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National Plan for Access to U.S. Government Information

A user-centric service approach to permanent public access

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“Libraries must act as ambitiously networked institutions ... Libraries must connect their network effectively with partner institutions: archives, historical societies, museums, and other cultural heritage organizations.”

John Palfrey's *BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google*.

National Plan Mission & Vision

Vision

“where we are going”

To provide Government information when and where it is needed

Mission

“what we do”

To provide readily discoverable and free public access to Federal Government information, now and for future generations

National Plan: Strategic Priorities



User-centered Service Model



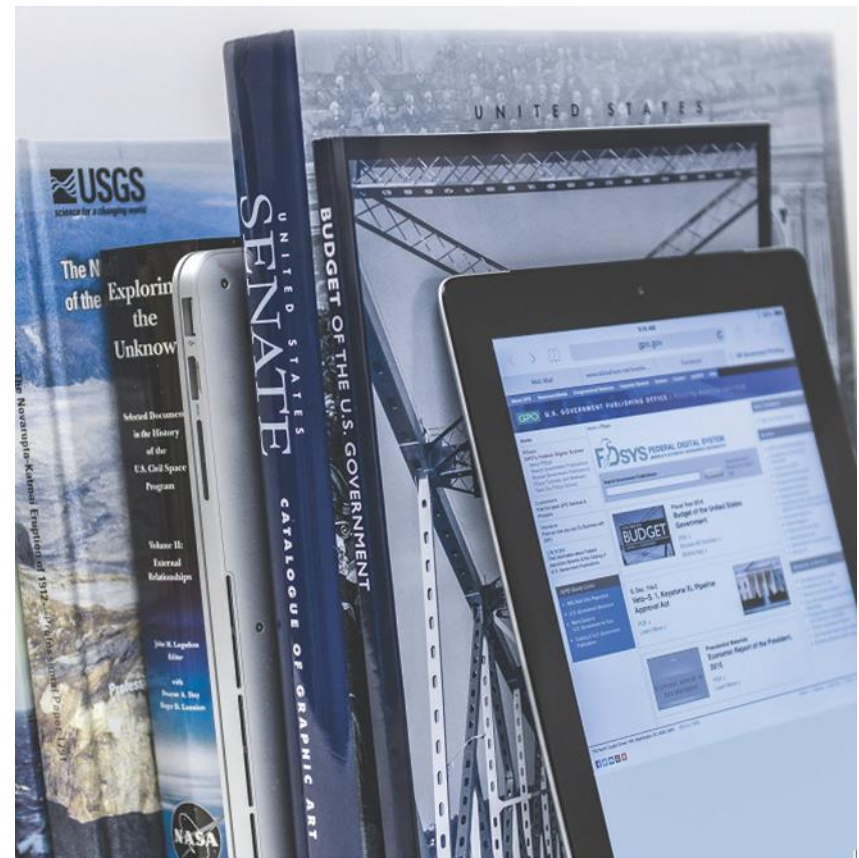


National Plan: Implementation

- In-progress → Doable → Possible
 - Automated Web harvesting
 - Virtual Certification Program for new FDLP coordinators
 - FDLP Academy
 - Digitization partnership with Office of the Federal Register, *Federal Register*, 1935-1994
 - Metadata for the digitized *Bound Congressional Record*, 1873-1994
 - Partnership pilot with UFL to ingest in FDsys and authenticate Panama Canal Commission materials
 - Ethnographic Study of Federal Depository Libraries
 - Trusted Digital Repository (TDR) audit of FDsys

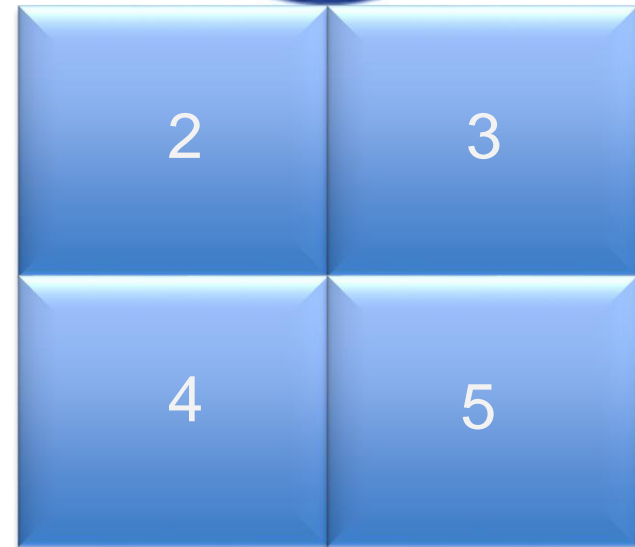
Principles of Government Information

- Public's right
 - Access
- Government's obligation
 - Disseminate
 - Authenticity
 - Preserve
 - Public Domain



Principle #1

*The public
has the right
of access to
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Principles of Government Information

The public has the right of access to Government information.

OUTCOMES:

- Federal depository libraries will meet the Government information needs of the communities they serve and become more engaged with those communities.
- The public at large will have tools and services that will help facilitate efficiency and ease of access to Federal Government information.
- Federal depository libraries will have Government information subject matter experts on staff to assist patrons in finding and using Government publications and information products.



Government has an obligation to preserve its information.

OUTCOME: The National Collection of U.S. Government Information will be accessible to future generations.

- Implement the Federal Information Preservation Network
- Develop a Preservation Program within the LSCM business unit of GPO
- Endeavor to have the preservation of Government publications and information products a national priority
- Digitize, through partnerships, the historical tangible collection of Government publications
- Maintain an inventory of preservation copies of record
- Continue to participate in the development of preservation guidelines and standards



Federal Information Preservation Network

To ensure access to Federal Government information for future generations



FIPNet Partners

U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

FIPNet FEDERAL INFORMATION
PRESERVATION NETWORK



National Collection of U.S. Government Information

A distributed collection of the corpus of Federal Government information products, regardless of format or medium.



What is FIPNet?

A strategy for a collaborative network of information professionals working in various partner roles to ensure access to the national collection of Government information for future generations.



FIPNet: Why is it necessary?

- The historic collection of tangible Federal Government publications and born digital Federal information of today are a priceless information asset for the American people.
- Yet, this information asset is vulnerable to decay, neglect, obsolescence, damage, theft, and content degradation.



FIPNet: Who can participate?

- Federal depository libraries
- The Library of Congress
- National Archives and Records Administration
- U.S. national libraries
- Federal agencies
- State Libraries
- Library consortia
- Associations
- Public and private sector enterprises
- Others interested in Government information preservation



Questions?

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