



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.

Participating Libraries

Of the 40 COEs, 11 are Regional Depositories and 29 are Selective Depositories. Eight participating libraries are COEs but do not hold membership in ASERL. COE collections currently 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 completed their 2-year withdrawal period and was removed from the program in May 2022.
- Western Kentucky 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.

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.

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- Since the database was launched, nearly **111,000** items posted by libraries have been claimed by other libraries to fill gaps in their FDLP collections.
- Of these, **56,100** items have been claimed for Centers of Excellence collections.
- Today, **235** 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.

Outreach and Communication

GPO hosted the Spring Depository Library Conference (DLC) virtually on April 11-12, 2022. Each year, ASERL’s CFDP governance committee holds a networking get-together after the DLC event for collegial information sharing about depository activities in the Southeast, highlighting important take-a-ways from DLC programming. Our CFDP Spring e-meeting was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, with 56 attendees.

Also of interest:

GPO has appointed a task force to study the feasibility of an all-digital Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). ASERL member libraries are well-represented on this task force, including Valerie Glenn (U-Georgia), Will Stringfellow (Vanderbilt), Amy Laub-Carroll (U-Kentucky) and Judy Russell (U-Florida, representing ARL). The task force is expected to complete their study in December 2022.

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

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| • Renee Bosman (UNC – Chapel Hill), Chair | • Sarah Erekson (U-Florida) |
| • David Durant (East Carolina), Chair-elect | • Amy Laub-Carroll (U-Kentucky) |
| • Cecilia Botero (U-Mississippi) | • Judy Russell (U-Florida) |
| • Mary Clark (Library of Virginia) | • Bill Sudduth (U-South Carolina) |

Program Staff Announcement

Cheryle Cole-Bennett, Program Coordinator for ASERL announced her retirement, effective December 2022. The ASERL Board of Directors is currently assessing plans for seeking Cheryle’s successor.

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