

Fall Depository Library Council Envisioning and Action Plan Sessions Ground Rules for Discussion



The purpose of this day-long meeting is twofold: To shape a compelling vision of the role of librarians and libraries in the government information environment and to begin gathering ideas about the specific action items that will need to be implemented to realize our vision.

Preparation

- It will be assumed that everyone has read the document *The Federal Government Information Environment of the 21st Century: A Vision and a Plan of Action for Federal Depository Libraries*.
- Please monitor the Blog at <http://dlcvisionoutline.blogspot.com> so that we are current with the ideas and opinions already expressed by the community.

Roles

- The Depository Library Council's role is not to defend the document, but to listen and understand the issues and concerns.
- The GPO staff's role is also to listen and understand the issues and concerns, and to provide insights into GPO strategic plans as appropriate.
- The moderator's role is to facilitate comment. The sessions are to discuss, listen, and comment to move the broad vision forward. The moderator will neither defend nor comment on the document.
- Comments will be recorded. It is not the role of the recorder to offer opinions, but rather to record yours.
- Participants are asked to focus their comments on the future needs of users of government information, and the steps that government agencies, GPO, and libraries need to take to meet these needs.
- Respect all opinions. We may not all agree on every word in the document. Let's focus on the major concepts and the action plan

Logistics

- If a microphone is provided, please use it and identify yourself and your library/institution name.
- We'd like to ensure that everyone who wants to speak be given that opportunity *before* those who have had a chance make a second comment.

- Build on other people's comments so each comment can move us forward.
- Not every comment can be addressed in this compressed time frame. What we can promise is that every comment will be recorded and considered. The goal is a concise effort that becomes a *living* document and action plan. If our effort sits on the shelf, then, we have failed.
- Comments may be written and placed in the "Comments" box at the registration desk. If you are unable to say your piece at the meetings, *please* make sure you use the "Comments" box or discuss your points with any DLC member during or after the conference. You can also send your comments to chair, Barbie Selby (bselby@virginia.edu) .
- A "Word Smith" box will be at the registration desk for any editorial or factual comments. We appreciate you helping us with the details. The moderator may suggest that a comment be put in the "Word Smith" box.
- If there is a question or a new issue that is not stated in the document, it will be recorded as "New Data" to ensure that these receive attention during the conference.
- All cell phones and pagers are "off" or on "vibrate". If you need to take a call, please leave the room to conduct your call.

Proposed Time Line

Week beginning Aug. 29 -- Final draft of vision statement distributed

Oct. 16-19 -- Formal and informal opportunities at the DLC Fall Meeting for community to participate in shaping the vision

Oct. 31 -- Blog closes; comment period ends

Early January -- Final version of vision statement & first draft of action plan distributed

Jan. 20-25 -- Formal and informal opportunities at ALA Midwinter for community to participate in shaping the action plan

Apr. 23-26 -- Formal and informal opportunities at the DLC Spring Meeting for community to contribute to and reach consensus on the action plan

Week beginning May 15 -- Final version of action plan distributed

Thank you for your ideas, caring, and passion for FDLP. Together we can start those first steps to living our future dream.