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ARKANSAS LIBRARY JOINS GPO'S FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM

Washington – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) welcomes Pope County Library in Russellville, AR in GPO's Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Congressman Steve Womack designates the library into the program. As a member of the FDLP, the library will provide its residents free access to Federal Government information in both digital and print formats.

"GPO welcomes the Pope County Library into this program that provides the public free access to the workings on the three branches of the Federal Government on smartphones, tablets, laptops, and in print," said Acting GPO Director Jim Bradley.

Through the FDLP, GPO works with approximately 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. The program's 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 FDLP since 1895.

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