

## Collection of Last Resort (CLR)

### SYNOPSIS

The CLR is a complete depository collection, consisting of multiple collections of tangible and digital publications, located at multiple sites, and operated by various partners within and beyond the U.S. Government.

The primary purpose of the CLR is to support the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) in its mission to ensure no-fee permanent public access to the official publications of the United States Government. GPO will proactively acquire and preserve tangible and electronic copies of Government publications.

The CLR will support diverse GPO organizations and operations through access to stored digital objects. GPO will provide online public access and other information products and services derived from the digital preservation masters and other items in the CLR. Access copies of the stored digital objects will be available for no-fee online use by the public and for print-on-demand and document delivery services. The CLR will enable Federal depository libraries to access digital copies or to acquire printed copies for their collections. In addition, Federal depository libraries will be able to consolidate or reduce their local tangible FDLP Collections secure in the knowledge that copies will be perpetually available from the GPO CLR.

### COLLECTION OVERVIEW

The Federal Depository Library Program Collections (FDLP Collections) include preservation and access copies of digital objects and tangible publications. These collection components are geographically dispersed, serve different functions, and are managed according to their specific roles in the overall program for public access to government information.

### KEY ASSUMPTIONS

- The CLR is primarily created to support the FDLP goal of no-fee permanent public access, but also supports other GPO information dissemination and preservation programs, including print-on-demand for publications sales.
- The CLR includes the existing FDLP Electronic Collection. (See <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/about/reports/ecplan2004rev1.pdf> )
- It will take three to five years to assemble the tangible CLR and digitize the 2.2 million titles (60 million pages) for the electronic CLR.
- It is estimated that the depository library community and others will make an initial investment of \$50 million to digitize legacy FDLP Collection of print materials.
- GPO estimates the Government's portion of establishing and managing the CLR at approximately \$1.5 million per year for the next five years.
- Digital objects may be ingested or created for the FDLP Electronic Collection portion of the CLR.
- Tangible copies of "born digital" products will be produced for the dark archive as backups for the digital objects in the CLR.

- Bibliographic access to all items in the CLR will be provided through GPO's National Bibliography and potentially by other metadata services.