



# Future Scenarios

2021, A Depository Odyssey



# Future FDL





# Doom & Gloom - 2021

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- Public apathy about information
- Restriction of access based on fear
- Few official privacy safeguards
- Weakened GPO (GWO)
- Association of depositories
- Locally stored digital files
- Very little print
- Two tangible dark archives (one in Culpepper)
- 15 distributed full FDL collections
- Much government info distributed by private vendors



# Status Quo

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- “After a period of transition to online format for U.S. government information, a number of print copies of government documents are deposited at designated depository libraries in order to insure the historical record of government information.”



# Digital Town Meeting - 2025

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- Direct democracy – more or less
  - Approve programs more than 5% of budget
- Each County - Public Info Centers
- Each State – Information aggregator library
- Virtual, distributed Congress
- Virtually all information is digital
  - Collections are artifacts
- Voice driven queries



# Duncan I - Collections

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- 300 depositories
- 10 full, distributed, circulating FDL collections
- 2 light archives, w/ federal \$\$\$ support
- 2 full digital, library-housed FDSys mirrors
- 60 LOCKSS libraries
- 100-200 libraries locally store Federal Information – short term basis
- Federal files harvested automatically, some human intervention



# Duncan I - Metadata

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- Everything full text searchable
- Limited, machine-generated metadata
- Agencies insert some metadata
- XML
- Libraries can (and do) create access tools



# Duncan I - Intermediaries

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- National online service to assist with info.
- Experts (FDL librarians, agency) who are available to other FDLs
- Can libraries cooperate to develop very useful Network tools for assisting users?





# Duncan II - Partnership

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- Contraction - FDLP
  - 12 full FDL collections
    - 2 light archives OR no light archives??
  - 4 full digital collections
  - 2 dark archives
- Expansion – FDSys
  - All libraries able to establish profiled download in FDSys
  - No mandates or obligations



# Duncan II - Partnership

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- Current Collections
  - Use collections to ensure complete dark, light, & FDL collections
  - Libraries take ownership of print legacy collections
    - Keep or dispose of as they see best
  - EBAY
- Reference
  - Nationally coordinated reference
  - Knowledge base
  - Reference specialists available
  - Coordinated training for gov. info. Specialists
  - Webcasted annual conferences



# Lori

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- Information Dissemination & Preservation Agency (IDPA) - merged GPO & NARA
  - Franklin - Full text, online access to every federal pub.
  - George – classified materials
    - Automatically declassified
  - Cataloged & full text searchable
  - 2 archives – DC and remote



# Lori

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- Information Dissemination & Preservation Network (IDPN)
  - 1 Franklin mirror site in each state
  - Federal Info. Assistance Centers (FIAC)
    - Reference, download info., access Franklin
  - Training
    - Certified Fed. Info. Specialists
  - Give input to IDPA on policy & usability issues
  - Effective partnership



# John - 2015

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- No-fee access via GPOAccess
- Some print
- Reformatting old data cost money
- Online Plus
  - Online publications
  - Print distribution of anything not online
- Fewer Regionals, more networks of libraries
- On Demand digitization
- Light & Dark archives



# John - 2015

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- Clearinghouses for obtaining print materials
- 100s of depositories
- Government information mainstreamed
- Staff work behind scenes to improve access
- FDSys (Harding) important for harvesting and accessing information
- Data storage primarily a federal responsibility
- Similar problems as 2007



# What's Your Scenario?

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- Let us know
  - Elements to include
    - Collections – physical and electronic
    - Services
    - Relationship w/fed govt – governance
    - Structure of the system
    - Metadata/cataloging/finding aids
- <http://dlcvisionoutline.blogspot.com>