



Dear Federal Library/Information Center Staff:

The LC Bicentennial Working Group of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) is delighted to provide you with the federal libraries LC Bicentennial online tool kit to help you celebrate the Library of Congress Bicentennial year within your own organization. Included in this tool kit is a downloadable copy of FLICC's LC Bicentennial letterhead which you may reproduce and use for communications regarding any celebrations you sponsor in conjunction with the LC Bicentennial during 2000.

In addition, the tool kit contains electronic versions of:

- Ways to Celebrate Federal Libraries and the LC Bicentennial
- Tips for Planning Library Programs
- Chronology of Federal Libraries and Information Centers (insert your own dates)
- Sample Press Release and Talking Points (to help you promote your event)

Early in 2000, each federal library will receive a special poster and bookmark illustrating the theme: "Federal Libraries: A Record of Our Past—A Link to Our Future. Over 200 Years of Public Service."

The poster and bookmark were designed by California artist Eric Peterson in consultation with your federal library colleagues on the Working Group. FLICC has licensed the use of the image for federal libraries and information centers; we encourage you to print additional bookmarks either from the samples or from the digital artwork soon to be available on the FLICC Website. Copies of the poster and quantities of bookmarks may also be available from the Superintendent of Documents. Check this Web page in the future for details.

The poster is rich with colors and symbols: The column at the center of the image—the Greek symbol of democracy—connotes our federal context and is topped by the Roman numeral 2000. The globe above the column represents the worldwide distribution of federal libraries. Together the column and the globe form an "i", the international symbol for information. The stars and stripes at the base of the column represent the United States and form the endless "information highway" which is populated with examples of

the many media used by federal librarians to serve their clients. The human image that forms the backdrop for the top half of the poster symbolizes the human quest for knowledge, further represented by the question mark, delta (change), sigma (sum), infinity, Boolean circles, directional arrow, CPU lights, atmosphere and the reaches of outer space.

Join the worldwide community of federal librarians in displaying the poster in a prominent place in your library or office. Make use of the toolkit to celebrate your own library or information center during the Library of Congress Bicentennial Year.

Sincerely,

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