



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

COLLABORATIVE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY PROGRAM

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Overview

In 2006, ASERL established its first program to explore options for cooperative services and collection management of tangible federal government publications. By working collaboratively, participating libraries seek 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 collection, actively replace damaged or lost items, fill gaps in their collections, and provide preservation for the collection.

Participating Libraries

41 libraries serve as CFDP Centers of Excellence (COE); 30 of which are Selective Depositories. Of these, 32 COE libraries are ASERL members; nine do not hold membership in ASERL. Currently, COE collections include six Cabinet-level agencies, one format collection (maps), two subject collections (Panama Canal and Cuba), and over 200 SuDoc classifications.

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.

- Northern Kentucky University, which serves as a COE for the three agencies – the Copyright Office, the Small Business Administration, and the American Folklife Center - will withdraw from the program in May 2022.
- Western Kentucky University, which serves as a COE for the PRVP 42 Vice President of the United States, registered their intent to withdraw from the program citing the loss of space when the facility housing the collection was repurposed. The University will withdraw from the program in April 2023.

Each of these COE collections have been adopted or were covered by a second COE, ensuring the collections are sustained:

- The University of Florida assumed responsibility for the Copyright Office
- The University of Mississippi assumed responsibility for the Small Business Administration
- The University of Kentucky assumed responsibility for the Vice President of the United States
- The Tennessee State Library and Archives continues as the sole COE for the American Folklife Center

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CFDP Program Review

The program Guidelines call for a program review to be conducted every 3 years; the last review being done in 2018. The CFDP Steering Committee is currently assessing the scope and nature of the review, with an anticipated completion date of November 2021.

ASERL Documents Disposition Database

The database was created in 2012 by the University of Florida to serve as valuable resource for ensuring FDLP libraries can fill gaps and build collections throughout the region. Since the database was launched, 100,500 items posted by libraries have been claimed by other libraries to fill gaps in their FDLP collections. Of these, almost 50,000 items have been claimed for Centers of Excellence collections. Today, 232 libraries (78% of eligible libraries in the Southeast) use the ASERL Documents Disposition Database to manage the disposition processes for their FDLP collections.

Outreach and Communication

The CFDP Steering Committee annual networking get-together at the Depository Library Conference (DLC) was held virtually on December 7, 2020. The get-together is an opportunity for collegial information sharing about depository activities in the Southeast, highlighting important take-a-ways from DLC programming, plus a brief update on the program.

Renee Bosman (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill), Abigail DeSoto (Louisiana Tech University), Amy Laub-Carroll (University of Kentucky) and Cheryle Cole-Bennett, ASERL co-authored an article "From the Field" in Volume 12 of [Collaborative Librarianship](#). The article, entitled "The Collaborative Federal Depository Program: Managing Federal Depository Library Program Collections in the Southeast", can be found via direct link at: <https://digitalcommons.du.edu/collaborativelibrarianship/vol12/iss2/3>.

Will Stringfellow, Coordinator of Government Documents at Vanderbilt University, was named Depository Library Council Chair by GPO. His term began June 1, 2021. Also serving on the Council is Renee Bosman, Government Information Librarian at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, who began her term in June 2020. Renee also Chairs the ASERL CFDP Steering Committee.

The Government Publishing Office [GPO] recently sought feedback on proposed legislative revisions to title 44 U.S.C., Chapter 19: Depository Library Program. To view ASERL's feedback and additional information on the proposed changes, please visit the FDLP website at: <https://www.fdlp.gov/about-fdlp/23-projects/4884-legislative-revisions-to-title-44-u-s-c-chapter-19-depository-library-program>.

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