ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

COLLABORATIVE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM [CFDP]
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The Collaborative Federal Depository Program [CFDP] describes the common set of collection management and disposition policies and procedures, as well as documented best practices to address the collective management of FDLP collections held by ASERL libraries, in collaboration with other Federal Depository Libraries throughout the Southeast Region.

Participating Libraries
• 37 of ASERL’s 38 members are FDLP libraries; 12 Regional Depositories in 10 states.
• Currently, 41 libraries serve as Centers of Excellence (COE) as part of this program; 30 are Selective Depositories, and 9 COE libraries (22%) are located in the Southeast but are not members of ASERL. Old Dominion University is our newest member, joining the program in October 2017.

Center of Excellence Collections
Center of Excellence libraries commit to establish a comprehensive collection of publications from a chosen agency, format or subject area. They agree to catalog and inventory their holdings and conduct research to identify publications that are missing from their COE collections.
• COE libraries have adopted six Cabinet-level agencies, 1 format collection (maps), 3 subject collections (Panama Canal, Cuba and the City of Atlanta) and 230 SuDoc classifications. 15 agencies have been adopted by a second COE.
• 4 COE libraries have signed agreements with GPO to become Preservation Steward Libraries for their COE collections, supporting the continued public access to historic U.S. Government documents:
  o The University of Florida, the University of Kentucky and the University of South Carolina (the 3 initial COE libraries established under the IMLS grant) and the most recent is the University of Virginia (a COE since 2011).

Outreach and Communication
• The Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP) is featured in a chapter in an ALCTS Monograph from ALA Editions: “Shared Collections: Collaborative Stewardship” — edited by Dawn Hale, Johns Hopkins University.
• Sandee McAninch, Judy Russell and Bill Sudduth: The ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program”, ALCTS Webinar Series, Aired September 13, 2017. A link to the recording is available on the ASERL website.
• The December 2017/January 2018 issue of “Against the Grain” focuses on national and potentially international efforts to collect and preserve digital government information and data, and includes an article on the Collaborative Federal Depository Program.

Review of the Guidelines for Management and Disposition of Federal Depository Library Collections in the Southeast
The CFDP Steering Committee has been engaged in a review of the Guidelines document that governs the ASERL CFDP Program. This document had not been reviewed and revised since 2012. A revised draft has been distributed through the ASERL government documents listserves for comments/feedback. Subscribers of these lists include Regionals, as well as Selectives and Centers of Excellence libraries in the ASERL region.

ASERL Disposition Database
The University of Florida developed and hosts the ASERL Disposition Database to facilitate the disposition of federal documents within the Southeast as a means of supporting the Guidelines for Managing FDLP Collections in the Southeast Region. There are 11 service areas represented in the Disposition Database: Alabama, Florida (includes Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands), Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Maryland (includes District of Columbia and Delaware). This represents 308 depository libraries, of which 222 are using the database to manage their disposition process.

In FY2017 – 254,350 documents were posted to the ASERL Disposition Database for “adoption” by other FDLP libraries, of which 12,528 documents were claimed. Of those claimed, 3099 documents were claimed for use in Center of Excellence collections; the others were claimed for non-COE parts of local FDLP collections. Since the database was launched in 2012, more than 67,890 documents posted for disposal have been claimed by another library and added to their collections.

Database enhancements: Recent enhancements allow libraries to export both their Needs Lists, and their list of Expired Offers for uploading to the FDLP eXchange, GPO’s new national Needs/Offer database. This enhancement eliminates duplication of effort and promotes the use of the FDLP eXchange database, improving gap-filling at the national level.

For more information about the ASERL Documents Disposition Database, please see the LibGuide at http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/ASERL-DispositionDB.

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