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GPO ESTABLISHES FIRST PRESERVATION LIBRARIAN POSITION

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) is continuing its commitment to preserving the documents of our democracy by establishing the agency's first preservation librarian position. GPO's preservation librarian will be tasked with updating the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) collection management plan for the preservation of federal government documents. David Walls will serve as GPO's first preservation librarian; he is a member of the American Library Association (ALA) and comes to the agency from Yale University where he worked as a preservation librarian for 12 years. While at Yale, Walls established practices for the digital conversion of library and special collection materials.

Digital preservation is an ongoing initiative for GPO. In 2009, the agency launched GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys), a content management system, preservation repository and advanced search engine that provides the public with permanent public access to federal government information. GPO is also a member of LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe), a worldwide digital preservation alliance that collaborates with libraries and organizations on preservation initiatives.

Link to FDsys: www.fdsys.gov

“David's experience and expertise in preservation will be an asset to GPO and its mission of *Keeping America Informed*,” said Acting Superintendent of Documents Ric Davis. “This is an important position for the agency as we work with the library community on the continuing transition to a primarily electronic FDLP, and ensure that the content can be migrated in the future to guarantee current and permanent public access to federal government information.”

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) and through partnerships with approximately 1,220 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. For more information, please visit www.gpo.gov. Follow GPO on Twitter <http://twitter.com/USGPO> and on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/user/gpoprinter>.

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