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## GPO OPENS NEWLY DESIGNED AND RENOVATED BOOKSTORE

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) opens the doors to the only bookstore in the nation’s capital that exclusively sells federal government publications. The renovation of the bookstore was done entirely by GPO employees. The agency’s Creative Services department designed the new facility with a modern look and feel similar to popular commercial bookstores. As GPO celebrates its 150 year anniversary, designers incorporated a large mural depicting the history and evolution of printing. Employees in the agency’s trade divisions built, constructed and renovated the bookstore from floor to ceiling. The public can come into the new North Capitol Street facility to browse titles on military, history, health and even children’s books. The shelves also contain Congressional reports, hearings, bills and the President’s budget for the federal government. GPO’s bookstore traces its roots back to 1895, where employees started serving the public by providing new and popular publications from all three branches of the federal government. The bookstore is located at 710 North Capitol Street, NW.

Link to video: <http://www.youtube.com/user/gpoprinter>Link to book blog: <http://govbooktalk.gpo.gov/>

“I want to congratulate GPO employees who designed and constructed this bookstore that houses the documents of our democracy,” said Public Printer Bob Tapella. “The skill and creativity of our employees will have a lasting presence on the customers who come to the bookstore to learn more about our nation.”

“The new bookstore has an inviting, soothing atmosphere. People can browse through the bookstore and see all of our government titles while learning about the history of printing and GPO,” said Publication and Information Sales Managing Director Davita Vance-Cooks. “Our bookstore is a one-of-a-kind with thousands of titles. When you put all of those titles together within our bookstore, you realize that what you’re looking at is the feel, the pulse, the tone of information that’s being disseminated by the federal government.”

The GPO is the federal government’s primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. government information in all its forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the federal government. In addition to publication sales, GPO makes government information available at no cost to the public through GPO’s Federal Digital System ([www.fdsys.gov](http://www.fdsys.gov)) and through partnerships with approximately 1,220 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. For more information, please visit [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov). Follow GPO on Twitter <http://twitter.com/USGPO> and on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/user/gpoprinter>.

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