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## **GPO NAMES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR LIBRARY THE BEST IN THE NATION**

Washington – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) names The Department of Interior (DOI) Library the 2017 Federal Depository Library of the Year. This is the first Federal agency library to receive this award. The Library was selected for its leadership, promotion of Government information, highlighting Government documents through its Park Ranger Speaker series, a variety of reference tools available for patrons, and preservation of its collection. The DOI Library became a member of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) in 1895. The library recently completed a renovation and modernization of its facility.

“I congratulate the Library and its staff for its continued efforts in Keeping America Informed on the three branches of the Federal Government since 1895.” said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks. “The Library is an example of the critical relationship GPO has with the library community in providing the public free access to Government information in digital and print formats.”

“The Department of the Interior Library is very pleased and highly honored to accept the 2017 FDLP Library of the Year award,” said George Francois, library director. “Our staff recognizes the importance of providing patrons unfettered access to government information, even when circumstances beyond our control create obstacles to doing so. Now that we are back in our modernized library space, we plan to continue our long tradition of furnishing access to these materials.”

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