to make sure that everyone involved in that was commended for their thoughtful and hard work. This is an opportunity. Applause, thank you Charlie. For you all to ask us questions. Are there questions on anything we presented during the business meetings or any point during the working group reports from the community. Anything you want to ask us and be the person that stands at the microphone and asks the question that everyone has on their mind. Thank you, Gwyneth. Is a great community. If someone sees a question, could you help me out? Oh, I see, yes, Sherry said she was grateful to serve on the task force, thank you. We will be commending everyone. Fellow DNC members and every group that worked on that. It was a big effort. One observation the excellent facilitators of staff made it possible for us to accomplish a lot of work quickly, that really made a difference. Thank you for that. In serving as a community representative to the DLC Pro working group, I find we have a hard time staying on the complex and we've missed self-imposed deadlines. Can DLC consider whether to recommend facilitation for the working groups in the future. All of that I'm reading from Sherry, is that correct? Can someone help me out there?

Yes, that was from Sherry.

We will take that into consideration and discuss that. Any counsel, can you provide comments?

This is a me.

Thank you, Amy. I understand what Sherry is saying, but GPO does provide coordination facilitation for all the work groups. At least one member of GPO on every working group, usually more. With the task force, there were several members on every one of the GPO working groups. The self-imposed deadlines were hard to meet, sometimes. We can consider more. I think we can discuss more. But I think GPO is already doing a lot. That's my perspective. We can certainly consider and discuss more. I'd love to hear what other councilmembers have to say.

This is Jen. It's noted and needs to be discussed for the working groups to set expectations or agree to expect Haitians ahead of time in convening and supporting the group. Point taken, thank you for sharing. As a councilmember on the task force.

One thing I interpreted from Sherry's request that there were dedicated facilitators from the staff. It was different from a lot of our working groups. GPO members are also involved in the discussion groups. I agree if there is focus on specific deadlines and capacity, that's something to pay attention to moving forward.

I understand now, I have the clarification.

Can I ask a question. Maybe other people who were not on the task force might share. I think the timing, the task force charge and convening of the task force by the director had an asserted deadline and dedicated resources from GPO. I think that took a lot of work. I wonder if some of the other. Maybe that was part of it. Someone from GPO can help out at explain. A lot of time and energy and resources went into the task force from my point of view. That's not always going to happen. That could be a once in our lifetime task force but perhaps I'm not reading that that correctly. GPO want to comment?

You are not wrong that it was a big lift to provide that level of support for the task force. However, as Amy pointed out, providing support to the working group in some ways. We should adjust that support or tweak the support we are able to provide. That is something we can consider. I think it's a fair question.

Thank you, Scott. Any other comments or questions about that? I feel like there was a lot of good discussion on the topic. It will be considered by this and the next counsel. Sherry said yes, thank you. Also, the difference between a facilitator and subject matter expert. Any other questions or comments from the community? Anything else you want us to bounce around or consider. Anything happening in your library so you want to hear from other folks. Any challenges you are facing? We have a little bit of time before we have to move on to the next agenda item.

Lisa, did you see Charlie's comment?

I did not, thank you for helping me.

She is concerned about selective participation in the face of increasing digital demands in lined with institutional goals.

For clarification do you mean select depositories? You are concerned about selective depositories continuing in the program? Charlie said yes, thank you for clarifying.

Are there in a is selective's out there that want to chime in in the chat why you want to continue in the program, what the value is to your community? Outside users on campuses. With so many federal depository libraries located at academic institutions, it creates an access issue. We need the selective and public libraries to open up. Anybody out there that's a selective that wants to give ideas about that?

This is a me. I will throw out that I will look at in a community as a future student and or donor to my library. Government information as a way to reach out to them. There's nothing the government doesn't talk about, that can't help that potential user. That's how I market it to them.

Thank you, Amy, thank you for that. The only community college with the depository library collection and services and staff are trained to provide them. I feel a strong commitment for the program a whatever form it takes. That's from my small library that serves as a public library in a rural, suburban area. Can someone help me read the chats? Anybody out there looking at the chats as they are scrolling?

This is Jan, folks are sharing their different institutional policies toward and how they've advocated for public access. A James Wright's he has public access with legislative requirements. A private university but we bailout public users in the library. Another one allows borrowing when they are open. And also physical and computer network while in library. Rob shared about court libraries. Court libraries need to continue access to the law and primary resources in print and retain them. Suzanne question whether the access to the catalog or other electronics prevail. It's providing to access through the Internet.

Thank you, Jen. Thanks for all the good comment. I did neglect, before we move on. If there are questions or comments about our accommodation or recommendations. We want to make sure that we formally moved to approve those, at least in spirit, even if we don't have the exact language down for recommendations. If there's comments or questions about those from the community. I like to hear those. If not, I would entertain a motion by councilperson to approve those.

This is Rob, I moved to approve.

Thank you.

Second.

Allen's second. Any other discussion? Comments or concerns about that? Hearing none, we can approved by unanimous consent. Thank you members of the working group for those recommendations. A lot of work went behind them. Thank you to the task force. We are happy we can commend your work. That will conclude this part of the agenda. I'm going to pass this over to Jen Kirk, our incoming chair. She will talk about the 2023-2024 counsel.

, Thank you Lisa. I want to extend my thanks to Lisa and Renee as our leadership , chair and secretary as well as Vicky and Jennifer and Rick I think. I'm missing one. For terming off this year. Thank you for your service on counsel. As we saw from the presentation earlier today, counsel, your service has impacted us for decades. As we move into the 2023-2024 counsel. I will be joined by our new secretary Hayley Johnson. Of those that are new or don't track the calendar as closely as members do. Our counsel year begins on June 1st. We are in the last month of the current counsel. Hayley and I will begin our term officially on June 1st. We will help Lisa and Renee transition over the next few weeks. Congratulations

Hayley, thank you for the service on counsel. I'd like to recognize our new members. Their term will run from 2023-2026. I welcome our new colleague, Angela at Illinois State University. Sara at University of Florida. Joshua at Colgate University. Angela at Houston public library and Glenn University of Hawaii at Manoa. Welcome to all the councilmembers. You will hear from current counsel shortly to bring you into the orientation and welcome you aboard. My next thing is the upcoming depository library Council meeting will be held October 16th through the 18th this year. It will be virtual. We will welcome all of the colleagues virtually, as well as the public. Thank you for all of the ideas of what to do. Feel free to reach out to counsel if you'd like to suggest things to focus on. Welcome. Now I will hand over to Scott to talk about continued engagement from --.

Thank you, Jen. Thanks for counsel all the work you have done. Some are serving on the task force of FDLP. It's been a very busy year and we appreciate all your extra effort. Thanks for including the great session 2 on the history of the DLC. It's a reminder of the important work that counsel has done over the last 50 years. We can be inspired and carry the work forward as we work together on the changes coming to the program. I want to thank all of you for participating during this spring meeting. We will see you in the fall. Stay tuned for spring 2020 for details. We hope to meet in person and enjoy the benefits of the University meetings. A lot of them were recalled by Chad and participants, we will make sessions, if in person, available for viewing virtually, as we have in the past. The next slide has -- did we go backwards or forward? Forward one more. Okay, back, sorry. This is the fault dates. Before then, we will be at ALA next month. We will see you in Chicago the end of June. Bring your friends and better, your coworkers. If you would like, we will have a room where you can join us for updates, office hours, informal discussion. Folks are setting up focus groups, as well. There may be sign-ups for that as we are trying to gather specific information about changes that are coming and working on planning. All of that is on Saturday, the first Saturday, June 24th. We will have a separate room. Many will be at the meeting. In July we will be in Boston, a few of us with similar up dates. We look forward next winter to the public library association meeting. We were at ACL this past winter. Those meetings alternate. We hope to hear from you. All of these meetings including your regional meetings, nationals collection service is great for us to update you. It's important you hear from us. But, what we really need, especially these days, to hear back from you and your colleagues in behalf of your patrons, what is working, what ideas we are talking about that might be problematic or tweaked to work better in your library. That will be important for us going forward. Finally, now the next slide, thanks to our departing councilmembers. They have given us three years of focused work, and one of them four years, to make our focus better. In the fall, when we call out for nominations, think about serving, yourself or the sub committee working group. There is 10 days left to apply to work with those folks if you are interested in that. Please do consider serving and talk to these folks about how much work it is, it really is, that how much you can get out of it and how much you can bring to the program and colleagues. Special thanks for Rick with an extra year. Renee, Jennifer, Julia, Vicky and outgoing chair, Lisa Pritchard. I've been there, I know how much work it is. Tanks for leading this very productive counsel group and a great year. Thank you all. Kelly.

Thank you, Scott. I'm here to give you a reminder of what's to come. Tomorrow, you will receive an email from me with links to the recordings. All of the archived information and a link to the survey. If you've joined us in the past and paid attention to survey results, we truly do look at the survey and collaborate among the GPO staff about what you have to say and take those suggestions moving forward. We are starting to plan for fall conference, we will examine those results. Ashley is putting it in the chat, you will receive it again tomorrow. Let us know how we can improve things for the future. Stay tuned for all the recordings made available tomorrow and your email. Thanks everyone. Lisa.

Thanks, Kelly. I would also like to take a minute to thank the entire depository library Council for their work this year. Here they all are. The working groups and of the committee, subcommittee, this is where the task force, all of the difficult work occurs. I'm here to present it to you. These are incredible people with so much knowledge. They never hesitated to answer with seriousness and kindness, even my silliest questions. To thank you all, I would especially like to thank those members finishing their terms and wish them well. I'm impressed by the awfulness and care of all the DLC members and all the members of the government information community. You all ask good questions and raise concerns and response in a myriad of ways. I see hundreds of people working to improve the program for all of us. It GPO needs a strong DLC to make that FDLP a reality. Like we heard in the session today, we can't solve all of the problems, but we can make improvements if we work together. We can make improvements in the communities if we work with a sense of hope that it will get better. That concludes the spring 2023 meeting of the depository library Council. It is now adjourned, we will reconvene on October 16th, 2023 in conjunction with the library conference. Remember to take the survey, thank you all very much, have a good afternoon.