



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

## COLLABORATIVE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM [CFDP]

### Program Update – June 2019

#### Introduction

ASERL's Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP) provides cooperative training, outreach, service and collection analysis and development activities to improve access to Federal government information for citizens in the Southeast region. The program supports the work of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), managed by the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO). The CFDP is the vehicle that implements the program goals as described in "*Southeast Region Guidelines for Management and Disposition of Federal Depository Library Collections*" which can be found on our website at <http://www.aserl.org/programs/gov-doc/>.

#### Participating Libraries

- 37 of ASERL's 38 members are FDLP libraries, including 12 Regional Depositories in 10 states.
- 42 libraries serve as Centers of Excellence (COE) as part of this program; 31 are Selective Depositories, and 9 COE libraries (22%) are located in the Southeast but are not members of ASERL.

#### Center of Excellence 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.
- 5 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: The **University of Florida**, the **University of Kentucky** and the **University of South Carolina** (the three initial COE libraries established under the original IMLS grant that funded the initial program), and the **University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill** and the **University of Virginia**, both COEs since 2011.
- Hollins University (COE for the Women's Bureau – also covered by Duke University) and the Georgia State University (Subject COE for the City of Atlanta) have elected to discontinue participation in the program. A minimum of 24 months' prior notice is required to allow the library time to make provisions for the disposition or transfer of materials, and to finalize any outstanding activities for their COE collection; both institutions will be removed from the program in August 2020.

#### 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 305 depository libraries in the geographic area served by this program, of which 223 are using the Disposition Database to manage their disposition process.

Since the database was launched in 2012, **1,788,382** documents have been posted for disposal, with more than **85,925** documents claimed by another library and added to their collections. Of these, more than **42,835** were claimed for COE collections.

In the past fiscal year, as of April 30, 2019: **183,887** documents were posted to the ASERL Disposition Database for “adoption” by other FDLP libraries, of which **7,425** documents were claimed. Of those claimed, **3,705** documents were claimed for use in Center of Excellence collections; the others were claimed for non-COE parts of local FDLP collections.

### Outreach and Communication

- On October 23, 2018 ASERL hosted a lunch meeting of the ASERL Government Documents Coordinators during the Depository Library Council [DLC] Conference in Washington, DC; 23 people attended. Seven programs on the DLC meeting agenda were presented by Depository Coordinators from the ASERL region.
- The first-ever Collaborative Federal Depository Program Town Hall e-meeting was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 and was attended by 31 people. Several of the attendees were new to the CFDP.

### Governance

The ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program is governed through a two-tiered structure to foster the growth of the program and provide support and management for long-term, efficient and effective operations.

- The FDLP Deans Committee members are Cecelia Botero (University of Mississippi), Martin Halbert (University of North Carolina – Greensboro) and Judy Russell (University of Florida).
- The CFDP Steering Committee members are Renee Bosman (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill), Mary Clark (Library of VA), Abigail Desoto (Louisiana Tech), Chelsea Dinsmore (University of Florida), David Durant (East Carolina University), Amy Laub-Carroll (University of Kentucky), Judy Russell (University of Florida) and Bill Sudduth (University of South Carolina), who served as Chair through May 2019. Renee Bosman will become Chair in August 2019.
- The “Southeast Region Guidelines for Management and Disposition of Federal Depository Library Collections: The Collaborative Federal Depository Program” was updated, approved and affirmed in September 2018.

### GPO – Government Publishing Office

- GPO has established new *Guidelines for Establishing Shared Regional Depository Libraries* (effective October 2018) allows more flexibility for libraries in managing their depository collections and in providing services to them. Several ASERL libraries are exploring options for sharing collections under these guidelines.
- FDLP eXchange, a national needs and offers database developed by GPO, was released for public use in June. Libraries using the ASERL Documents Disposition Database are able to export both their Needs Lists and Expired Offers lists into FDLP eXchange. This functionality eliminates duplication of effort and promotes use of the FDLP eXchange database, improving gap-filling at the national level.