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GPO'S FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM MAKES HISTORY: WELCOMES FIRST THREE TRIBAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office has announced the addition of three tribal college libraries to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Little Priest Tribal College in Nebraska, as well as Fort Peck Community College and Salish Kootenai College in Montana, join the more than 1,250 Federal depositories nationwide. These additions mark the first ever Native American libraries to join the FDLP, furthering an ongoing commitment and increased effort to strengthen free access to Federal Government information throughout the nation.

“We are pleased to welcome these libraries into the FDLP,” said Judy Russell, GPO’s Superintendent of Documents. “The new libraries will provide U.S. Government publications to historically underserved populations and will also contribute valuable tribal resources to the FDLP community and its patrons.”

The GPO hosted a strategy session during its annual fall conference establishing dialogue regarding the needs of tribal libraries. The three new depositories have each expressed a fundamental interest in making the majority of their collections digital. Little Priest Tribal College was the first of the tribal college libraries to join the FDLP. All three libraries are designated by law as land grant colleges entitling them to depository status.

The FDLP was established by Congress to ensure the American public has access to government information. The program involves the acquisition, format conversion, and distribution of depository materials and the coordination of Federal depository libraries across the country.

In addition to the partnership with the more than 1,250 libraries nationwide participating in the FDLP, GPO makes government information available at no cost to the public through *GPO Access* (www.gpoaccess.gov), and through publication sales. The GPO’s core mission is to ensure that the American public has access to government information. The GPO is the Federal Government’s primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. Government information in all its forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government. For more information about the GPO, please visit www.gpo.gov.

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