

# MediaAdvisory

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## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY CELEBRATES 125 YEARS *PUBLIC PRINTER TO MAKE PRESENTATION*

### **WHO:**

Public Printer of the United States Bob Tapella will visit the University of South Carolina's (USC) Thomas Cooper Library to mark the library's 125 years of providing Federal Government information to the residents of South Carolina. Tapella is the head of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), which has been *Keeping America Informed* on the three branches of our Government since 1861.

### **WHAT:**

Tapella will honor the library for its 125 years as a Federal depository library. Federal depository libraries work with GPO to provide Americans with authentic, published Government information. Tapella will also join officials and guests of the library in touring an exhibit of a Government Information collection that dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **WHEN:**

**Thursday, September 17, 2009**

**3:30 p.m. Tour of Government Information Collection and Exhibit**

**4:30 p.m. Public Printer's remarks and presentation**

### **WHERE:**

Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina  
1322 Green Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

### **ABOUT GPO:**

The GPO is the Federal Government's primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. Government information in all its forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three Branches of the Federal Government. In addition to publication sales, GPO makes government information available at no cost to the public through *GPO Access* ([www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov)) and GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) [www.fdsys.gov](http://www.fdsys.gov), and through partnerships with 1,240 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. For more information, please visit [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov).

### **ABOUT FDLP:**

The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has free access to its Government's information. Since 1813, depository libraries have safeguarded the public's right to know by providing local, no-fee access to Government information in an impartial environment with professional assistance. For more information, please visit [www.fdlp.gov](http://www.fdlp.gov).

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