

2022 Regional Government Information Librarians (REGIL) Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Meeting Description

The Regional Libraries Meeting is open to all. The meeting will cover topics of relevance to regional FDLP libraries and will be led by regional coordinators from across the country. The main discussion topics will be: i) NCSA quarterly meeting, ii) Regional-L listserv, iii) Regional Discard Policy, and iv) all-digital FDLP.

Welcome

Lori Thornton (New Mexico) called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees, shared the meeting agenda, and provided a brief overview of REGIL. She reminded participants that the archive of meeting notes and recordings of past REGIL meetings were available online at:

<https://library.ndsu.edu/ir/handle/10365/28087>.

Announcements and Reminders

- Lori announced that REGIL leadership needs two additional leaders due to vacant positions opening on Nov. 1, 2022. Please contact one of us if you are interested in participating.
- Arlene Weible is serving as the Regional-L listserv moderator. If you need to have new staff added or have trouble receiving messages, please contact her: arlene.weible@slo.oregon.gov.

NCSA Quarterly Meeting

- Ashley Dahlen (GPO) led this discussion. Ashley presented to the group in lieu of scheduling four different NCSA meetings.
- The NCSA webpages on FDLP.gov have launched. The webpages include a map of the NCSAs and information about what has been authorized in each NCSA, as well as details about Preservation Stewards, Regional Online Selections, and Regional Discard. The webpages for the NCSAs are linked here: <https://fdlp.gov/about-the-fdlp/national-collection-service-areas>.
- Ashley shared some additional updates:
 - The Regional Online Selection policy statement closed for comments on September 9, and GPO is awaiting the revised policy statement.
 - The Regional Discard Policy statement closed for comments on October 8, and GPO is awaiting the revised policy statement.
 - Once both revised policy statements are in place, the Superintendent of Documents may authorize regionals to weed or discard at the NCSA level.
 - There have not been any new Print Selector Agreement updates since July. When the Regional Online Selection Policy statement is finalized, GPO will be able to authorize Regional Online Selections in all four NCSAs.
 - GPO has been modifying existing Preservation Steward Agreements and signing new agreements. Once they are signed, regional discard may be authorized.
 - Microfiche Updates

- Last of the CFRs were shipped
- Wrapping up distribution of Y 1s and Y 4s
- Bound Congressional Record is still in conversion
- FR and LSA editions will wrap up at the end of the calendar year
- Daily Congressional Record will wrap up at 117th Congress, Second session (Jan. 3, 2023)
- Next steps
 - GPO will distribute the last of the microfiche. GPO will wait two months before inactivating item numbers to ensure complete record distribution.
 - Inactivation is on hold for now.
 - Serial content in microfiche is treated differently in cataloging.
 - GPO is seeking an exception to close serial microfiche records.
 - When 278 serial microfiche records are closed off, GPO will wait, then resume inactivating item numbers.
- FDLP Data Manager (FDM) will begin beta testing in FY 2023, Quarter 1. FDM will show FDLs selecting item numbers by state and by NCSA. Pending results of the beta testing, GPO hopes FDM will go live shortly thereafter. Ashley hopes that FDM will help FDLs better understand what they are profiled for and what format they are selecting.
- Ashley shared that GPO currently completes quarterly checks with Print Selectors, Preservation Stewards, and Regional Copy Selectors. GPO is also checking to ensure that Regionals are comprehensive in their tangible collections.

Discussion Topics

- Jen Kirk (Utah) led this discussion.
- Regional-L Listserv
 - Arlene Weible (Oregon) provided an update about Regional-L, the listserv for regional coordinators. Arlene shared that the longtime host, CNI, asked if we could migrate off their platform, since we were the only non-affiliated CNI group.
 - Arlene shared that we should transition to another listserv platform and proposed using Google Groups. Arlene noted that this is also an opportunity to refresh the list to ensure that it contains all regional coordinators and to clean up inactive members.
 - Arlene has organized the list by state and will contact each state's regional coordinator to help confirm the names of staff on the list. Once the list has been updated, Arlene will be prepared to set up a mass subscription for all participants. Arlene doesn't have a specific timeline but hopes to complete the transition by the end of the year. We aren't under a time crunch from CNI, so there is some time to transition.
 - Arlene also discovered that three states are not currently represented on the listserv, so she will be reaching out them.
 - Jen thanked Arlene for managing the listserv and for planning the transition to Google Groups.
- Regional Discard Policy
 - Jen Kirk commented on the Regional Discard Policy statement revision. Cindy Etkin (GPO) shared that the Regional Discard Policy and the Regional Online Selection Policy

revisions will go into effect soon, as no public comments prohibited the Superintendent of Documents from signing them. A News Alert will be distributed once they have been signed. If coordinators have any questions, they can contact Cindy at cetkin@gpo.gov.

- Valerie Glenn (Georgia) asked how many regionals have taken advantage of the Regional Discard Policy.
 - Ashley Dahlen (GPO) said that she wasn't sure who would have that information at GPO since the regional must request and receive authorization from GPO to discard.
- Susanne Caro (North Dakota) asked how a collection is handled if a Preservation Steward withdraws. Is it transferred to someone else in the region?
 - Jen responded that as a Preservation Steward, she must tell GPO if she isn't able to continue preserving a collection. Then GPO takes steps to determine what happens next for the collection (such as looking for a replacement steward).
- All-digital FDLP
 - Janelle Breedveld (Arizona) asked if any other regionals submitted a public comment on the draft all-digital FDLP Report. She drafted a comment on behalf of her regional depository.
 - Some coordinators shared that they commented individually.
 - Others noted that they thought ASERL, ARL, and ALA all commented on behalf of those groups.
 - Laurie Hall (GPO) shared that 2-3 regional librarians commented, as of September 28.
 - James Jacobs (California) noted that FGI posted comments on the draft report here: <https://freegovinfo.info/node/14501/>.
 - Valerie Glenn (Georgia) asked if other coordinators found anything in the draft report that resonated with them or that they disagreed with.
 - Arlene Weible (Oregon) wished the report had included more options for libraries that want to be access-oriented rather than collection-oriented. Arlene is looking forward to the development of more models for different levels of participation in the FDLP. She felt that the report does a good job of laying out the scope of the issue of an all-digital depository program, but doesn't give much in the way of how to move forward.
 - Barbara Darrow (Illinois) asked if the FDLP goes all digital, who will provide support for printing when the public needs to print out government information that is only digital?
 - Arlene commented that more documentation on the need to print information is needed so that those statistics can be shared with GPO.
 - Jen Kirk (Utah) noted that some data was collected in advance of the Regional Online Selection policy here: <https://www.fdlp.gov/file-repository-item/regional-depository-libraries-online-selections-policy-post-implementation>. She shared that a similar tool could be used to collect data on printing.
 - Gwen Sinclair (Hawaii) shared that Congressman Rodney Davis, R-IL, ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration, visited the University of Hawaii at

Manoa Government Documents & Maps Department on October 5. Rep. Davis was accompanied by the committee's general counsel Caleb Hays and staff member Ryan Giachetti. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the impact of plans to modernize the FDLP.

- Gwen understands that they also visited Alaska and Puerto Rico libraries last year.
- Arlene asked about the next steps for the report after Director Halpern reviews the final version.
 - Laurie Hall (GPO) shared that Kristene Blake will remain with GPO to help continue the next phase of planning. Laurie noted that there likely won't be another task force and that the next phase of the project may be more focused on implementation, both internal and external.
- Janelle Breedveld asked if other regional coordinators had received any feedback on the draft report from selective libraries in their states:
 - Some coordinators shared that their selectives mostly want to know if they can weed more if the FDLP goes all-digital.
 - Other coordinators shared that their selectives want to go all-digital because of staffing and space issues.
 - Several coordinators have not heard from the selectives in their states.
 - Renee Bosman (North Carolina) shared that her selectives met in-person prior to the draft report release, and some had expressed concerns. She has not heard from coordinators since the report came out.
 - Arlene Weible shared that she thinks most selectives in her state want to see more concrete information before weighing in.
 - AALL and ALA (GODORT) had webinars about the draft report, and they heard from about a dozen selectives each.

Final Announcements and Reminders

- A special thank you to Jen Kirk and Hayley Johnson for their REGIL service as they cycle off the leadership team.
- As a reminder, Arlene Weible will be contacting regional coordinators to help review the Regional-L listserv recipients for their states.
- Next REGIL Meeting: Spring 2023 (Date TBD) to coincide with the spring DLC meeting.
- Please contact REGIL leadership if you are interested in joining REGIL leadership or with any suggestions for agenda items for the fall meeting.
- Notes taken by: Janelle Breedveld (Arizona). Please send corrections, additions, or questions to jbreedveld@azlibrary.gov.

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