The FDLP Modernization Act (H.R. 5305) is bipartisan legislation to modernize the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The FDLP is a collaboration between the federal government and more than 1,100 libraries to help the public access government information.

**2018 Request**
- House: Cosponsor the FDLP Modernization Act of 2018 (H.R. 5305)
- Senate: Support companion legislation when introduced in the Senate.

**Libraries Help the Public Access Government Information**

Libraries help the public find, use, and understand government information, such as laws, regulations, and reports by government agencies. The FDLP is a federal program, administered by the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO), that supports this work by libraries.

The FDLP collects publications by federal agencies, catalogs them, and provides the publications to participating libraries in online and print formats. FDLP libraries provide public access to these publications at no cost. This information is used by businesses, the legal system, researchers, and students.

However, many aspects of the FDLP were last revised in the 1960s. Because the practices of libraries, government publishers, and information seekers have changed, the FDLP Modernization Act would bring the program up-to-date.

**Key Facts**

The FDLP Modernization Act was developed with the input of the library community following a series of hearings by the Committee on House Administration in 2017. The bill would update and improve the FDLP by:

- Improving access to information published by the federal government in electronic formats.
- Modernizing the library program by streamlining program requirements and providing greater flexibility.
- Improving preservation of government publications so they remain accessible to the public over the long term.
- Increasing transparency and oversight of the program to ensure accountability.