

## **GODORT Advocacy Priorities for the Federal Depository Library Program**

The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), administered by the U.S. Government Publishing Office, was established to ensure free, public access to government information in the interest of an informed citizenry. This vision is supported by a strong network of depository libraries that work to facilitate access to a wide range of government publications in various formats. Depository libraries also provide trained staff with subject expertise who offer research assistance to help users understand government information and locate additional resources, among other obligations.

### **The issue and advocacy goals**

Since its inception, the FDLP has undergone many changes, and the recent shift to a digital-first program is perhaps one of the most significant. FDLP participation remains crucial for maintaining public access to government information, as well as for promoting government information literacy, in a nearly all-digital landscape.

It is the intention of GODORT to identify advocacy opportunities, in partnership with other stakeholders, to

- Empower government information librarians to advocate for the FDLP, particularly in encouraging library support for the FDLP at the administrative level
- Promote the integration of government information in digital literacy efforts
- Raise the public profile of the FDLP
- Reach members of Congress to promote the importance of the FDLP

### **Partnerships**

Any member of GODORT may suggest a project in accordance with these goals to the GODORT Legislation Committee, which holds administrative responsibility for advocacy efforts. Existing Legislation Committee partners include the GODORT Education Committee and the ALA Public Policy & Advocacy Office.

### **Past Efforts**

[Resolution in Honor of Maryellen Trautman](#) (2025)

[GODORT's Advocacy Priorities for the FDLP](#) (2025 Update to FDLP Advocacy Plan)

[Letter in support of FDLP to GPO](#) (2023)

Established liaison from GODORT Education Committee (2022)

[FDLP Advocacy Plan](#) (2021)

[What is the FDLP](#) [letter to Congress] (2022)

