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GPO WELCOMES NEW YORK LIBRARY IN ADIRONDACKS TO FEDERAL PROGRAM

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) welcomes Lake Pleasant Public Library, which is located amongst the Adirondack Mountains, as a new member of GPO's Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) designated the library to be part of the program. The library will be the only depository library in Hamilton County in northern New York. The library will provide the local Lake Pleasant community with no-cost access to both digital and tangible Federal Government information. The candidacy of the Lake Pleasant Public Library for the program was endorsed by the State Library, which is also New York's regional Federal depository library.

"I am happy to welcome Lake Pleasant Public Library into the FDLP and thank Senator Gillibrand for bringing the library into this longstanding program," said GPO Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern. "Libraries play a critical role in helping GPO carry out its 159-year mission of *Keeping America Informed* on the three branches of the Federal Government. We look forward to partnering with Lake Pleasant Public Library to provide northern New York with free access to Federal Government information."

"The Lake Pleasant Public Library is the only depository library in Hamilton County and this critical investment will bring exciting new learning and cultural opportunities to the Adirondack Mountains," said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "Our libraries are a resource that make our communities stronger. I am proud to have fought for this funding that will enrich the lives of countless New Yorkers and advance education in our communities."

Through the FDLP, GPO works with more than 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. Lake Pleasant Public 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.

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