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## MISSOURI LIBRARY TAKES LIBRARY OF THE YEAR HONORS

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) named Missouri's Middendorf-Kredell Branch of the St. Charles City-County Library as the 2007 Federal Depository Library of the Year. Public Printer Robert C. Tapella presented the award to library officials at the annual Fall Federal Depository Library Conference in the nation's capital. The library is located in a growing and changing area outside of St. Louis. Tapella complimented the library on being one of the first to move to an online environment and provide the public with Government information electronically.

Link to Library of the Year presentation photo: <http://www.gpo.gov/news/images/index.html>

"It is an honor to present the library with this award. The Middendorf-Kredell Library has demonstrated great leadership in the ever changing digital age by creating an online forum twelve years ago for the public to access Government information," said Public Printer Robert C. Tapella. "I'm especially proud of the library's online program that teaches kids about the Government. Uncle Sam for Kids was one of the first programs of its kind in the nation."

"We're certainly not the largest depository, so I like to think that our recognition is tied to our strength of getting library services out to the broader community," said St. Charles City-County Library District Director Carl R. Sandstedt. "We have tried for years to "knock" the walls out of our buildings and push services throughout the area. We are simply much more proactive in the delivery of services than most public libraries."

The library embraced its responsibility to public service by offering a wide range of programs for the community in the St. Louis area. One of the most successful services is the Community & Market Analysis program. Businesses interested in relocation or expanding in the area can get free, customized analysis for any address. The two Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, whose districts include the library, offered their congratulations on the accomplishments of the library and its director.

"Although the Federal government document collection is extensive and covers a broad range of topics, your staff made it accessible through a unique "user friendly" web portal, understandable via a logical method of organization, and easy to use by nearly anyone who desired information," said Rep. W. Todd Akin (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Missouri). "A well-informed electorate is indispensable to the American form of government."

"Your service and dedication to the community has been recognized-a distinction you most assuredly deserve. I am certainly proud to represent a portion of the library district in our nation's capitol," said Rep. Kenny Hulshof (9<sup>th</sup> District, Missouri).

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