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NATION'S NORTHERNMOST LIBRARY JOINS GPO PROGRAM

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) designates Alaska's Tuzzy Consortium Library as a new all-digital member of GPO's Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Tuzzy, which serves as the library for the town of Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow), AK and the tribal institution of Iisagvik College, becomes the northernmost library in the FDLP. Utqiagvik is the northernmost point of the United States. The library will provide the local Inupiat community with no-cost, digital-only access to Federal Government information.

Through the FDLP, GPO works with more than 1,150 libraries nationwide to provide public access to authentic, published information from all three branches of the Federal Government in print and electronic formats. Tuzzy Consortium Library joins a program whose antecedents can be traced back to the act of Congress dated December 27, 1813 (3 Stat. 140), which provided that one copy of the journals and documents of the Senate and House be sent to each university and college and each historical society in each state. GPO has operated the Federal Depository Library Program since 1895.

"GPO welcomes the Tuzzy Consortium Library to the FDLP and looks forward to expanding public access to Federal Government information in Northern Alaska," said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks. "The partnership between GPO and libraries dates back to the 1800s, and I am glad this strong partnership continues to provide public access to Government information in numerous places and platforms."

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