COLLABORATIVE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY PROGRAM
PAN Update – January 2021

Overview
In 2006, ASERL established its first program to explore options for cooperative services and collection management of tangible federal government publications. Participating libraries, collectively known as Centers of Excellence (COE), seek to ensure that the Southeast region includes 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
Today, 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with two years’ written notice, to allow other libraries the opportunity to adopt the collections that are being withdrawn.

- In August 2020, Hollins University (COE for the Women’s Bureau) and Georgia State University (Subject COE for the City of Atlanta) finalized their 24-month withdrawal period and were removed from the program as COEs. Duke University continues to serve as the COE for the Women’s Bureau. The “City of Atlanta” is no longer a subject COE.
- 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. The University of Florida has assumed responsibility for the Copyright Office and the University of Mississippi assumed responsibility for the Small Business Administration, ensuring these collections are sustained. The Tennessee State Library and Archives continues to serve as the COE for the American Folklife Center.
CFDP Program Review
The program Guidelines call for a program review to be conducted every 3 years; the next review will take place in 2021.

ASERL Documents Disposition Database
The database was created in 2012 by the University of Florida to serve as a valuable resource for ensuring FDLP libraries can fill gaps and build collections throughout the region. Since the database was launched, 98,710 items posted by libraries have been claimed by other libraries to fill gaps in their FDLP collections. Of these, 48,530 items have been claimed for Centers of Excellence collections. Today, 231 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 a recent issue 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 as the next Depository Library Council Chair by GPO. His term begins 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.

Upcoming Activities
Enhancements to the infrastructure of OCLC Worldcat for shared print presents an opportunity for streamlined registration processes and greater discoverability of these important COE collections. The CFDP Steering Committee will assess the best practices documentation for cataloging/metadata guidelines of COE materials to take advantage of these enhancements.

The CFDP Steering Committee is also exploring opportunities to support GPO Preservation Stewards in the ASERL region who are not currently participants in the CFDP. Like COEs, Preservation Stewards make a commitment to retain and preserve specified tangible depository resources.

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