

ALA American Library Association

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Mr. Hugh Nathaniel Halpern
Director
U.S. Government Publishing Office

Re: Draft report of the Task Force on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program

Dear Director Halpern:

On behalf of the American Library Association (ALA), thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft report of the U.S. Government Publishing Office' (GPO) Task Force on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).

We appreciate your establishment of the task force, as well as t h e t a s k f o r c e m e m b e r s and diligent work. The draft report outlines a vision for the future of the FDLP that is forward-looking and digital-first. In addition, the draft report identifies circumstances where there is an ongoing demand for certain print products.

As modernization efforts continue, it will be crucial to maintain a focus on the value proposition to Federal Depository Libraries in order to sustain library participation in the FDLP. We look forward to ongoing consultation with GPO as the office considers the draft report.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Gavin Baker (gbaker@alawash.org) if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,



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