



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

COLLABORATIVE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY PROGRAM (CFDP)

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CFDP Overview

ASERL established the Collaborative Federal Depository Program in 2006. Today, 40 libraries in the Southeast region are serving as Centers of Excellence (“COEs”). They work collaboratively to transform poorly documented and incomplete collections into the equivalent of at least one complete cataloged set of print publications and maps distributed as part of the Federal Depository Library Program. In these efforts, COEs agree to inventory and catalog their chosen agency/subject/format collection, actively replace damaged or lost items, fill gaps in their collections, and provide preservation for the collection.

The “**Southeast Region Guidelines for Management and Disposition of Federal Depository Library Collections: The Collaborative Federal Depository Program**” is the foundational document that governs ASERL’s CFDP program and is reviewed every 5 years, with the next review to take place in 2026.

Recent Activity

- ASERL has hired **Rebecca Crist** to serve as Program Coordinator for Shared Collection Resources, starting February 1, 2023. Ms. Crist will succeed Cheryle Cole-Bennett, who is retiring as of March 1, 2023 after nearly 15 years working as ASERL’s Program Coordinator for Shared Print Programming. For the past ten years, Ms. Crist has served as Project Manager for the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), leading development and implementation of BTAA’s Shared Print Repository Program.
- In September 2022, the US Government Publishing Office (GPO) released a report from the Task Force assigned to study the feasibility of an all-digital Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).

ASERL leaders reviewed the Task Force report and submitted comments to GPO supporting its recommendations to transition to an all-digital format. ASERL’s comments on the Task Force report can be found on our [website](#).

Attrition

CFDP libraries may withdraw from the program with two years’ written notice, to allow the library time to make provisions for the disposition or transfer of materials to another library willing to assume responsibility for the collection.

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- Georgia Institute of Technology recently announced their intent to withdraw from the program; their discontinuation will be effective in August 2024.
- Western Kentucky University will withdraw from the program in April 2023.

The CFDP Oversight Committee is currently seeking libraries willing to adopt the documents from the agencies that Georgia Tech is relinquishing. The COE collections impacted by WKU's withdrawal have been covered by other participating COE libraries.

ASERL Documents Disposition Database

The database was created in 2012 by the University of Florida to ensure FDLP libraries can fill gaps and build collections throughout the region.

- Today, 236 libraries (80% of the 295 eligible libraries in the Southeast) use the ASERL Documents Disposition Database to manage the disposition processes for their FDLP collections.
- Since the database was launched, **115,260** items have been claimed by libraries to fill gaps in their FDLP collections.
- Of these, **58,620** items have been claimed for Centers of Excellence collections.

Governance

The CFDP is governed by an administrative oversight committee that is responsible for providing long-term advocacy, support and guidance for the program. **The ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP) Oversight Committee** is comprised of library deans/directors and documents coordinators from Regional and Selective Depository Libraries in the Southeast Region, drawn from both ASERL member libraries as well as non-ASERL member libraries. This structure ensures non-ASERL members continue to have an opportunity to influence the guidance that is promulgated that directly affects the management of their depository collections.

Members are appointed by the ASERL Board of Directors, and the committee meets quarterly.

CFDP Oversight Committee Members

- David Durant (East Carolina), Chair
- Cecilia Botero (U-Mississippi)
- Mary Clark (Library of Virginia)
- Sarah Erekson (U-Florida)
- Amy Laub (U-Kentucky)
- Judy Russell (U-Florida)
- Bill Sudduth (U-South Carolina)

Renee Bosman (UNC-Chapel Hill) cycled off the committee at the end of December 2022. ASERL thanks Renee for her many years of service to this endeavor, serving on the leadership committee since May 2017, and as its chair since August 2019.

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