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## FOUR LIBRARIES SIGN PRESERVATION STEWARD AGREEMENTS WITH GPO

WASHINGTON – The State Library of Pennsylvania, Seeley G. Mudd Library at Lawrence University, Joyner Library at East Carolina University, and University of North Texas Libraries each signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) to become Preservation Stewards. Under this agreement, the libraries pledge to permanently preserve print collections of the following:

### **State Library of Pennsylvania (Harrisburg, PA)**

- Several 19<sup>th</sup> century publications, including the Memorial Address on the Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln delivered before Congress by George Bancroft on Feb. 12, 1866

### **Lawrence University, Seeley G. Mudd Library (Appleton, WI)**

- American State Papers and several other 19<sup>th</sup> century titles

### **East Carolina University, Joyner Library (Greenville, NC)**

- Cold War and internal security-related publications

### **University of North Texas Libraries (Denton, TX)**

- Collections from the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, including the U.S. Congressional Serial Set, American State Papers, The Indian Reading Series, The Territorial Papers of the United States, Farmers' Bulletins, military manuals, comics, coloring books, and more

Through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), the GPO team works with approximately 1,100 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). The act 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 every state. GPO has operated the FDLP since 1895.

“GPO is excited about these four libraries becoming Preservation Stewards and thanks them for their help in *Keeping America Informed*,” said Superintendent of Documents Laurie Hall. “GPO is always

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looking for libraries to take on the important role of preserving valuable print collections of Government information and encourages others to join the effort.”

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