

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DIGITAL INFORMATION INITIATIVES
AT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE**

WHEREAS, The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) was designed to provide no-fee permanent public access to government information through a cooperative network of depository libraries; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) recently launched the Federal Digital System (FDSys), a centralized location for no-fee public access to federal government information; and

WHEREAS, FDSys must systematically ingest both digitally born and digitized historic collections; and

WHEREAS, FDSys should allow for the systematic gathering of in-scope documents that may not have otherwise been included in the FDLP; and

WHEREAS, Ingesting both born-digital and digitized historic collections into FDSys will result in an increased need for cataloging to improve access to government information; and

WHEREAS, The GPO requires additional funding for its Cataloging and Indexing and the Federal Depository Library Programs in order to meet this expanded responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Further developments and enhancements of FDSys are vital to the FDLP's ability to provide no-fee public access to government information; and

WHEREAS, The full implementation of FDSys is vital to the public's right to access information from the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Works to ensure that the government fulfills its obligations to create, authenticate, collect, disseminate, and preserve government information.
2. Thanks GPO for the work that has been done in FDSys development and urges that GPO demonstrate its capacity to ingest both access and preservation copies of digitally born and digitized historic collections into FDSys.

3. Urges GPO to establish partnerships to conduct demonstration projects for systematic gathering and accessing digitally born content.
4. Urges GPO to establish partnerships to conduct demonstration projects for creating and accessing digitized historic collections.
5. Urges Congress to reaffirm no-fee public access to, dissemination of, and preservation of authentic government information by providing sufficient and sustained funding to the GPO to support Cataloging and Indexing, and the Federal Depository Library Program for systematic gathering of digitally born and digitized historic collections.
6. Urges Congress to provide sufficient and sustained funding to the GPO to support FDSys

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