



# THE START OF SOMETHING NEW

## *Recent Grad Makes History With Library Services and Content Management Team*

**Above:** Recent Graduate Sue-Jin Lee is one of the first two Recent Grads in Library Services and Content Management. She is also part of the brand-new education team within GPO's Federal Depository Support Services group.

It's the start of something new, and it feels so right to have Recent Graduate Sue-Jin Lee here at GPO. For the first time ever, GPO's Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) team participated in the Recent Graduate Program, and Lee is one of the first two LSCM Recent Grads. Lee is also part of the brand-new education team within GPO's Federal Depository Support Services (FDSS) group. The education team has been in the works for three years and has finally come to fruition with the hiring of Supervisory Training Administrator Jessica Law. Together, Lee and Law are a dynamic duo working to enhance the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Academy, which helps depository coordinators fulfill their roles within the FDLP and serve their communities.

"There are a lot of tasks piled up on top of each other for us to tackle," says Lee. "I'm excited to be part of the pioneering team."

Lee says she is focused on creating educational initiatives to help librarians and other FDLP users (like educators, Government employees, and members of the public) engage with and understand the FDLP.

"It's not uncommon for new librarians and depository coordinators to begin their roles with limited or even no knowledge of the FDLP, only to find themselves responsible for managing their library's participation in the program," said Lee. "We're working to create an entry program that helps those new librarians understand the benefits of the FDLP so they can share that with the public."

***"There's a shared sense of purpose throughout GPO. The work we do here helps connect communities with their Government, and that's really meaningful to me."***

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– Recent Graduate Sue-Jin Lee

While she was getting her Master's in English with a teaching focus from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Lee taught an English writing class to first-year college students. When she graduated, she worked at an Educational Technology company developing English Language Arts curricula for kindergarten through eighth grade. She says the job announcement for GPO aligned with her background and interest in education.



**Above:** Prior to joining the GPO Recent Grad Program, Sue-Jin Lee taught English writing and developed Language Arts curricula for kindergarten through eighth grade. She is part of the third class of Recent Graduates since GPO reinstated the program.

“I wanted to work where I was going to have a nationwide reach,” says Lee. “GPO’s vision is pretty clear—two words—*America Informed*. When I saw that, I thought ‘Yep, I’m on board with this.’”

Lee chose GPO over other job offers, and in August 2024, she joined the Agency’s third class of recent graduates since the program restarted. She works remotely from Southern California, where she lives with family.

“Sue-Jin’s background in education was very impressive. I knew she could be a huge asset for our expansion of curriculum and content for FDLP Academy, as well as the upcoming refreshing of Ben’s Guide and for FDLP.gov,” said Chief FDSS, LSCM Kate Pitcher. “Since she started, she’s been an integral part of the team. We are thrilled to have her in LSCM!”

“From the get-go, I felt really supported,” Lee says of her experience in the Recent Grad Program. “We have been encouraged to ask questions and contribute ideas.”

Lee says that as part of the program, she is getting a good understanding of how GPO works as a whole. Lee and her class of Recent Grads have met with Director Halpern and Deputy Director Pearl on multiple occasions.

“I really value that effort made by leadership to connect with early career employees,” says Lee. “It’s clear GPO truly invests in people who are early in their careers and sees them as long-term contributors.”

And a long-term contributor is exactly what Lee plans to be.

“Even in ten or 15 years, I still want to be at GPO. I would love to be in a leadership role,” says Lee. “I’ve never

encountered so many people who stayed at one employer for 20 or 30 years and are still genuinely happy to be there. I think that speaks volumes about the culture here at GPO.”

***“Whether someone  
has been at GPO for  
three years or 30 years,  
everyone’s voice is equally  
respected.”***

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As a bonus, Lee says working at GPO has provided her with a seemingly never-ending list of book recommendations.

“One good thing about working with a team of former librarians is that there is always a steady list of book and music recommendations,” says Lee. “There’s a strong culture of sharing knowledge, not just for work.”