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PUBLIC PRINTER NAMES FIVE TO DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL

Public Printer Michael F. DiMario has named five new members to the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. The Council advises the Government Printing Office (GPO) on issues related to public access to Government information products through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Administered by GPO, the FDLP is a nationwide, geographically-dispersed system comprising more than 1,300 libraries acting in partnership with the GPO to provide the general public with local access to Federal Government information products at no cost.

The newly appointed members bring diversified experience to the Council. They are: Paul Arrigo, Reference Coordinator/Government Documents and Electronic Services Librarian, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS; Daniel C. Barkley, Interim Director, Government Information, Microforms and Reference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM; Barbara Ford, Assistant Commissioner, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL; Barbara Levergood, Electronic Documents Librarian, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC; and John Kavaliunas, Chief, Marketing Services Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC.

The Depository Library Council consists of 15 representatives of the Government information community who serve for a term of three years. Each year, the Public Printer appoints five members. The newly appointed members will be introduced to Council activities and procedures at the Fall 2001 meeting in Arlington, VA, to be held October 14-17.

Often called America's first "freedom of information" program, the FDLP ensures that the American public has access to Federal Government information. Depository libraries safeguard the public's right to know by collecting, organizing, maintaining, preserving, and assisting users with information from the Government. GPO disseminates Government information at no cost to designated depository libraries throughout the country. These depository libraries, in turn, provide local, no-fee access to Government information in all formats in an impartial environment with professional assistance.

There are 53 "regional" depositories that have agreed to receive all the materials distributed by GPO and retain them for permanent public access. The remaining "selective" libraries choose what materials they want to receive based on the demands of their constituencies and have limited retention responsibilities.

Anyone can visit depository libraries and use the Federal depository collections, in which they will find information on careers, business opportunities, consumer information, health and nutrition, legal and regulatory information, demographics, and countless other subjects. In fiscal year 2000, GPO distributed 12.2 million copies of 29,000 tangible products in printed and electronic formats to depository libraries. The libraries also house computers that can be used to search for and retrieve online information from Government Web sites, including **GPO Access**.

GPO Access, the agency's acclaimed Web site at www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess, provides free online access by depository libraries and the public to more than 200,000 publication titles from all three branches of Government, including the *Congressional Record*, the *Federal Register*, and the *Commerce Business Daily*, through information hosted on its own servers as well as links at various agency and official partner sites. **GPO Access** currently averages more than 26 million document retrievals monthly.

The Depository Library Council to the Public Printer meets twice a year: in April at various sites around the country, and in the Washington DC area in October. The current Chair is Maggie Farrell, Associate Dean of Libraries, Roland R. Renne Library, Montana State University — Bozeman, Bozeman, MT. The Chair-elect is Andrea Severson, Head, Government Information, Government & Social Science Information Service, University of California, Berkeley, CA.

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