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GPO KICKS OFF SECOND PILOT PROJECT TO ENHANCE ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

WASHINGTON – U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) has kicked off its second Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) Pilot Project Initiative to help Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) libraries make Government information more discoverable for the American public. Through the initiative, GPO teammates are visiting partner libraries across the Nation to assess the condition of tangible documents, conduct item-level inventories, catalog, and digitize Government information collections. GPO selected the University of North Texas Libraries as the second LSCM pilot initiative participant.

"GPO is looking forward to expanding our partnership with the University of North Texas Libraries on this initiative to enhance access to Government information," said GPO Director Hugh Nathanial Halpern. "Our initial pilot project digitizing World War II documents with Merrill Cazier Library in Utah was a huge success. The digitization of these items is one more step toward an *America Informed*."

In its Pilot Project with the University of North Texas, GPO will catalog and digitize 200–300 military technical manuals from the World War II era. In future projects with selected libraries, GPO plans to digitize publications in the areas of voting, civil rights, women's suffrage, tribal rights, the environment, the establishment of national parks, and more. GPO expects to make documents from its project with the University of North Texas Libraries available on GovInfo in 2024.

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