

## Council Session: What it means to be mostly electronic–



Tuesday, April 4, 2006 3:30-5:00

The presentation outlined below was focused on Federal Depository Libraries and the transition to a mostly electronic collection. Discussion was led by Robin Haun-Mohamed, Director, Collection Management and Preservation. Two handouts accompanied this session:

- Council Briefing Topic: Transition to a Mostly Electronic FDLP Collection
- Tips to Effectively Transition to a More Online Federal

### Background to Presentation:

Many depository libraries are seeing the value in focusing their collection efforts on Web resources, thus freeing resources for user services. are increasingly relying on information available from the Internet. With publications available on the Web are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, users are able to access this information from their home, office, or wherever there is an Internet connection. Accordingly, several recent depository library designations have included mostly electronic depository libraries for the first time in the history of the FDLP. Recent inquiries from depository library coordinators and other librarians interested in participating in the FDLP have raised some questions and issues that relate to a mostly electronic FDLP collection that council should consider.

All depository libraries continue to share the responsibility for providing free public access to published Federal information products, regardless of format. All depository libraries must continue to select material to meet the government information needs not only for their primary constituents, but also for the local community and surrounding area. All depository libraries must provide proper maintenance of the Federal materials entrusted to individual library's care. Free access to publications means that any member of the general public can use published Federal information products in all media at the library without impediment.

### Key Discussion Points:

Council reviewed and assessed 17 Key Assumptions and verbally discussed and responded to 9 questions related to the Transition to a Mostly Electronic FDLP Collection. Go to <

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fdlp/pubs/proceedings/06spring/mostlyelectronic.pdf](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/proceedings/06spring/mostlyelectronic.pdf)> to review these assumptions and questions.

Summary:

- Changes were made to the Briefing Topic Paper and the revised paper is available at <>.
- The next step in this process is to develop guidelines in addition to the handout identified above. The guidelines then can serve to assist libraries considering the transition to a mostly electronic depository collection.
- A panel presentation highlighting what other libraries have done to move toward an electronic collection should be developed in coordination with the Fall Federal Depository Library Conference and Council meeting. cts. A pilot project will be starting to digitize not only the fugitive publications currently processed, but also to proceed with systematic digitization of all published Federal information products in the Federal Depository Library Program collections.
- The following published Federal information products shown during the presentation are available in a fully searchable PDF format:

Oil and Gas Management Plan: Big Thicket National Preserve, 2006

Drinking Water Inspector's Field Reference, 2003 Edition

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