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GPO HONORS LIBRARIES

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) recognizes four libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) for their outstanding achievements and initiatives in 2013 and 2014. These Libraries of the Year were selected for their leadership, educational outreach, and commitment to providing free public access to information available from the Federal government.

- **The Arizona State Library**, the state’s regional depository library, is honored for their active participation in the electronic distribution of online cataloging records project, creation of the state master plan for depository libraries, and collaborating on development of a biennial multi-state virtual depository library conference.
- **Brooklyn College Library** is being honored for their leadership and mentoring activities for library staff in the greater New York City area and providing access and staff with expertise for a wide range of electronic resources transitioning from a traditional to a modern library.
- **The University of Iowa Libraries**, the state’s regional depository library, is honored for its successful blending of partnerships and projects within the institution, the local community, GPO, and nationwide. The University Libraries are exemplary in their cataloging and preservation initiatives, including identification, cataloging and digitization of nearly 1,500 large format posters.
- **The Ottenheimer Library at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock** is honored for its leadership in scholarship activities that promote government information and depository libraries nationwide and within the five-state region. The library was instrumental in acquiring support and financing for the online U.S. Congressional Serial Set while continuing to preserve and maintain the tangible volumes under a cooperative agreement with other institutions.

“These libraries go above and beyond what is required by the FDLP to serve the information needs of their communities,” said Public Printer Davita Vance-Cooks. “GPO understands the critical role the FDLP plays in helping connect the American people with Government information.”

The FDLP provides the public with access to authentic, published information from all three branches of the Federal Government in print and electronic formats through partnerships with approximately 1,200 libraries nationwide. Depository libraries, located in almost every congressional district, include small public libraries, Federal agency libraries, law libraries and research university libraries.

GPO is the Federal Government’s *official, digital, secure* resource for producing, procuring, cataloging, indexing, authenticating, disseminating, and preserving the official information products of the U.S. Government. The GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government, including U.S. passports for the Department of State as well as the official publications of Congress, the White House, and other Federal agencies in digital and print formats. GPO provides for permanent public access to Federal Government information at no charge through

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