



Depository Library Council Business Meeting

Stephani (Nia) Rodgers, Chair

Wednesday, September 23, 2026



Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Secretary's Report
- III. Remarks from the Chair
- IV. Election for Council Chair-elect
- V. Reports
- VI. New Business
- VII. For the good of the order
- VIII. Wrap-up & Closing
- IX. Adjourn



Secretary's Report

Roll call

Quorum?

Minutes of the Spring 2026 Meeting

Roll Call of Council Members

<https://www.fdlp.gov/about/depository-library-council#members>

2024 — 2027 Term	2025 — 2028 Term	2026 — 2029 Term
• Charlie Amiot • Elissa A. Lawrence • Nia Rodgers • Andrea Stelljes	• Brent Abercrombie • Michael Cerbo • Ariella Mason • Melanie Sims • Jonathan Underwood	• Andie Craley • Ashley Dees • Dominique Hallett • Antoine McGrath • Joe Mocnik



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Remarks from the Chair

Nia Rodgers



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Election for Chair-elect



Ariella Mason

Fresno County Public
Library





Reports

NCSA Steering Committees

Subcommittees

Working Groups



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NCSA Steering Committee Reports

Midwest

Northeast

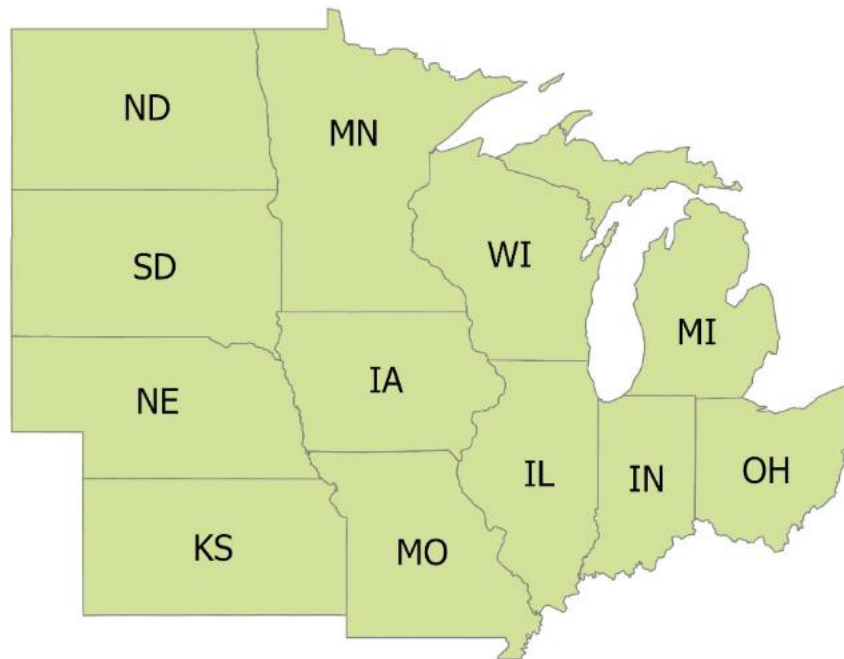
South

West



Midwest NCSA Steering Committee

[Midwest National Collection Service Area Webpage](#)



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Brent Abercrombie

Kate Pitcher, Designated Federal
Officer

Steering Committee Members

NAME	INSTITUTION	TERM ENDS
Brent Abercrombie* (DLC)	Indiana State Library	5/31/2028
Angela Bonnell*	Illinois State University	5/31/2028
Brylynn Ellis, Chair	Indiana State University	5/31/2027
Elissa Lawrence	State Library of Ohio	5/31/2028
Jenny McBurney	University of Minnesota	5/31/2027
Michael Perry*	Northwestern University	5/31/2028
Jacob Schmotzer*	Allen County Public Library (IN)	5/31/2027
Ellen Wrede	University of Iowa	5/31/2027
Ashley Dahlen (Non-voting)	US Government Publishing Office	

*New Members



Steering Activities & Accomplishments

Since the Spring 2026 DLC Meeting

- Created a Google account to store Steering documents – better access for all members and easier to manage when members rotate on and off
- Meeting with all depositories in the MW NCSA (March 26)
Discussed and sought input on a discard plan and guidelines for offering limited print distribution titles (February 2024 -)
- Proposed a discard process: discarding libraries offer 1st to their regional depository library, then to all depositories in the MW NCSA, and finally offer nationally
- Determined Last Copy Policy: MW NCSA will have no fewer than 3 tangible copies of limited print distribution titles, though goal is to have as many copies as possible



Next Steps for MW Steering

- Continue to clarify the role of regional depository libraries in the digital-first FDLP
- Develop cataloging best practices for limited PDTs
- Continue to recruit Preservation Stewards
- Host another meeting with depository coordinators



Northeast NCSA Steering Committee

[Northeast National Collection Service Area Webpage](#)



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Michael Cerbo

Kate Pitcher, Designated Federal Officer

Steering Committee Members

NAME	INSTITUTION	TERM ENDS
Leslie Carr,* Chair-elect	Buffalo Public Library	5/31/2028
Michael Cerbo (DLC)	University of Rhode Island	5/31/2028
Liza Duncan	State Library of New York	5/31/2027
Marija Gudauskas*	Free Library of Philadelphia	6/3/2028
Brian Hamilton,* Secretary	Thurgood Marshall State Law Library	6/2/2028
Lisa Hartman, Chair	Frostburg State University	5/31/2027
Trina Magi	University of Vermont	5/31/2027
Celina McDonald*	University of Maryland	5/31/2027
Lara Flint (Non-voting)	US Government Publishing Office	

*New Members



Steering Activities & Accomplishments

Since the Spring 2026 DLC Meeting

- Guideline documents - Cataloging & Access and Collection Development.
 - Met with Regional for Feedback
- Flowchart of discard process
- Streamlining the reallocation process
 - Currently reallocating *Forest Atlas*



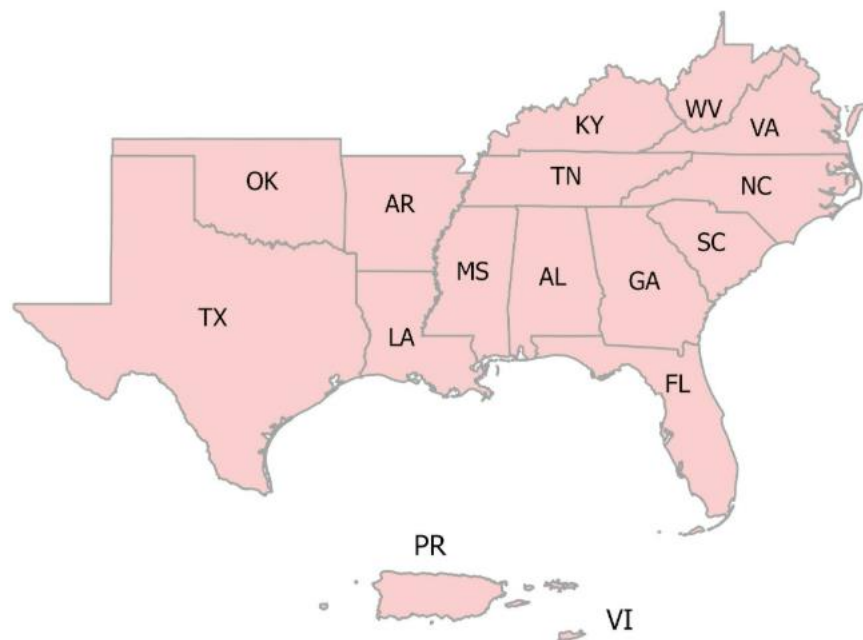
Next Steps for NE Steering

- Plan a meeting with all Northeast selective depositories (258)
- Streamline current reallocation guidelines for print materials
- Create a shared file showing holdings of PDTs in Northeast
- Look at different secure file sharing options for the Committee.
- Share information between NCSA Steering Committees



South NCSA Steering Committee

[South NCSA Steering Committee Webpage](#)



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Jonathan Underwood

Cynthia Etkin, Designated Federal Officer

Steering Committee Members

NAME	INSTITUTION	TERM ENDS
Angela Bardeen, Chair	University of North Carolina	5/31/2027
Kendall Caple*	Louisiana State University	5/31/2028
Ashley Dees, Secretary	University of Mississippi	5/31/2027
Sarah Erekson, Chair-elect*	University of Florida	5/31/2028
Christine Fletcher*	Mississippi State University	5/31/2028
Dominique Hallett	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro	5/31/2027
Donis Marie Lambert*	Southeastern Louisiana University	5/31/2027
Jonathan Underwood (DLC)	Tuskegee University	5/31/2028
Amy Laub (Non-voting)	US Government Publishing Office	

*New Members



Steering Activities & Accomplishments

Since the Spring 2026 DLC Meeting

- Hosted a meeting for all depositories in the South in late March
 - 59 participants from regional and selective depositories attended, along with GPO staff
 - Steering Committee continues to use their feedback to plan future directions
- Welcomed new members: Kendall, Sarah, Christine, and Donis
- Formally adopted GPO's definitions of preservation and access copies of record



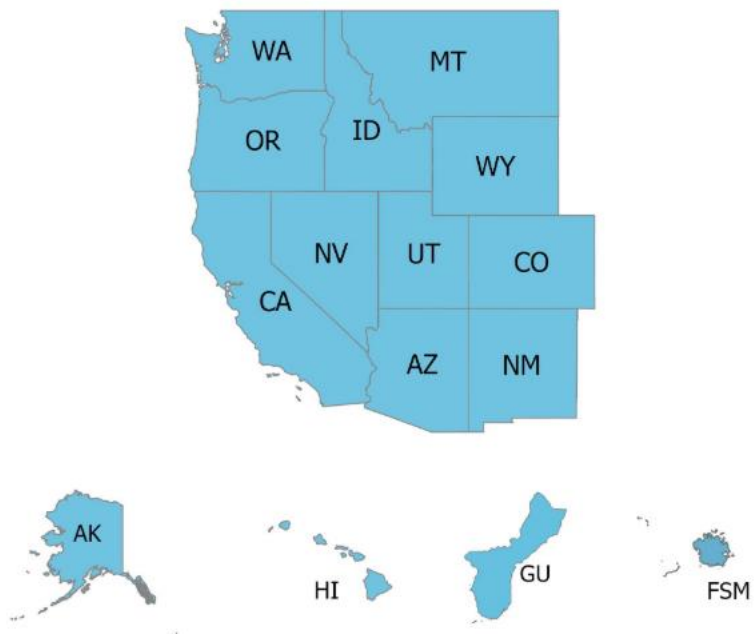
Next Steps for South Steering

- The October Steering Committee meeting will be open to anyone from depository libraries in the South NCSA
- Work to identify retention copies within the South NCSA via Preservation Stewards and from other shared print networks, e.g., ASERL's Centers of Excellence



West NCSA Steering Committee

[West National Collection Service Area Webpage](#)



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Ariella Mason

Cynthia Etkin, Designated Federal Officer

Steering Committee Members

NAME	INSTITUTION	TERM ENDS
Natalie Bond, Chair-elect	University of Montana	5/31/2028
Vaile Fujikawa*	San Francisco Public Library	5/31/2028
Cass Hartnett, Co-secretary	University of Washington	5/31/2027
James Jacobs, Co-secretary	Stanford University	5/31/2027
Jodi Jacques*	University of Alaska, Anchorage	5/31/2027
Ariella Mason (DLC)^	Fresno Public Library	5/31/2028
Niamh Wallace, Chair	University of Arizona	5/31/2027
Stephanie Wilson*	New Mexico Supreme Court	5/31/2028
Kathy Bayer (Non-voting)	US Government Publishing Office	

*New Members



Steering Activities & Accomplishments

Since the Spring 2026 DLC Meeting

- Reallocation of 9 Limited Print Distribution Titles (LPDTs)
- Spring 2026 meeting with selectives in West NCSA
- First “open office hours” session for West NCSA



Next Steps for West Steering

- Continue to work on the collection management plan — focus on:
 - Discard process for limited print distribution titles (LPDT)
 - Retention copy policy
- Continue to hold themed office hours



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Collection and Discovery Services Subcommittee

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Charlie Amiot, Chair



CDSS Charge

To assist in coordinating the thoughts, research, plans, and efforts related to collection management, cataloging and metadata, and expanding and enhancing discovery and access services the Government Publishing Office provides to the depository community and other interested parties; and to engage the depository community in these processes.



Activities/Accomplishments

Since the Spring 2026 DLC Meeting

- Programming and Education
- Planned the program: *Understanding Weather Data & Library Disaster Preparedness*
- Began to explore potential Generative AI applications related to:
 - Collection management;
 - Cataloging and metadata; and
 - Discovery and access services.



Next Steps for CDSS

- Conduct a follow up study on how FDLs are using discovery services to increase access to and promote the use of government information?
- Continue to explore potential Generative AI applications related to:
 - Collection management;
 - Cataloging and metadata; and
 - Discovery and access services.



We are looking for depository
library community members.
Are you interested?
[Let us know!](#)



Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, & Federal Depository Libraries Subcommittee

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Jonathan Underwood, Chair

UCUP Members

UCUP = Unique Challenges, Underserved Populations, & FDLs

COUNCIL MEMBERS	GPO MEMBERS	COMMUNITY MEMBERS
Elissa Lawrence State Library of Ohio	Cynthia Etkin, DFO Superintendent of Documents Office	Jane Canfield Retired Depository Coordinator
Jonathan Underwood, Chair Tuskegee University	Todd Scudiere Metadata & Collection Services	Marcos Corona DePaul University College of Law
		Angela A.J. Kent LyondellBasell's
		Rob Mead Washington State Law Library
		Jennifer Morgan Indiana University School of Law

DFO = Designated Federal Officer
FDLs = Federal Depository Libraries



UCUP Charge

- Study Federal depository libraries at affinity-focused institutions and other FDLs with unique needs and challenges that impact their ability to provide access to tangible and digital depository resources.
- Determine possible solutions and provide recommendations that include ways in which the Government Publishing Office can better support these libraries.



Activities/Accomplishments

Since the Spring 2026 DLC Meeting

- Continued to explore potential AI applications related to government information access and services for affinity-focused institutions and other FDLs with unique needs and challenges
- Sponsored and planned the program: *Bridging the Divide: ILL Solutions for Equitable Access*



Next Steps for UCUP

- Conduct an open forum at the Spring 2027 meeting
 - Follow-up focus groups
- Continue to explore potential AI applications related to library services for affinity-focused institutions with unique needs and challenges to access to government information resources
- Research AI literacy and impact on underserved and marginalized populations



Long-Term Impacts of COVID-19 on FDL Access, Collections, and Services Working Group

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Ariella Mason, Chair

FDL = Federal depository library



COVID Working Group Charge

Examine the practices, policies, and procedures enacted by FDLs since March 2020 as they adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic and assess the long-term impact of these efforts at the institutional and national level. It will examine pandemic practices, policies, and procedures enacted by FDLs and the GPO relating to services, procedures, collections, staffing, etc., and it will assess whether such policies may or should continue into the post pandemic era.



Activities/Accomplishments

Since the Spring 2026 DLC Meeting

- Planned qualitative data analysis for Q24
 - Code qualitative responses
 - Identify themes
 - Employ human and AI Analysis
- Qualitative analysis
 - AI1 – H1 AI2 – H2
 - Comparing versions



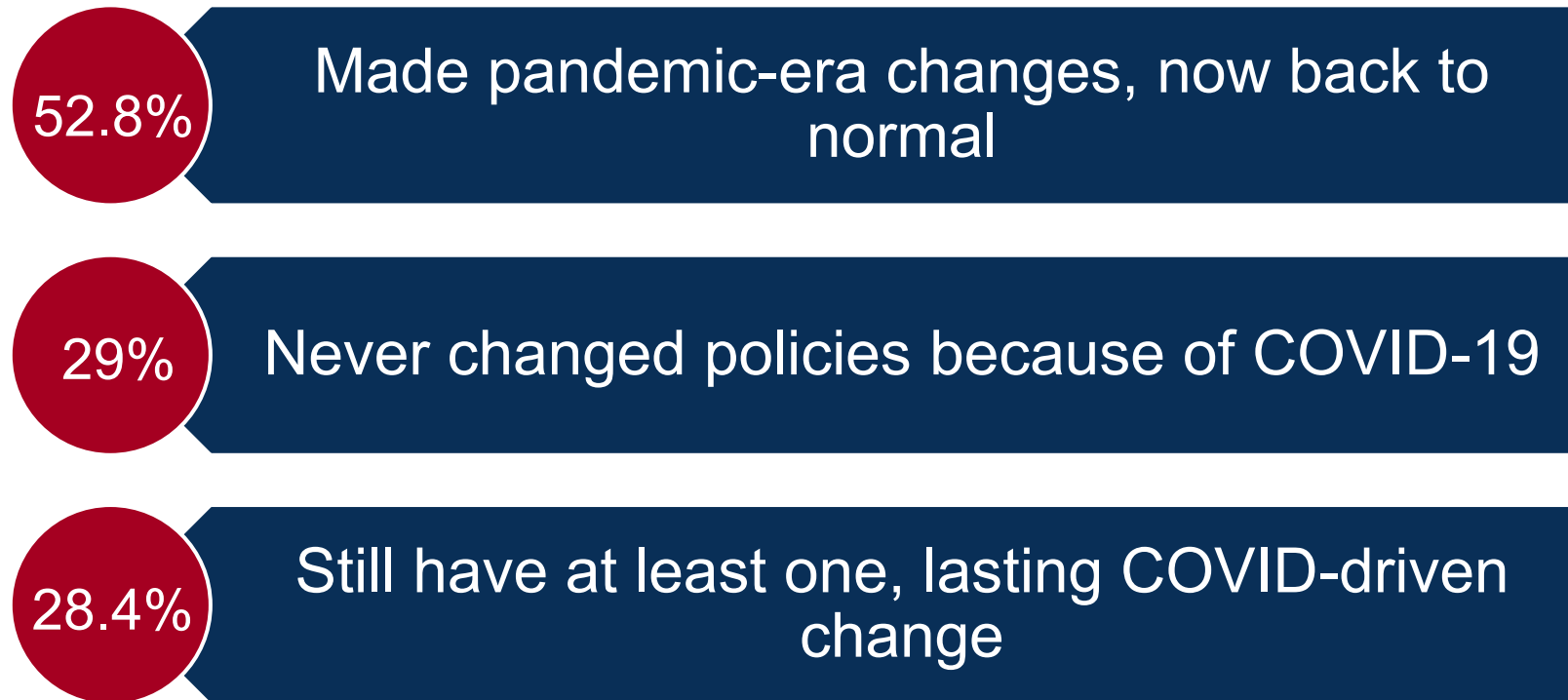
2025 Biennial Survey Question

Q25. In which area(s), if any, did your depository implement new, or revise existing, policies/procedures as a result of COVID-19? Select all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Collection maintenance and weeding | ☐ Other (please explain) |
| ☐ Instructional and educational services | ☐ Changes were made due to COVID but now back to pre-COVID policies |
| ☐ Outreach services | |
| ☐ Public access | ☐ No new policies or procedures were implemented because of the COVID pandemic |
| ☐ Reference services | |
| ☐ Staffing | |

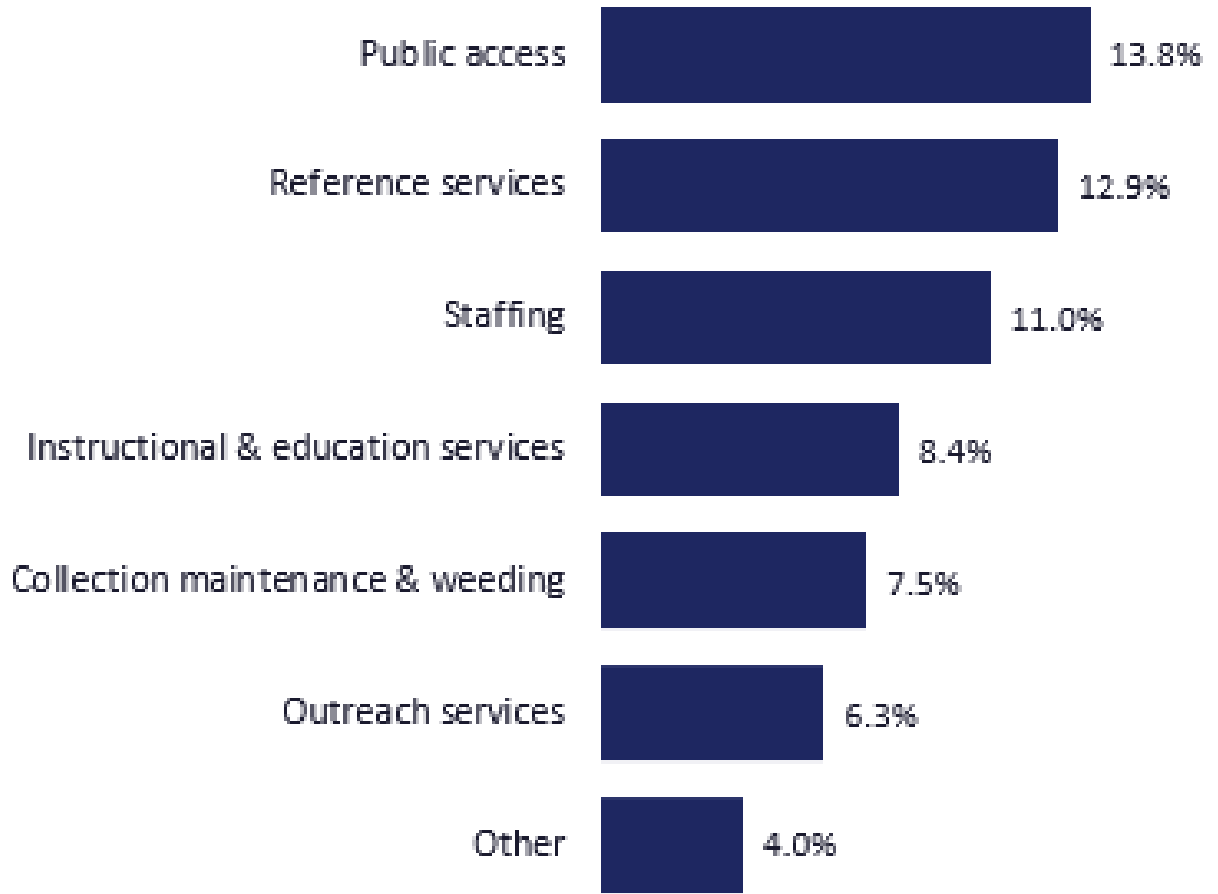


Five years on, most depository libraries have moved past their COVID-19 policies

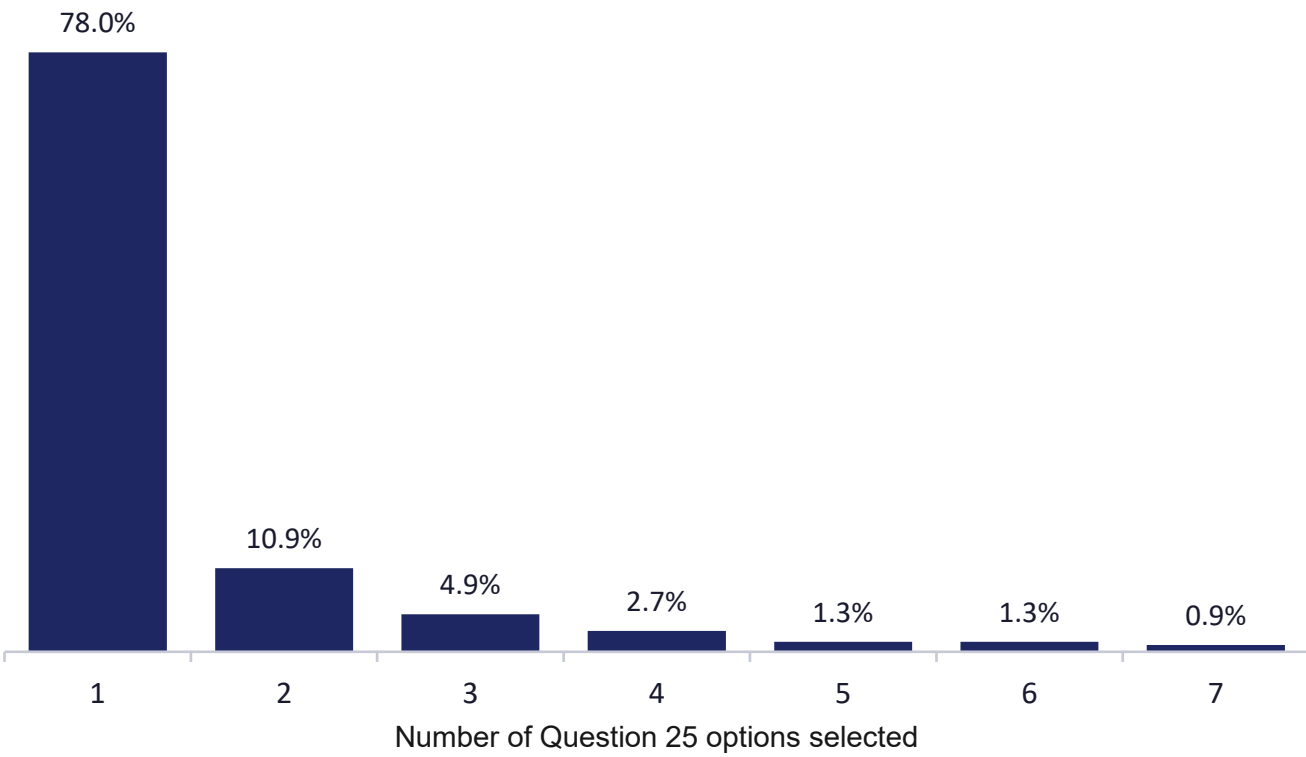


n=1,038 responding libraries

Areas in which
depository libraries
implemented new,
or revised existing
policies/procedures



Most libraries gave one simple answer



But among the 295 libraries with a real, lasting change...

42.4%

touched just one area — the rest changed how they operate across two or more fronts at once.

17% (50 libraries)

touched four or more areas — collection maintenance, staffing, outreach, and access all at once.



What the survey data tell us about the FDLP

- COVID is mostly in the rear-view

82% of libraries either reverted to pre-COVID policy or never changed it — pandemic response is not the driver of today's operating policy for most of the FDLP.

- Where change lasted, it clustered

Public access, reference services, and staffing are the only categories above 10% — and 42% of libraries with a lasting change confined it to a single area.

- Library size, region, and type all shaped the response

Large libraries reverted fastest; the West still runs elevated policy change across the board; HBCUs made deeper, broader shifts instead of simply bouncing back.



Next Steps for the COVID WG

- Continue data analysis
 - Q24. What, if anything, are the most lasting impacts of COVID-19 upon the operations of your institution as an FDLP member?
 - ☐ Describe impacts: _____
 - ☐ No lasting impact
- Compare 2021, 2023, and 2025 Biennial Survey findings
- Write the final report
- Sunset the COVID WG



Statistics and Metrics Working Group

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Ashley Dees, Chair



SAM Charge

SAM = Statistics & Metrics Working Group

The Statistics and Metrics Working Group (SAM) is convened to research, to report on, and to recommend options for how GPO can collect usage statistics from depository libraries for digital and tangible Government information products. Further, the Working Group is to study and report on the broader landscape of library data gathering trends and recommend possible programmatic library-related performance indicators.



Activities/Accomplishments

Since the Spring 2026 DLC Meeting

- StoryMap Project (story collection)
- Investigating AI use for statistics gathering and analyzing
- Creating key performance indicators (KPIs) for the FDLP
- Research Consultation Pilot Project



StoryMap Project

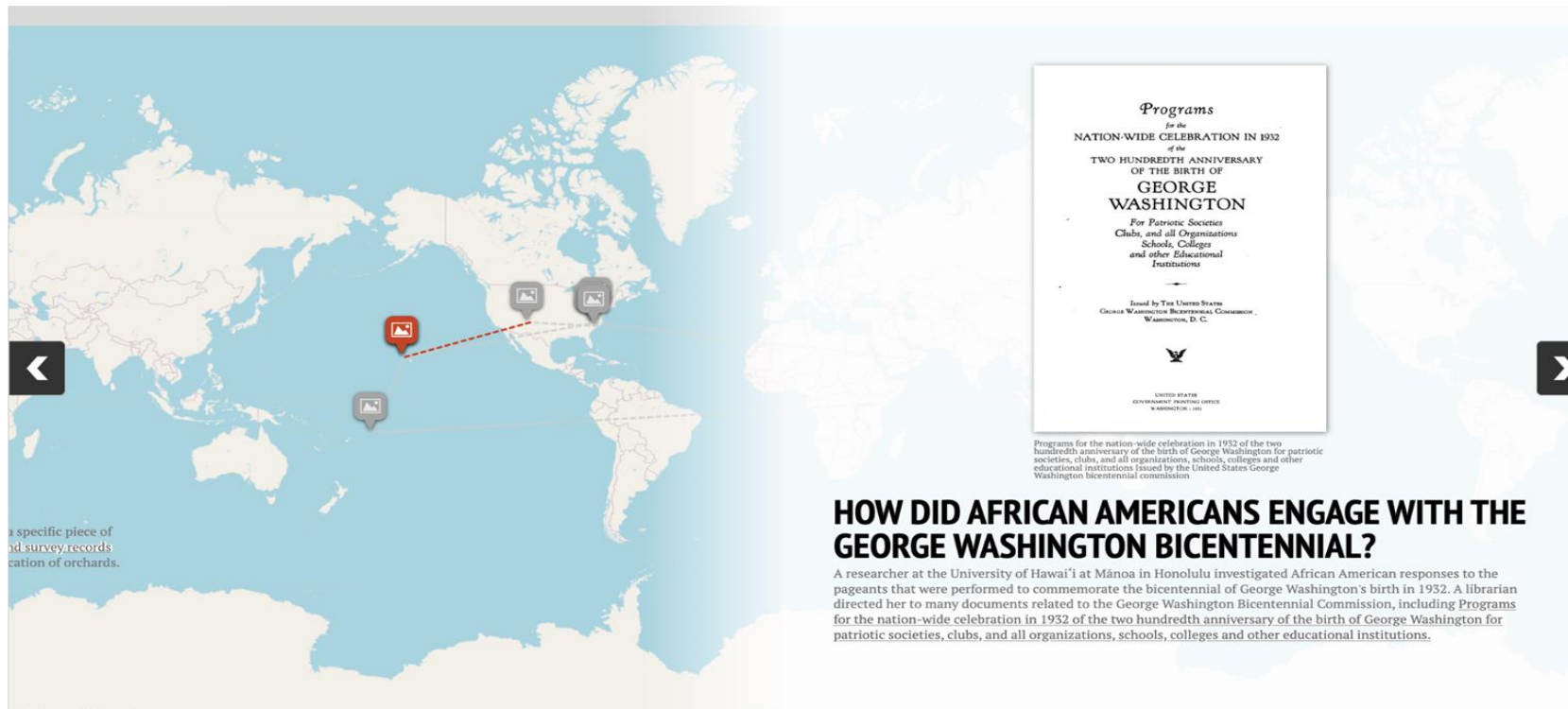


Image: Prototype of Storymap

- Currently have 22 stories, but some are duplicates of states/territories
- We need your stories!



Next Steps

- Continue to solicit and collect stories from the community for the StoryMap Project
- Analyze results from literature around AI use for statistics in libraries
- Track KPIs
- Solicit libraries for participation in Research Consultation Pilot Project (Interested? Email susanne.caro@dca.nm.gov)



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Wrap-up & Closing



Save the Date

March 30 – 31, 2027

Spring 2027 Depository Library
Council Virtual Meeting

Registration opens this winter



Questions & Comments

- Stephani (Nia) Rodgers, DLC Chair, Cabell Library, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents

*Thank
you*

Please complete our
event survey:
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Adjourn

Reconvene in Spring 2027

