

New Directions: GPO and Services in the Electronic FDLP
Summary of Group Worksheet Responses
September 9, 2005

Membership

Replace regional model with functional models
Maintain expertise in go. info producers
Free access
Regionals: archiving; ILL; training
User needs assessment, curricular review
Actual cost of doing business, outcome measures
Own legacy collections and find ways to digitize
Influence standards
GPO-provided training
Service to users
Outreach to users
Teaching users
Train the trainer
Advocacy for an informed citizenry
Creating a new system of regionals with newly shaped responsibilities for archiving, storage, migrating, etc.
Assigned responsibilities for legacy collection digitization
Consortial archiving past & present
Unlimited, self-selecting
Recruiting—reaching out to other libraries
Serving primary constituency—diverse mission
Reduce the program (holding materials) to 10 full, archive [quality], digital copies; repositories for the digital collections
Membership is a service program with only 10 [percent?] of the full historical digital record
Greater role as team players with other regionals and depositories
Regionals will continue to have the largest collections and work more in digitization
Social responsibility
Must ensure regionals are doing all they should to support selectives
Vision changed in that all libraries could be depositories
Continuing obligation: public access
How does library assess: biennial survey

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Partnership

Should not become fee-based consortium

GPO's role as trainer could be enhanced; FDLs have role as service providers

GPO role: stable archive

GPO role in pushing bib records to FDLs (like a vendor-customer relationship)

Partnership in pursuing fugitive documents

Clarity of roles of GPO & FDLs: preservation, archiving, access

Relationship between public & private FDLs

Agencies & GPO to ensure public knowledge of publications (including fugitive docs) and production according to standards

Online reference "channel" for specialized gov. information assistance

Creating and sharing online tutorials, learning objects

Helping to identify fugitive docs especially of local interest

Partnering to coordinate service development

Value-added projects—partnering & agencies (bypassing GPO)

Coordinated collection development

Make the gov. info collection as comprehensive as possible

Share, teach, and promote use of gov. info

Historical permanent access to collections (maintain/preserve digital files; complement efforts by GPO, NARA, LC, etc.)

Harvest & preserve "born digital" docs

Ample room for partnership regarding dissemination, tutorial, digitization, etc., all of which needs to be coordinated

GPO should send cataloging records & confer much more with the regionals

More consortia are needed for digitization and populist dissemination

Meet within FDLP

Library community should have some role in designing big systems

Partner with library science schools to define what "government information specialists" need to know in the digital age

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Ownership

GPO to provide records
Keep historical collections
Comprehensive collection building must include
Accelerating roles in preservation of historical collection (both through housing and digitization)
Legacy collections
Digitized collections—keep some tapes
Own responsibility: “I agree to cover X”
Assigned responsibilities for legacy collection digitization
Consortial archiving past & present
Local archiving
Ensuring non-commercialization of govt info
Libraries need to be willing to put resources toward archiving activities (LOCKSS-DOCS)
ARL should take over the clearinghouse of digitization projects
ARL could work with GPO on digital harvesting and archiving
Partner with other organizations already involved, e.g., DLF, CDL to ensure access
ARL: preservation, digitization & standards

Leadership

More community leadership, not a govt. info dissemination program
Clearinghouse for who is digitizing legacy collections
Articulating user needs, program needs, principles
Providing feedback to GPO on their 21st Century plan
Communicating among us to avoid duplication of effort
Advocacy—train other libraries that are not yet in the program now that all libraries can provide access to it
ARL should be sending a single message to GPO about what its members want
CNI model for depository libraries (task force meetings to learn about what others are doing)
Communication with agencies and organizations
Represent the users/citizens to the information creators (agencies) and disseminators
Moving from federal deposit to federal access system
Revising Title 44?
Training—other libraries, public
Development of access tools and support for govt development of access tools
Communicate to GPO the community’s commitment to & insistence upon no-fee public access to electronic govt. information
Coordination of the jointly created resources to explain, preserve (digitally & hard copy) and disseminate documents (historic & electronic)
ARL role: Advocate an inventory of all govt. publications (as required by Title 44)
Set up/take over the clearinghouse of sets/projects
Members proactively legacy digital collections
Keep libraries at the table for advocating access to government information
Proactively lead in establishing clear guidelines for light archive