# Recommended Reading

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The Government Printing Office (GPO) is working with the Federal depository library community on many new initiatives. We also are planning for the future of the Sales Program. These initiatives are part of the overall GPO strategic planning effort. The resources listed below will help you understand some of the major initiatives that are underway in the Superintendent of Documents organization and throughout GPO.

### "Knowledge Will Forever Govern" – A Vision Statement for Federal Depository Libraries in the 21$^{st}$ Century
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/council/dlcvision092906.pdf
This vision document was prepared by the Federal Depository Library Council for discussion at the 2006 Fall Federal Depository Library Conference in Washington, D.C. It outlines seven goals that should be accomplished to ensure the continued relevance of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and challenges libraries to meet the needs and habits of 21$^{st}$ century clientele.

### Depository Library Council Vision Blog
http://dlcvisionoutline.blogspot.com/
The Depository Library Council (DLC) has set up a blog, DLC Vision: Future Scenarios, to collect and share comments on the future of Government information and the FDLP. Included on the site is a discussion paper, The Federal Government Information Environment of the 21st Century: Towards a Vision Statement and Plan of Action for Federal Depository Libraries.

### Digitization of the Legacy Government Documents Collection
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy/index.html
GPO is currently conducting a demonstration project for the digitization of legacy publications. Priorities for digitization will include legislative and regulatory material that expands the coverage of the most popular GPO Access databases. GPO's Digitization and Preservation Initiatives page has been updated to include a list of documents needed for the demonstration projection. This page also includes the latest GPO Digitization Specifications, priorities for digitization, and access to the Registry of U.S. Government Publication Digitization Projects.

### The Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)
http://catalog.gpo.gov
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/proceedings/06spring/cgp.pdf (Spring 2006 DLC Meeting Presentation)
The CGP is the public face of GPO's cutting edge integrated library system (ILS). The platform has increased power, features, and functionality. It contains over 500,000 historical and current bibliographic records from July 1976. The CGP's New Electronic Titles feature provides monthly reports of newly cataloged, Web-accessible electronic titles, with links to the full-text of the publications included.

### GPO's Future Digital System
http://www.gpo.gov/projects/fdsys.htm
This site contains information on the current status of GPO's Future Digital System (FDsys). The Web site also provides access to FDsys documentation, including the FDsys Concept of Operations and the FDsys Requirements Document. Presentations and voice of customer efforts are also posted. Site visitors are invited to comment on FDsys via the FDsys Blog or by e-mailing the Office of Innovation and New Technology.

### FDLP Selection Mechanisms: Item Numbers and Alternatives
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/selection/index.html
As part of its ongoing planning efforts, GPO has undertaken a review of the item number system used by libraries in the FDLP to select tangible and electronic titles. All questions, comments, and suggestions were considered as GPO revised the briefing papers. Changes have been incorporated into the papers on the New Model for Selection of Online titles document and the New Model for the Selection of Tangible Publications document. Revised versions of all three papers are now available and comments submitted by the community are also summarized online.

### Federal Depository Library Handbook
**http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/handbook/index.html**
GPO is consolidating and updating its various FDLP instructions and manuals into a single online publication.  Members of the depository library community wrote fifteen chapters on every aspect of operating and managing a depository library.  Seven chapters have been posted online and the remaining chapters are still under development.

### 2005 Biennial Survey Results
**http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/bisurvey/index.html**
The Biennial Survey gathers data on all depository libraries every 2 years.  This report summarizes the responses that were received by GPO in December 2005.

### Tips to Effectively Transition to a More Online Depository Library Collection
**http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/coll-dev/online_coll_tips.pdf**
This tip sheet offers many ways for libraries to continue to incorporate online Government publications into their services and collections.  It is estimated that 95% of Government publications are now being born digitally.

### Public-Private Partnership Opportunity in Publishing Services
**http://www.gpo.gov/bidopps/majoracquisitions.htm**
GPO is seeking innovative relationships with the private sector to create new business models for its Sales Program, GPO would also like to employ the same best business practices and processes to improve the service to FDLP partners, International Exchange Service (IES), and By-Law recipients.  Initial proposals were received on August 31, 2006 and GPO is currently going through the evaluation process. Goals are to have contracts in place by the end of the year.

### A Strategic Vision for the 21st Century
**http://www.gpo.gov/congressional/pdfs/04strategicplan.pdf**
This document presents a vision for the creation and use of Government information in the new century and GPO's roles in its production and dissemination. This document was presented to the 108th Congress and serves as the basis for planning for the GPO of the future.

### Resources for Federal Depository Library Directors
**http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/directors/index.html**
This page provides information of interest to administrators and managers of Federal depository libraries.

### Recent Congressional Testimony
**http://www.gpo.gov/congressional/testimony.htm**
In May 2006, Public Printer Bruce R. James testified before the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. Senate, on the Appropriations Request of the U.S. Government Printing Office for Fiscal Year 2007.

### Public Printer of the United States, Bruce R. James Speech – Rochester Institute of Technology
**http://www.gpo.gov/news/speeches/PP_RITSpeech.pdf**
The Public Printer of the United States, Bruce R. James, returned to his alma mater, Rochester Institute of Technology, to address the National Government Publishers Association about the digital transformation of Government documents. FROM THE FOUNDING FATHERS TO THE DIGITAL AGE: *A Look At The Latest American Revolution* is now available online.

### Recent Speeches of the Superintendent of Documents
**http://www.gpoaccess.gov/about/speeches/index.html**
This site contains recent speeches given by the Superintendent of Documents.

### Retirement of Superintendent of Documents, Judy Russell
**http://www.gpo.gov/news/2006/06news25.pdf**
The official most responsible for working with the library community on establishing an authentic digital collection of published Government information, has announced she will be retiring from GPO early next year. Judy Russell has been with the GPO for nearly a decade, most recently as Superintendent of Documents. Russell is one of the key innovators in designing the FDLP of the future, creating *GPO Access,* and developing innovative plans for the publications sales program.

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I welcome your comments or questions about any of these documents or other issues related to GPO's information dissemination programs.

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