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**GPO, THE SUFFOLK COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM, AND  
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK  
OPEN FREE WEB LINK TO FEDERAL INFORMATION**

The Suffolk Cooperative Library System and the State University of New York at Stony Brook have opened the first Government Printing Office (GPO) "gateway" in New York State, giving the public free access to many of the Nation's most important Federal documents via the Internet. Empire Access, New York's Gateway to United States Government Information, is the 39th gateway covering 30 states and the District of Columbia.

The **Congressional Record, Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, Commerce Business Daily, Supreme Court Decisions**, and other Federal databases are now available to off-site users on the same day of publication through Empire Access. Empire Access, a joint effort of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System and the State University of New York at Stony Brook, is offering public access to the GPO databases as part of an expanding gateway program. The Suffolk Cooperative Library System and the State University of New York at Stony Brook are part of the Nation's system of nearly 1,400 Federal depository libraries. Each gateway operates through a cooperative arrangement with one or more of the Federal depository libraries.

Empire Access, New York's Gateway to United States Government Information, is the 18th electronic pathway to GPO Access accessible via the World Wide Web. Users may access the gateway by pointing their web browser to: <http://www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/gpo/>. Users of Empire Access may search the databases without charge as frequently as they like. For local user support, contact Diane Eidelman at (516) 286-1600 ext. 325 ([diane@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:diane@suffolk.lib.ny.us)) or Jyoti Pandit at (516) 632-7161 ([Jpandit@ccmail.sunysb.edu](mailto:Jpandit@ccmail.sunysb.edu)). For technical support contact Louis DeRobertis, Manager of Internet and Telecommunications Services at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System ([Louis@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:Louis@suffolk.lib.ny.us)).

The GPO databases are also available for free electronic searches to patrons of the Federal depository libraries under the "GPO Access" program launched in June 1994. There is at least one Federal depository library in every congressional district.

"We believe the public should have timely access to vital information about the activities of their Government without charge," says head of the GPO, Public Printer Michael F. DiMario. "Further, it is our goal to establish local outlets to the GPO electronic system in every State. We want these important Government publications available to the American public around the clock, 7 days a week."

To this end, GPO is working with depository libraries to develop model gateways for public access to GPO's databases. Built on existing campus and public networks, these gateway depositories serve as models for the nationwide depository library system.

Inquiries about the availability of GPO Access services should be directed to the GPO Access User Support Team at 1-888-293-6498 (toll free) or (202) 512-1530 (local); Fax: (202) 512-1262; or Internet e-mail: [gpoaccess.gpo.gov](mailto:gpoaccess.gpo.gov). Questions about the service can also be directed to a nearby Federal depository library. Written information about the GPO Access and GPO products and services can be obtained via U.S. Fax Watch, the GPO's fax-on-demand service, by dialing (202) 512-1716.