

2026 Fall DLC: Regional Librarians Meeting Chat Log

Sarah Erikson 2:20 PM

Ashley have you tested the audio? I haven't heard anything yet

Ashley Dahlen 2:21 PM

We have not tested yet!

Sarah Erikson 2:22 PM

thumbs up

Jill Strykowski 2:31 PM

There's so many people in attendance. It's fantastic!

Natalie Bond 2:31 PM

Yes, love it!

Arlene Weible 2:34 PM

Send me your updates! arlene.weible@slo.oregon.gov

Brent Abercrombie 2:34 PM

Great listserv for all depository coordinators

Elissa Lawrence 2:34 PM

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dOi-O8fM4D7x2VOZ1kK8YYAsNfNv_lF

Susanne Caro 2:33 PM

Hi Natalie!

Natalie Bond 2:37 PM

Hi Susanne!

Adrienne Teague 2:37 PM

I haven't quite been a gov docs librarian for 2 years. Before me we had no librarian for 12 years. I successfully inventoried the collection this year, for the first time in who knows how long.

Jenny McBurney 2:38 PM

And if you have old REGIL documents and want to add them to our Google Drive archive, feel free to email me at jmcburne@umn.edu

Mary Larson 2:38 PM

Yay, Adrienne!!

Susanne Caro 2:38 PM

I'm working on shifting our rare materials and inventorying the Serial Set. Not too exciting

Brent Abercrombie 2:38 PM

That's awesome!

John Devine 2:38 PM

My big regional coordinator role is rebuilding our collection after the flood we had in 1998. We get donations from selectives. We got a large donation from a local college. This donation, for the first time of all of our donations, will be fully catalogued.

Nancy Stanwood 2:39 PM

Is this free to join? Sorry, very new-I will get to officially take over oct 1st.

Matthew Thorenz 2:39 PM

We'll be shifting our archival collections into a specially built Local History Workroom in our library, so we'll have more room for our GovDocs collection

Susanne Caro 2:40 PM

I did discover we had the Congressional globe going back to the 1790s but it was never cataloged and we just shoved on a shelf.

Arlene Weible 2:40 PM

To clarify, though Regional-L is just for FDLP Regional Coordinators and staff that work with regional collections/services.

Nancy Stanwood 2:40 PM

ok, thank you!

L Westbrook 2:40 PM

Apologies. How do we send a email to individuals. Is there a list of email addresses.

Yes

MONICA DORAME 2:41 PM

Here at University of New Mexico we're going through collections that are not available yet and regard Human Studies Project from Los Alamos labs during the 40s and 50s. It regards human radiation.

Amy Ruhe 2:42 PM

Wow

Jenny McBurney 2:42 PM

you can email me at jmcburne@umn.edu

Leslie Carr 2:42 PM

I am a selective working with my regional on listing about 2500 redundant items up on FDL Exchange. It's a bigger project than I originally thought LOL so just getting underway. Mostly items from the 1980's

Jill Strykowski 2:43 PM

Wow Monica! important collection!

Kris Abery 2:43 PM

We're also going thru our non cataloged material in the collection and finding quite a few unreported documents

MONICA DORAME 2:43 PM

My colleague Leslie Bronson is working on that collection and hope to get it digitize.

Crystal Rowe 2:43 PM

My email address is: crystal.rowe@sos.wa.gov

Jen Kirk 2:43 PM

The FDLP directory includes a list of Regionals, with coordinator names, but it does not include emails <https://ask.gpo.gov/s/flddsearch?type=searchRegionals>

William Sudduth 2:45 PM

Working on my final exhibit notable documents from 1985-2026; many thanks to everyone who worked on the annual Notable Documents list that use to be published in Library Journal.

Kris Abery 2:46 PM

Of course :)

Arlene Weible 2:47 PM

In Oregon, we are working on a big project to reconfigure our shared housing agreements for our Regional FDLP collection. We are going from 4 to 3 partner libraries, so we've been working to consolidate collections.

Brylynn Ellis 2:45 PM

When I went through the last of the physical Public Slip Laws (AE 2.110) I found that there were about 7,000 bib records for individual slip laws that we no longer had, because they had been superseded by the bound materials, and they were all labeled as having a holding in OCLC. I am almost done deleting those and deleting the holdings. This saves data in our system and patrons won't think we have these leaflet slip laws when we don't.

Brylynn Ellis 2:47 PM

I had to go one by one

Elissa Lawrence 2:47 PM

Oh nooooo

Brylynn Ellis 2:48 PM

Something easy to do early in the morning while drinking coffee lol

MONICA DORAME 2:49 PM

Again at UNM, Leslie Bronson is also working on exhibits for Gov Docs and we will both be moving our entire gov docs collection to another location in the basement, within the next month.

Jill Strykowski 2:44 PM

Has anyone found a way yet, to use the Historic MoCat records GPO created?
https://catalog.gpo.gov/F/491V4B2E3Q9VHS77DLHSD9JV3182VD3L1YIFJELHCLM67I4KA2-05275?func=file&file_name=find-gpo02&local_base=GPO02

Jen Kirk 2:45 PM
Still looking into it. :)

Jill Strykowski 2:48 PM
it feels like it could be really useful for identifying collection gaps, but I'm still not contemplating how to utilize.

Jen Kirk 2:49 PM
that's the same approach I'm considering
looking to integrate it into existing inventorying workflows

Perveen Rustomfram 2:50 PM
At the University of Memphis (Tennessee), we continue to catalog our collection--which is a pretty big project, and have begun work on Preservation Steward inventories.

Susanne Caro 2:50 PM
Monica: Another move? Dang, that collection moves more often than a sports team

MONICA DORAME 2:50 PM
Yes! I can't believe it!

William Sudduth 2:51 PM
OCLC GovDoc service going ok

Jill Strykowski 2:51 PM
Is this question for me?!!! ;) ;)

Elissa Lawrence 2:52 PM
Go for it!

William Sudduth 2:52 PM
community zone?

Ella Shurr 2:52 PM
Community zone!
Love the poster!! Thank you for your work on this, Jill!!!

William Sudduth 2:53 PM
So just electronic resources?

Philip Wrede 2:50 PM
We (Allan and I) are working with some colleagues in the library to host a down-ballot researching workshop in October

Susanne Caro 2:51 PM

Nice!

Philip Wrede 2:53 PM

It's looking like a good way to drag some folks deeper and deeper into the gov docs gravity pull, at least!

Scott Matheson 2:53 PM

Poster:

https://www.fdlp.gov/sites/default/files/file_repo/Strykowski_FDLP%202026%20poster%282%29_0.pdf

(All posters: <https://www.fdlp.gov/2026-virtual-poster-presentation>)

Michael Cerbo 2:54 PM

Are you updating your holdings in OCLC?

Perveen Rustomfram 2:54 PM

We are using FDLP Data manager to download records each month. Our catalog librarian Elizabeth McDonald has created tasks using MARC Edit to modify the records to load into our ILS---Ill's Sierra.

Brylynn Ellis 2:55 PM

I go in a update it myself

Michael Cerbo 2:55 PM

I do too

Amy Turnbull 2:56 PM

I've been pulling records for our documents from OCLC

Elissa Lawrence 2:57 PM

Since I'm still getting some of the limited PDTs, when we ingest the records, we keep them suppressed until I'm able to process them.

Perveen Rustomfram 2:58 PM

@Michael Cerbo--Yes we are updating holdings in OCLC

Brylynn Ellis 2:58 PM

I've been going through our Soil Surveys and many I'll find we have the correct OCLC record but it was marked as not held so I'm going in and changing that so that other researchers can see we have the materials

Elissa Lawrence 3:00 PM

I have issues with this as well and i'm not sure why! Definitely a problem that pre-dates my employment but it's frustrating.

Arlene Weible 3:01 PM

GPO outreach staff may know other FDLP libraries that use Aspen who might be able to help brainstorm solutions.

Kathryn Bayer 3:01 PM

A few references on FDLP.gov for background, as useful:

<https://www.fdlp.gov/catalogingandclassification/sources-of-gpo-cataloging-records> and <https://www.fdlp.gov/overview-of-gpos-catalog-records>

Lisa Pritchard 3:02 PM

Yes, we certainly were and we are now struggling to develop workflows.

Celina McDonald 3:03 PM

It would be good if we could have another meeting or two to discuss issues in our region to see what issues we share (e.g. a lot of selective asking what to do post marcive) and share solutions or brainstorm solutions.

Andie Craley 3:03 PM

+1 Celina

Lisa Pritchard 3:03 PM

And, we moved to a new ILS (Ebsco FOLIO) and don't have a lot of folks to consult.

William Sudduth 3:05 PM

+2 Celina

Arlene Weible 3:05 PM

You also are not required to load catalog records for e-pubs, so it is good to explore that option as well!

Kris Abery 3:05 PM

Agree Sarah. We have quite a few smaller libraries that don't have the staff or cataloging expertise

Christina Rines 2:58 PM

I am a brand new FDLP coordinator who is not a cataloger. My manager said that our cataloger is still working to figure out how to get GovDocs records into Aspen without being able to download the record from OCLC. Is there anyway to fix this issue?

Jill Strykowski 3:00 PM

<https://fdm.gpo.gov/>

Or you can try using the GitHub collection: <https://github.com/usgpo/cataloging-records-CGP-maintenance-files>

Erika Westhoff 3:05 PM

Our head of cataloging ultimately decided to get our records from GPO. He sent me his documentation on the US Gov Docs Load Process from GPO/FDLP in December 2025. I can check if I am allowed to send those along and email them to you directly, if that would help?

Susanne Caro 3:05 PM

Maybe have a meeting on a specific topic, like ILSs and how to make them play nice with gov collections. How to promote materials (that was a really good program earlier)

Kris Abery 3:05 PM

+1 Celina

Kelly Seifert 3:05 PM

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William Sudduth 3:07 PM

If not more meetings at least more discussion on Regional_L about issues like First hand Investigations; new FDLP Rules & Instructions; Limited Print Titles and NCSA

Kris Abery 3:08 PM

+1 Bill

Brent Abercrombie 3:08 PM

I've found that many coordinators would like to meet more than once a year, but finding an agreeable date is really really hard to do. I think that's why the REGIL meeting during conference is so nice.

Elissa Lawrence 3:08 PM

+1

Arlene Weible 3:08 PM

Hosting more topic-based discussions around collection management issues would definitely be helpful. Also, how NCSA collection management works (or doesn't work) in conjunction with Regional collection management would be good!

William Sudduth 3:08 PM

Inspections were not scary but a tool for improvement and awareness

Susanne Caro 3:08 PM

The old inspections used to scare people

Charlie Amiot 3:09 PM



Jen Kirk 3:09 PM

+1 Arlene's suggestion to align with NCSAs as they develop their collection management plans

Charlie Amiot 3:09 PM

I'm only scared if the free rulers used to be made of wood instead of plastic.

Kelly Seifert 3:10 PM

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William Sudduth 3:10 PM

My fiest inspections; I failed one section and got a \$1 million renovation for the library

John Devine 3:10 PM

Meeting with all regionals is good for higher level topics, but regionals meeting within NSCAs could hash out more nuts and bolts issues within the area.

Celina McDonald 3:11 PM

Based on what I've read in my file, inspections used to get heated too.

Elissa Lawrence 3:11 PM



William Sudduth 3:11 PM

You all are too young to experience JB and her white glove test

Arlene Weible 3:11 PM

+1 John In the West NCSA, there have been some of these kinds of meetings, but I think more are needed.

Perveen Rustomfram 3:11 PM

Our last inspection 'motivated' our administration to spend resources to get catalog records from Marcive. I think they are a useful service and tool.

Elissa Lawrence 3:12 PM

Don't make us hunt you down to take on a leadership role!

Jenny McBurney 3:12 PM

email me at jmcburne@umn.edu!

John Devine 3:12 PM

Every year at the meeting, I ponder this, but then think that I have to clear it with those above me. Then I forget. I'll try harder to remember this year.

Susanne Caro 3:09 PM

Bill- I heard they took away books and ate the coordinators, and dragged the volunteers to GPO to work on printing

Elissa Lawrence 3:10 PM

Don't tempt me with a good time!

Julie Balutis 3:11 PM

sometimes if you're very quiet, you can hear them on the plant floor

Charlie Amiot 3:12 PM

Y'all. I tried all day today to let them let me stay on the printing floors and work there and they said no.

Susanne Caro 3:13 PM

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Arlene Weible 3:13 PM

Make sure to put out a call for committee members on Regional-L as well!

William Sudduth 3:13 PM

Volunteer the slings and arrows are always soothed by the knowledge gained

Elissa Lawrence 3:15 PM

BEN!

Savanna Baumgart 3:15 PM

me too!

Susanne Caro 3:15 PM

Sara- contact your regional to start. Depending on what you need ask on govdoc-l

Celina McDonald 3:15 PM

Thank you.

Sara Outhier 3:14 PM

I am the new Regional Coordinator for Kansas. Are there opportunities for mentoring?

Jenny McBurney 3:15 PM

I'm happy to meet up on Zoom anytime!

Abby Oldt 3:15 PM

We should connect! I'm the new Missouri coordinator

Sara Outhier 3:15 PM

Awesome! I'll send you an email

Ryan Wilder 3:15 PM

:)

Bernadette Johnson 3:15 PM

Thank you!