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NEW MEXICO LIBRARY JOINS GPO PROGRAM AS ALL-DIGITAL MEMBER

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) designates The Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), a land-grant institution of higher learning in Santa Fe, NM, as the newest all-digital member of GPO's Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The Institute will provide patrons with digital-only access to Federal Government publications at no cost.

The IAIA is the only institution of higher learning in the world dedicated to the study of contemporary Native American and Alaska Native arts. Through the FDLP, GPO works with approximately 1,200 libraries nationwide to provide public access to authentic, published information from all three branches of the Federal Government in print and electronic formats. IAIA joins a program that can be traced back to 1814 when President James Madison signed the 7th Joint Congressional Resolution of the 3rd session of the 13th Congress, authorizing the Federal Government to furnish "the American Antiquarian Society [in Worcester, MA] with a copy of the Journals of Congress and of the documents published under their order." GPO has operated the Federal Depository Library Program since 1895.

"GPO continues to meet the evolving Government information needs of the public and welcomes The Institute of American Indian Arts as a partner in that digital transformation," said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks. "GPO values the unique and innovative ways the library community uses technology to expand free public access to Federal Government information."

"The library is excited to be offering easy access to this new collection of material. Access to government publications will allow our community of patrons to easily find government information by searching the library's catalog. We believe this collection will be a rich addition to student research and inquiry," said IAIA Library Director Valerie Nye.

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