

# Managing FDLP Digital Publications in Your Library Catalog: Survey Findings

A Program of the Depository Library Council's Collection & Discovery Services Subcommittee

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# Attendee Poll #1:

Did you complete the CDSS spring survey?

- a. yes
- b. no, but someone else in my library did
- c. no
- d. not sure





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# Overview: Impetus for the Survey

Managing catalog records and discovery of digital Federal Depository Library Program publications are topics that often raise questions and concerns.

The transition to a digital-first FDLP makes these issues more pressing. To respond in spring 2024, the Depository Library Council's Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee (CDSS) conducted a survey that addressed these issues.

# Overview: Process

After analysis of the data, CDSS members shared observations with one another and began drafting findings that informed our recommendations.

CDSS will formally submit the report and recommendations to Council for review and consideration.

# Overview: Session

The session will provide:

- a brief overview of the survey methodology and demographics
- recommendations for actions and next steps that may be taken to assist depository libraries with digital collection development and management
- Q&A



# Methodology

## Background

Managing catalog records and discovery of digital FDLP publications continue to be topics of concern among depository coordinators and served as the impetus for the CDSS survey.

## Goals

The survey instrument was designed to understand library practices, needs, and underlying issues to determine what actions CDSS can take to help depository libraries with digital collection development and management.

# Methodology

## Population

CDSS invited respondents to complete the survey and to share the survey link with others in their respective libraries who work with FDLP publications.

## Timing

The online survey was open from March 14, 2024 to April 8, 2024.

After the survey deadline, it was announced that CRDP and MARCIVE, Inc would both cease as of December 31, 2024.

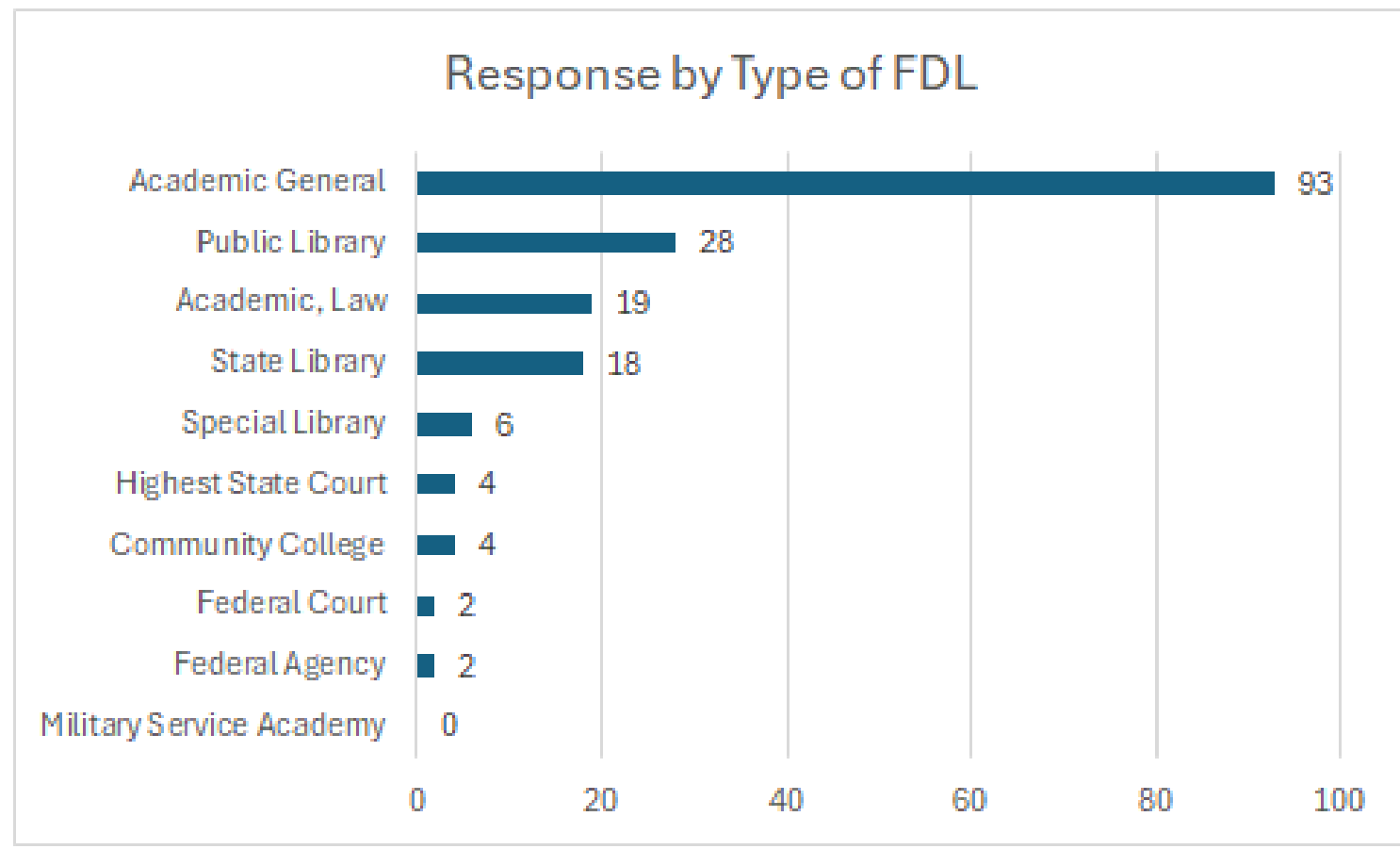


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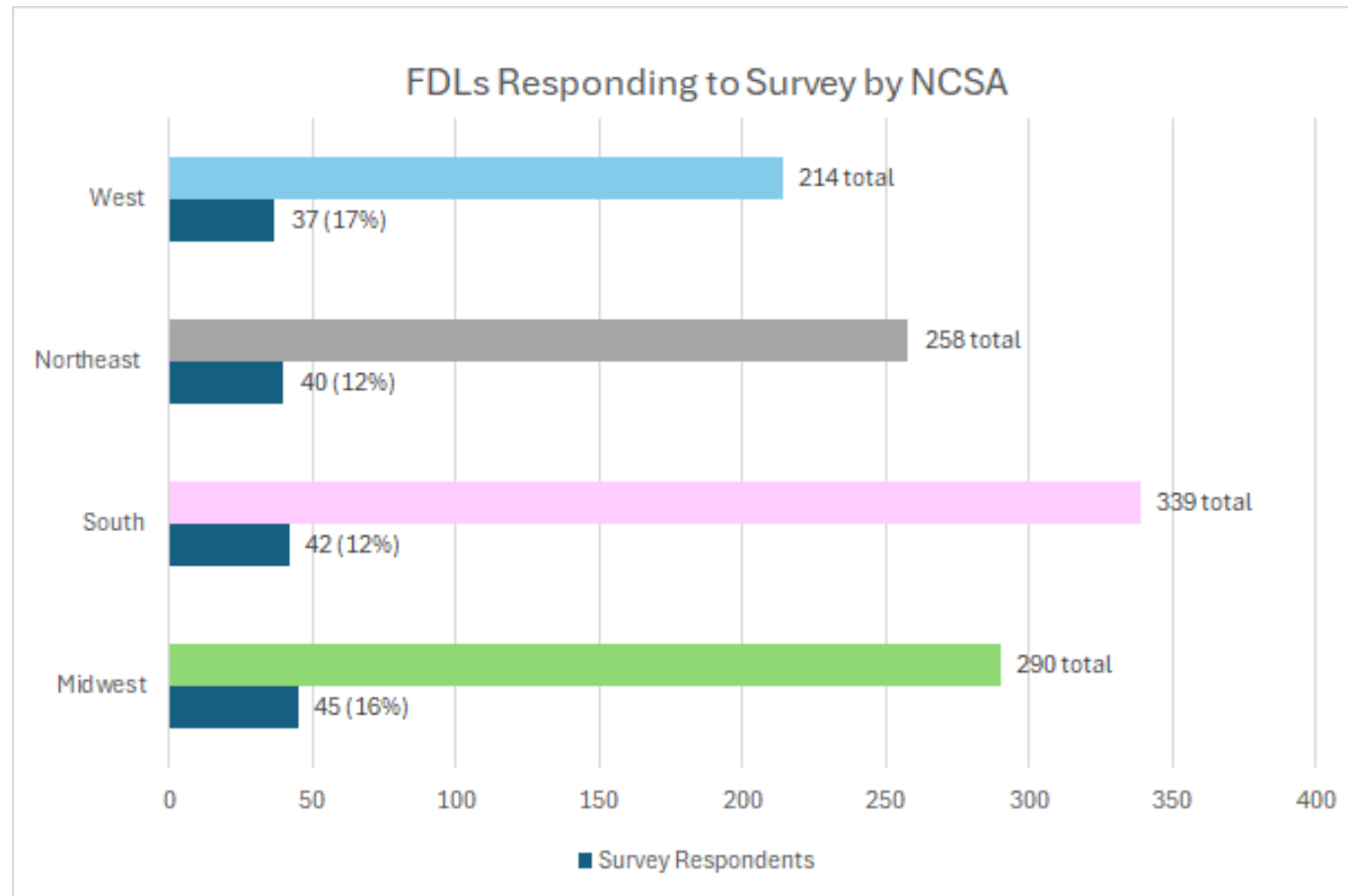
## Content

- Data for this study was collected via a survey distributed through an FDLP News & Events announcement sent March 14, 2024.
- The call for survey participation was also posted via the GOVDOC-L listserv.
- The survey included a total of 14 closed and open-ended questions.

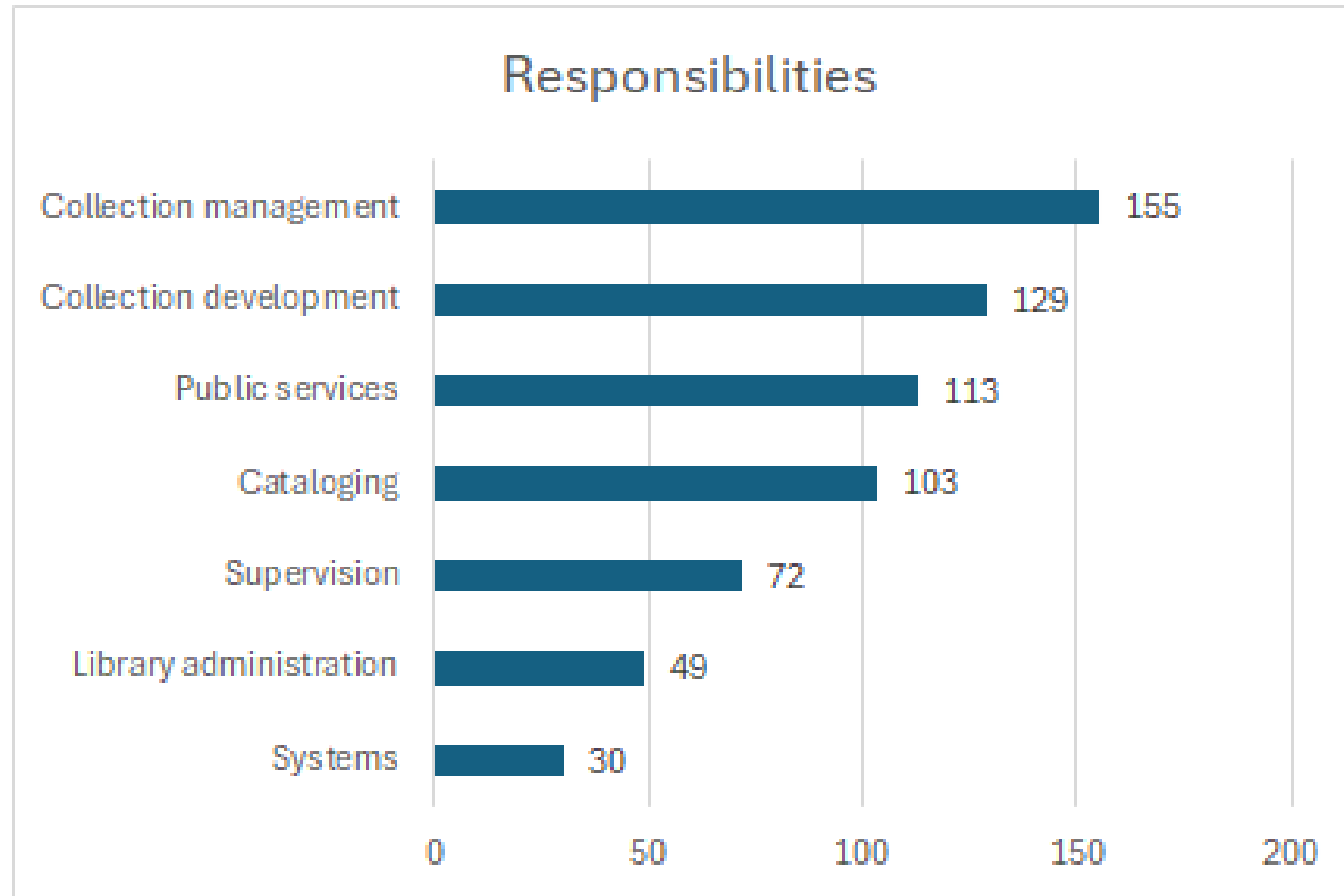
# Demographics: Respondents (*n*=176)



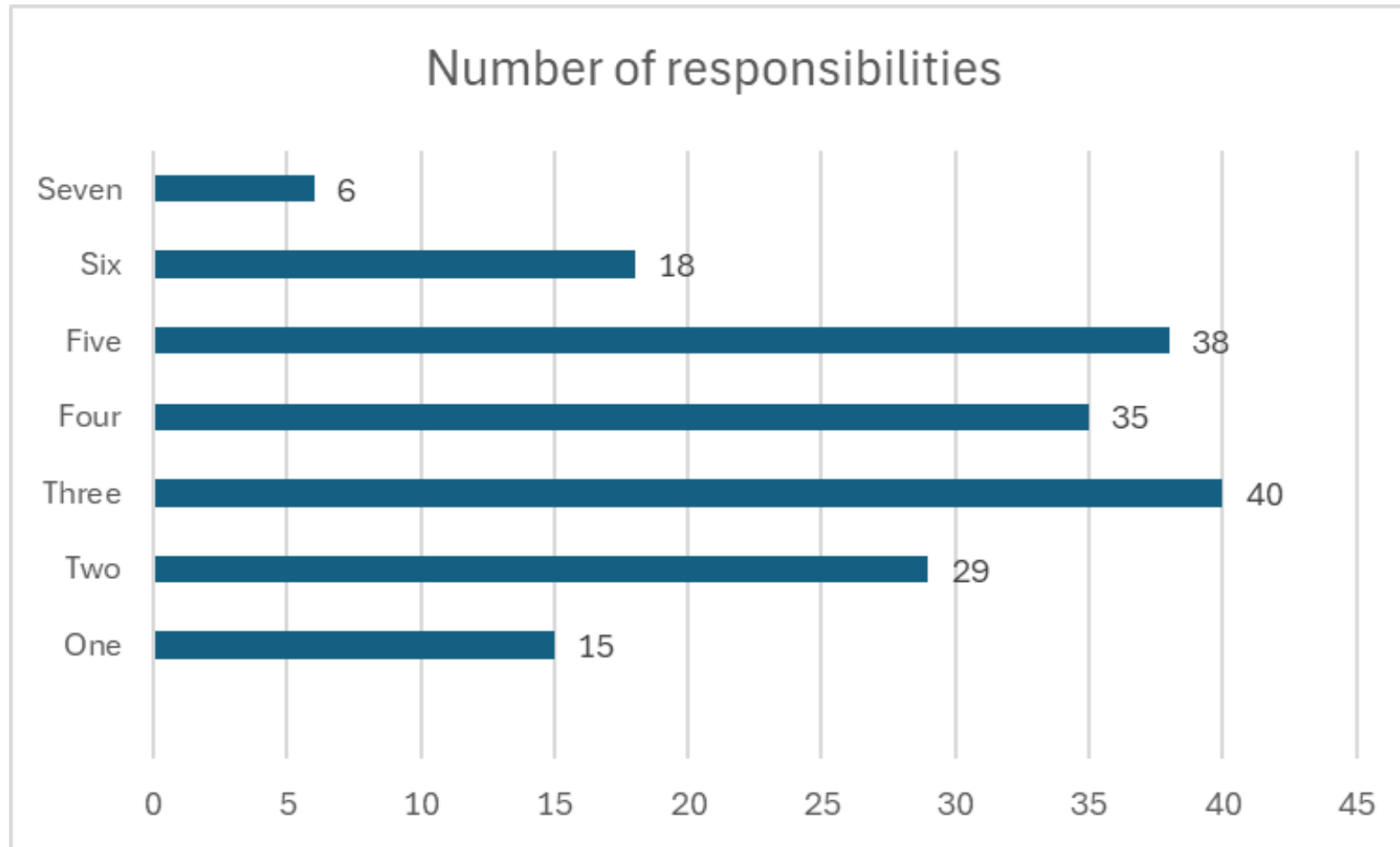
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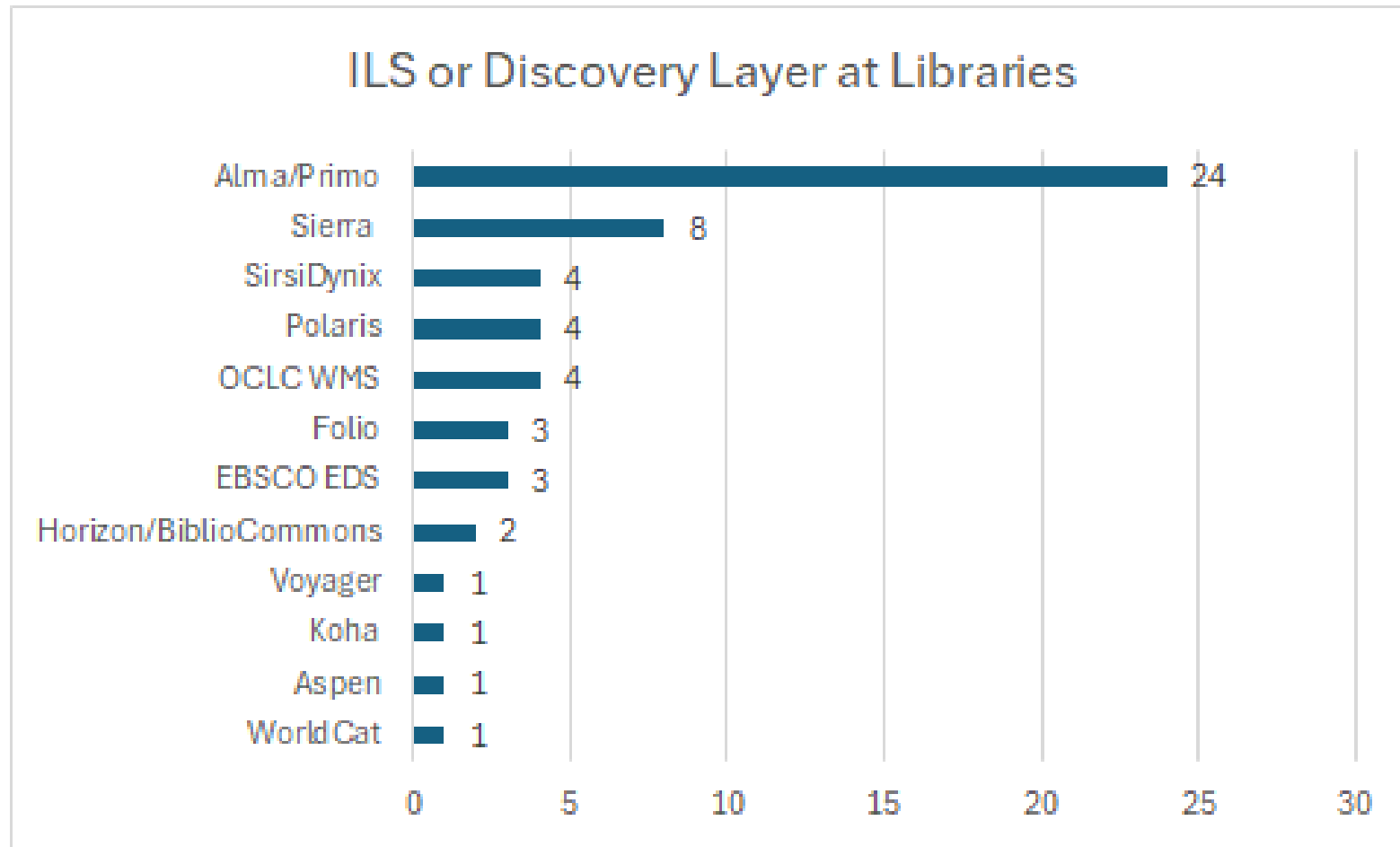
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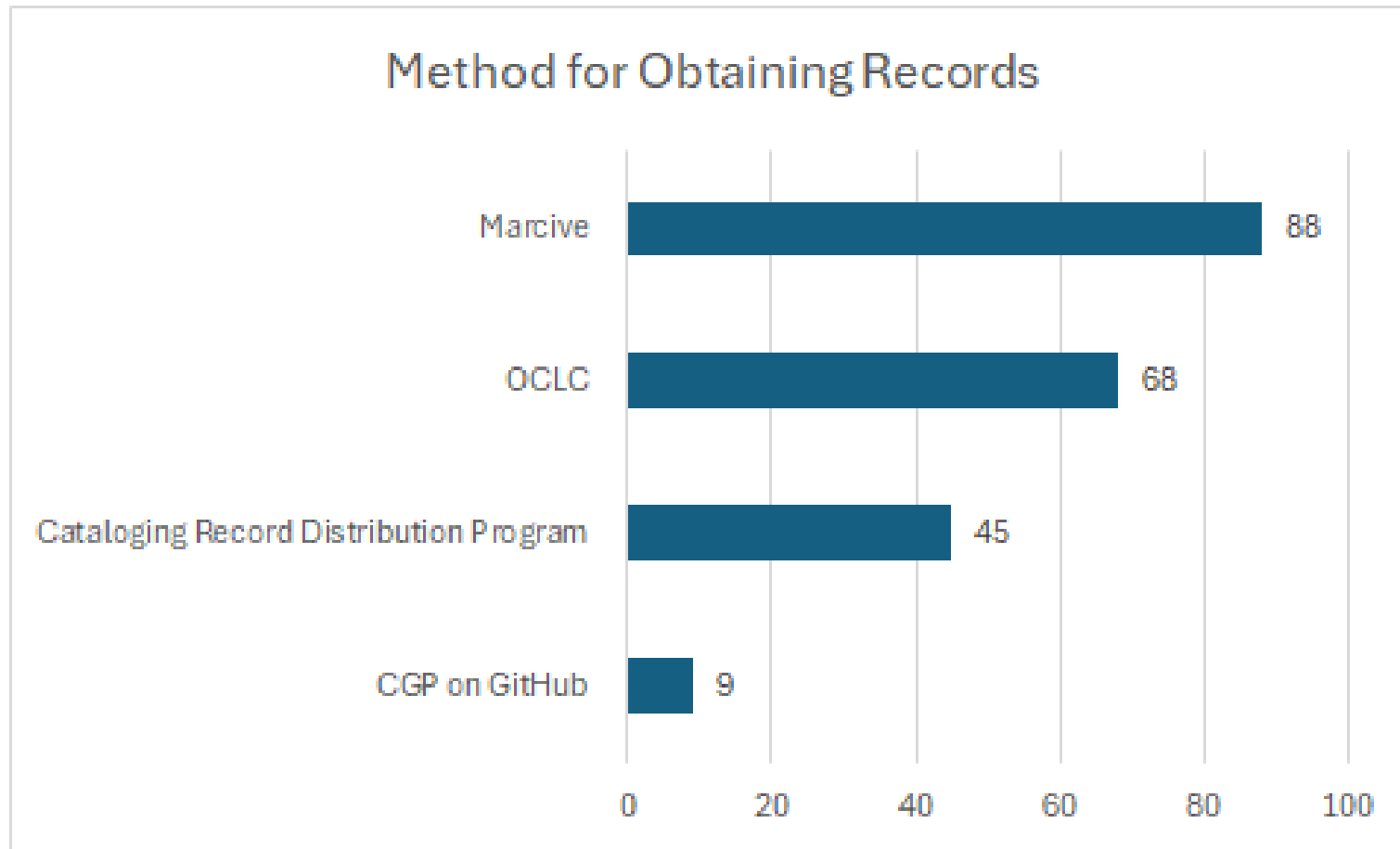


# Demographics: ILS & Discovery Layers





# Demographics: Obtaining Records



# Attendee Poll #2:

Will you be affected because MARCIVE, Inc and CRDP (Cataloging Record Distribution Program) will cease at the end of 2024?

- a. yes
- b. no
- c. not sure



# Recommendation to DLC 1

- Create an online community for those who work with government information to engage in ongoing discussions regarding the collection development, ILS, consortia, discovery layers, access, and other issues related to the digital-first FDLP



# What does that mean?

- Online community software
  - We don't have a solution in mind – Slack? Discord? Second Life? New?
- Those who work with government information
  - Everyone: not just coordinators, “Librarians,” depository staff
- Engage in ongoing discussion
  - Asynchronous, searchable, useful to the next wave of users
- Collection development, ILS, consortia, discovery layers, access, other related issues
  - Non-exclusive list; could be folded into a larger conversation platform

# Why?

- Generally: people want space to network, connect, troubleshoot
  - Digital-first will change established workflows
  - Loss of CRDP and MARCIVE, Inc., exacerbating concerns (50%, 25%)
    - Question 11: My library obtains catalog records for digital FDLP publications via...
      - MARCIVE, Inc., was the most common answer; OCLC was #2; CRDP was #3.
- Existing support isn't sufficient
  - GPO/LSCM provides training and guidance (see eg Cataloging Roundtable: Making Online Government Publications Discoverable to Patrons)
  - Training and guidance may not be timely or responsive to specific needs





# Specific topics

- Collection Development (Questions 3-5)
  - Help identifying FDLP digital publications to add (61%)
  - Help identifying FDLP digital publications to withdraw (76%)
  - How retention rules apply to FDLP digital publications (72%)
- ILS – 39% want ILS specific guidance (Question 8 & follow up)
- Discovery layers (Question 8 follow up) – variety of layers in use
- Consortia – over 50% of respondents are in consortia or shared catalog systems (Question 10, open responses)
- Access – 71% want help gauging usage (Question 7)
  - promoting usage, use of PURLs, best practices (open responses)





# Recommendation to DLC 2

- Develop and solicit from the greater community, additional resources and training materials on selected topics highlighted in the survey, such as PURL tracking, GitHub, and uploading records in consortial/shared catalog settings.
  - Explore different types of guidance and training opportunities and expand outreach to highlight existing trainings.
  - Create and broadly disseminate a chart highlighting choices and methods for obtaining digital records.
  - Encourage coordinators to share learning opportunities with general cataloging staff in their libraries, given that a high number of cataloging staff are not dedicated to FDLP materials.
  - Creation of a libguide, wiki or other resource where known issues and FAQs are posted.



# What Does This Mean?

- Library technical services or cataloging staff need guidance about where they can obtain records (specifically in the aftermath of Marcive's closing—RIP).
- Coordinators—especially those not responsible for cataloging, please share information about obtaining records with cataloging staff.
- Library technical services or cataloging staff need guidance about what electronic resource records can be (or should be) weeded.
- An official Wiki or LibGuide with information about obtaining catalog records and FAQs would be helpful.

# Why?

Note: This survey was given prior to Marcive's closure announcement

- Overwhelming to technical services faculty/staff on how to obtain the cataloging records.
- Many people seem to be unsure of the guidelines for weeding electronic government documents (which are inline with the guidelines for weeding print documents).
- How do we measure usage of FDLP publications?

# Related Survey Question

Question 9: If your library currently removes records for FDLP publications, or would like to do so, please briefly share why. Please answer NA if your library does not remove records.

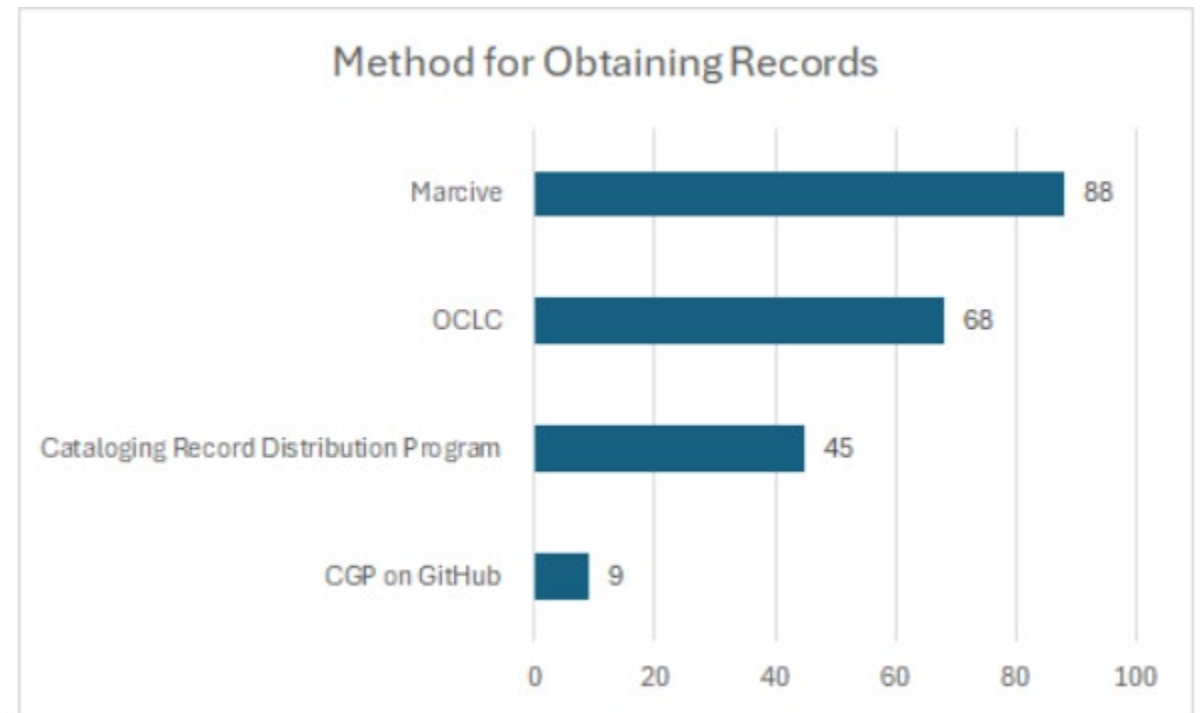
	Academic (General)	Academic (Law)	Community College	Federal Agency	Federal Court	Highest State Court	Public Library	Special Library	State Library	Total
libraries stated they don't remove records	72	16	2	2	1	2	22	5	16	138
dead links	8					2	4		1	15
out-of-date/dated	8	1	1				2	1		13
superseded	4				1		2			7
out-of-scope or irrelevant (to users; collection development policy; mission)	1	1	1				3		1	7
deduplication	2	1								3
not viewed (according to PURL referrals)	1									1
Marcive report indicates no longer available	1									1
incomplete/better records					1					1
too technical							1			1
										187
reasons totals	25	3	2	0	2	2	12	1	2	49

# Related Survey Question

- Question #11: My library obtains catalog records for digital FDLP publications via:

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- Marcive 88
- OCLC 68
- GPO's Cataloging Record Distribution Program 45
- I don't know 18
- Other 18
- Do not include records for e-resources in our catalog 10
- CGP on GitHub 9







# Specific Topics

- Collection Development
  - Question 1: Adding/removing records from the catalog
  - Question 3: GPO's retention rules
  - Question 4 & 5: removing and adding digital publications from your catalog
  - Question 6: guidance about receiving and loading records for FDLP digital publications
- ILS
  - Question 8: I and/or my staff and colleagues need to better understand guidance specific to my library's ILS.
  - Question 8.1: what is your ILS—110 no response; top 3 ILS are Alma (24), Sierra (8), and OCLC WMS (4).
  - Question 10: my library is part of a shared/consortial catalog/ILS (92 yes, 83 no, 1 no response)
- Access
  - Question 7: gauging usage of FDLP digital publications





# Recommendation to DLC 3

- Review, revise and share documentation to provide an overview of retention rules for print and online sources.

# What does that mean?

- Clearly explain that digital publications are not subject to the five year retention rule and may be withdrawn at any time.
- Acknowledge that depository libraries are not required to add catalog records for digital government publications.
- Update the Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program to include changes resulting from the digital-first FDLP.

# Why?

- Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program (LRPR) was last updated in 2018
- Digital-first FDLP was announced in 2023



# Related survey questions

I and/or my staff and colleagues need to **better understand GPO's retention rules as they relate to FDLP digital publications.** 72%

I and/or my staff and colleagues need to **better understand how to identify FDLP digital publications that could/should be withdrawn from my local catalog.** 76%

# Related survey questions

I and/or my staff and colleagues need to better understand **how to identify FDLP digital publications that can be added to my library's collection.** 64%

I and/or my staff and colleagues need to better understand **how to receive/load catalog records for FDLP digital publications.** 42%



# Related survey questions

What specific questions would you like to have addressed about collection development or management of FDLP digital publications or catalog records?

- What are the retention limits for digital materials?
- Best practices for retention/deaccession of digital publications
- How are digital policies different than physical policies in regards to retention?
- What can we get rid of and when?
- When should we save the print version if a digital one is available?
- How long to keep digital records - 5 years? 10 years?
- When can I weed?
- Are there [...] times when we would want to remove publications from our catalog?
- How can I know if something is superseded/updated and have those records updated?
- How will we be notified if a digital resource related to the FDLP has been withdrawn or access no longer granted to that resource?
- I am curious about the size of our catalog: how big is too big?



# Review

- CDSS conducted the survey to understand library practices, needs, and underlying issues to determine what actions to take to help depository libraries with digital collection development and management.
- The digital-first FDLP and changes with MARCIVE, Inc and CRDP present an opportunity and need for communication, collaboration, and guidance from all affected stakeholders.
- Survey results indicate depository staff require a range of assistance from basic step-by-step instructions, to advanced techniques for cataloging and adding digital government documents.

# Review

- CDSS thanks the depository community for taking the time to complete the survey, ask questions, and provide feedback.
- CDSS appreciates GPO's dedication in proactively providing expert assistance through GPO-managed resources.



# Reminder for related sessions

Monday, 10/21, 3:15 pm - 5 pm (Meeting Room B)

- GPO: Cataloging Roundtable: Making Online Government Publications Discoverable to Patrons

Tuesday, 10/22, 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm (Meeting Room B)

- Virtual Snack with Council: The End of the CRDP & MARCIVE

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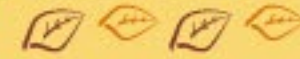
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# Q & A