

# GPO Cataloging Practice: ALA 2006 update



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## Series Authorities Records

In response to the Library of Congress' new series authority records (SARs) policy, GPO has written an AskGPO knowledgebase entry requesting feedback from librarians in the federal depository library program and done a cost study on the creation of our series authority records. Based on the feedback we have received from various members of the community and our costing study, GPO has decided to continue series authority control, including series authority record creation, for the near future. Librarians should also consult GPO's announcement to the FDLP-L and Govdoc-L listservs entitled, "GPO and Series Authorities" sent on May 10, 2006.

## Serials Set

GPO is starting to add serial set numbers from volumes in the U.S. Congressional Serials Set to records for Congressional reports and documents. The standard series, established in the series authority file some time ago (see arn3166667 in OCLC or the CGP), will be added to bibliographic records for Congressionals in the 440 field. The serials set number will then be recorded in the \$v subfield provided for series numbering.

For each individual Congressional document bibliographic record a 440 (Series Statement/Added Title Entry) will be added to the bibliographic record, e.g.,

- 440 b0 \$a United States Congressional serial set ; \$v serial number 13891 (see: lccn92048654)

We will also be checking in the volumes of the serials set on the main series record (please see SYS 000568079 or ocm03888071 in OCLC or the CGP).

We will be providing handouts of the new policy that explain it in detail.

## Separate Records

Some members of the community who read GPO's white paper on separate records have asked when we will set and begin practicing this policy. We expect to get it started in late summer 2006, and we do not expect any major changes—if any—from the proposed procedure you read in the white paper. We will broadcast the proposed policy via the website and leave a period open for comment. Comments provided will then be taken into consideration and the policy will be modified as necessary.

### **Cataloging Contract: Status**

The solicitation closed in May 2006 and GPO has received five proposals for consideration from vendors. The Source Selection Plan was put forth for approval and has been returned; the financial team has begun their evaluations this week and the technical team will proceed with their evaluation the following week. We expect to have an award by the end of FY2006/beginning of FY2007.

### **Statistical Reporting**

The Director, Library Services and Content Management has approved a performance metrics plan for implementation for all business units. We are still planning our reporting categories and collection procedures. Decisions regarding web publication are still in the planning stages as well. We expect that we will be reporting July 2006 statistics in this new format.

### **Statistics**

**PURLs created in FY2006: 6000**

**Cataloging records created in FY2006: 8,166 (through 6/1/06)**

**Backlog: 1612 items**