MARY ALICE BAISH
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As Superintendent of Documents, Baish leads the agency in providing public access to Government information published by the U.S. Congress, Federal agencies and the Federal courts. Baish focuses her efforts on the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) in cooperation with Congress and GPO’s library partners. She also oversees the policy and strategy for GPO’s Library Services and Content Management unit, Publication and Information Sales unit and the management of GPO’s Federal Digital System (www.fdsys.gov).

Biography

Baish was appointed to this position by Public Printer Bill Boarman in January 2011. Throughout Baish’s career, she has worked with all sectors of the library community, testifying before Congressional committees on behalf of GPO, and has been a leading voice in developing electronic systems to disseminate Government information. Prior to GPO, she previously served as the Director of Government Relations for the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), a nonprofit educational organization that serves the information needs of the legal community. Baish has worked closely with Congressional committees, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Federal agencies and the Administration in developing policies and legislation that promote the needs of libraries, the legal community and the American public.

Baish is among the founding members of OpenTheGovernment.org (OTG.org), an organization created to promote democracy and end Government secrecy. She has worked with OTG.org, the White House and Office of Management and Budget in implementing President Obama’s Open Government Directive and with auditing agency Open Government Plans. She has written and spoken extensively about e-government information policy and is a past member of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer.

Baish is a resident of Fairfax Station, VA, and holds a master’s degree in Library and Information Studies from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and an Ed.M. from the State University of New York at Buffalo.