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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CELEBRATES 150 YEARS AS A FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS MARY ALICE BAISH TO SPEAK

WHO:

Superintendent of Documents Mary Alice Baish
http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/about/Baish_bio.pdf

The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-9)

WHAT:

The U.S. Government Printing Office's (GPO) Superintendent of Documents Mary Alice Baish will speak at an event celebrating the University of Missouri Columbia Library's 150th anniversary as a member of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer of Missouri's 9th Congressional District will also speak at the event. Through the FDLP, GPO partners with 1,200 libraries nationwide to provide free public access to published information of all three branches of the Government. Baish will focus on the role Federal depository libraries play in connecting the public to the Federal Government and preserving historical documents. The University of Missouri Columbia Library is one of the oldest members of the FDLP and also serves as the regional library for the state of Missouri. The university and local community can access the approximately 1.5 million Government documents that the University of Missouri Library makes freely available to the public.

Baish has been invited to be the keynote speaker the following day at the Missouri Regional Government Documents Conference hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis. She will convey her vision for the future of the FDLP and collaborative initiatives to increase the digital content that is available to the public.

WHEN:

**May 3, 2012
1:30 p.m. (CST)**

WHERE:

University of Missouri Columbia
104 Ellis Library
Columbia, MO 65201

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