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State of the Federal Depository Library Program

Challenges & Opportunities

ASERL Summertime Summit
Managing FDLP Collections Across the Region

August 4, 2010

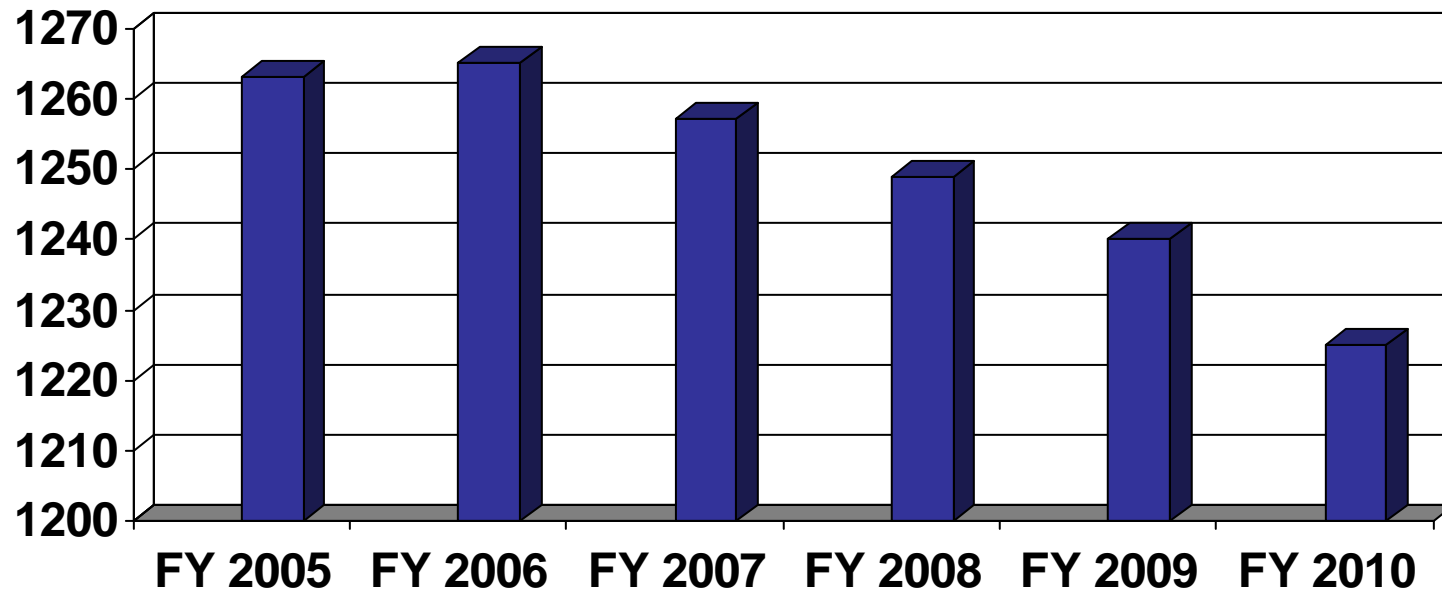
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Reasons for Leaving the FDLP

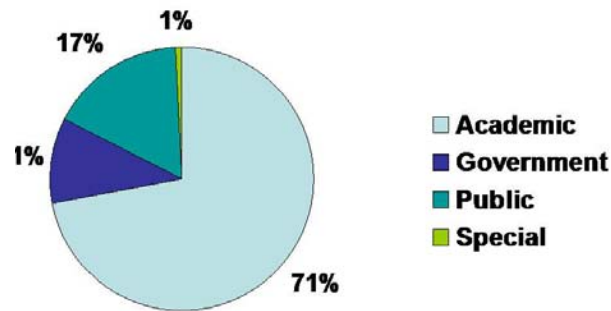
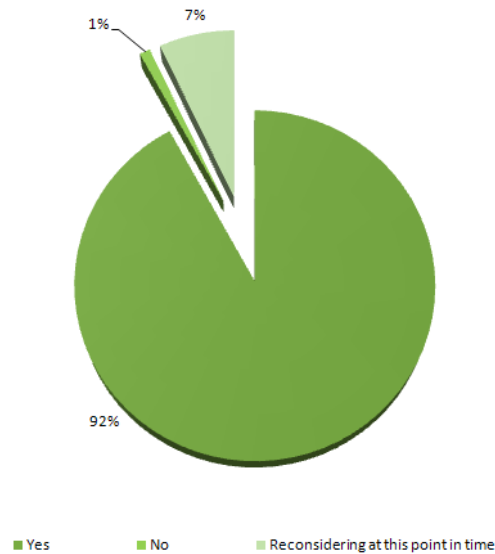
- Online is the preferred format for their users
- Changing user needs
- Evolving mission changed services library provides
- Staff cuts
- Budget cuts
- Library closed or merged with another library
- Collection is not used



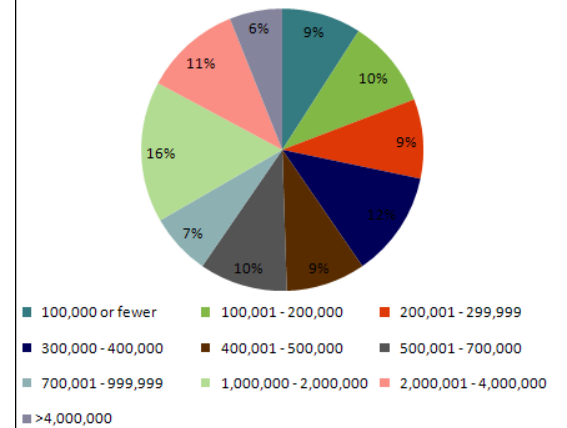
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Current State of the FDLP

Q12. Does your library plan to remain in the FDLP?



Total number of volumes in library or library system



- 1,225 depository libraries as of 07/31/2010
- Of the regional Biennial Survey respondents, 9 (17%) were considering changing their designation to selective
- 49 regional depository libraries



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2009 Needs Assessment/Biennial Survey

- 1,127 libraries submitted the survey
- Considered major problems or challenges (20%) or minor problems or challenges (58-80%):
 - Budget Constraints
 - Staffing
 - Workload
 - Space
 - Cost Containment
- Respondents (60%) are satisfied with most services provided to their libraries by GPO
- One third of respondents do not conduct studies to measure library performance with regard to depository services and usage

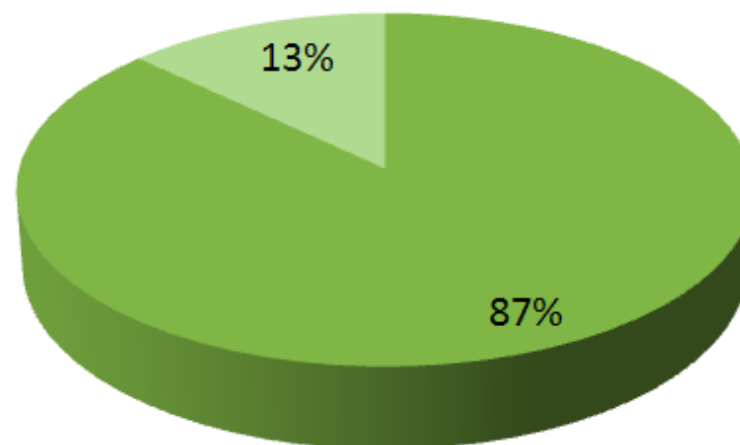


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Adequate staffing?

- Some variation noted between library categories: State Libraries (18%) and Public Libraries (19%) appear to experience the problem more than most; Federal Libraries experience it least (5%)
- Large and small libraries are close to the overall mean; medium libraries (9%) report having less difficulty



■ Yes, adequate ■ No, inadequate

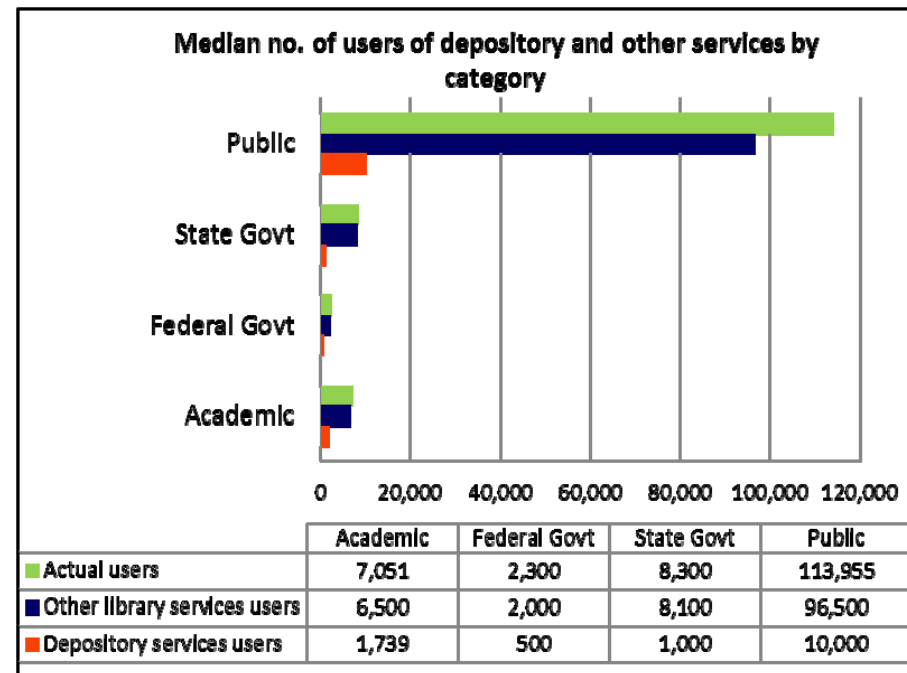
Q16. Do you find that depository staffing is adequate to fulfill basic depository responsibilities?



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Depository Services Used By Actual Users

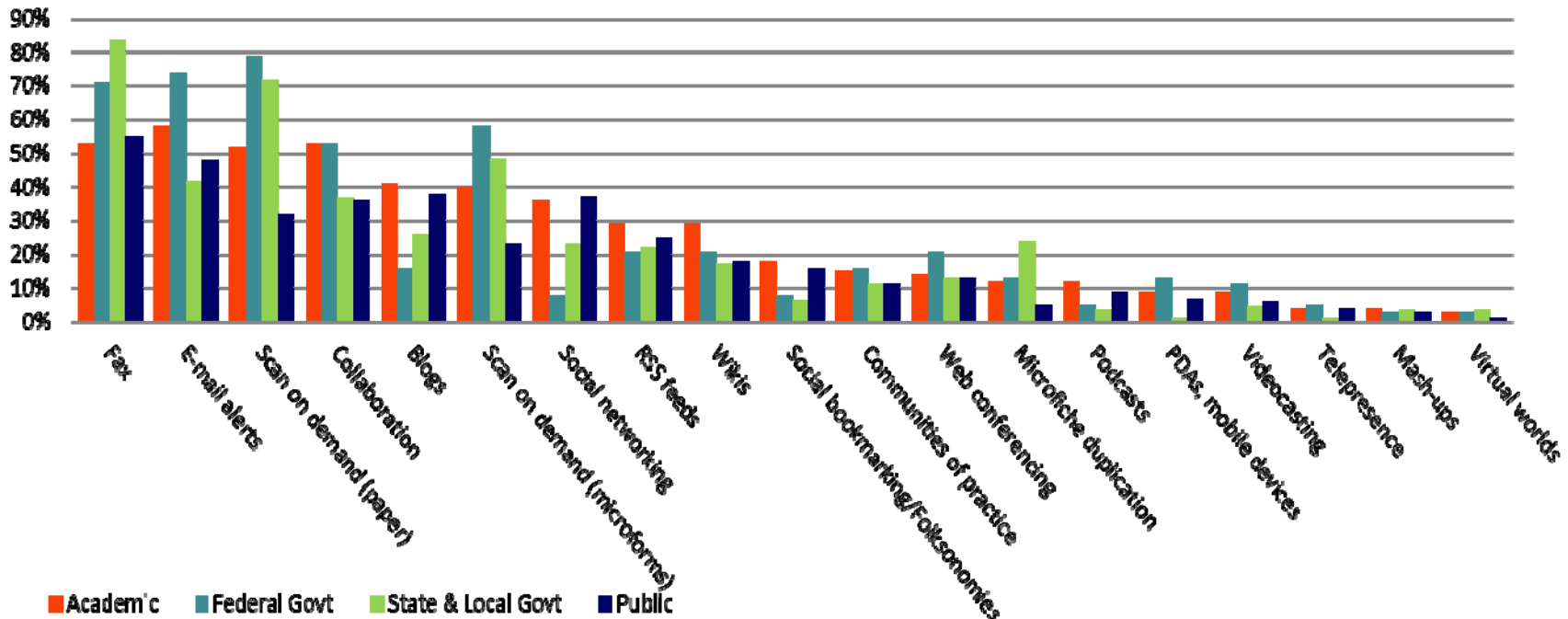
- Actual users of depository services constitute only a small proportion of all library users
- There is no means of judging whether the small proportion results from lack of need or lack of knowledge





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Information Delivery By Library Type





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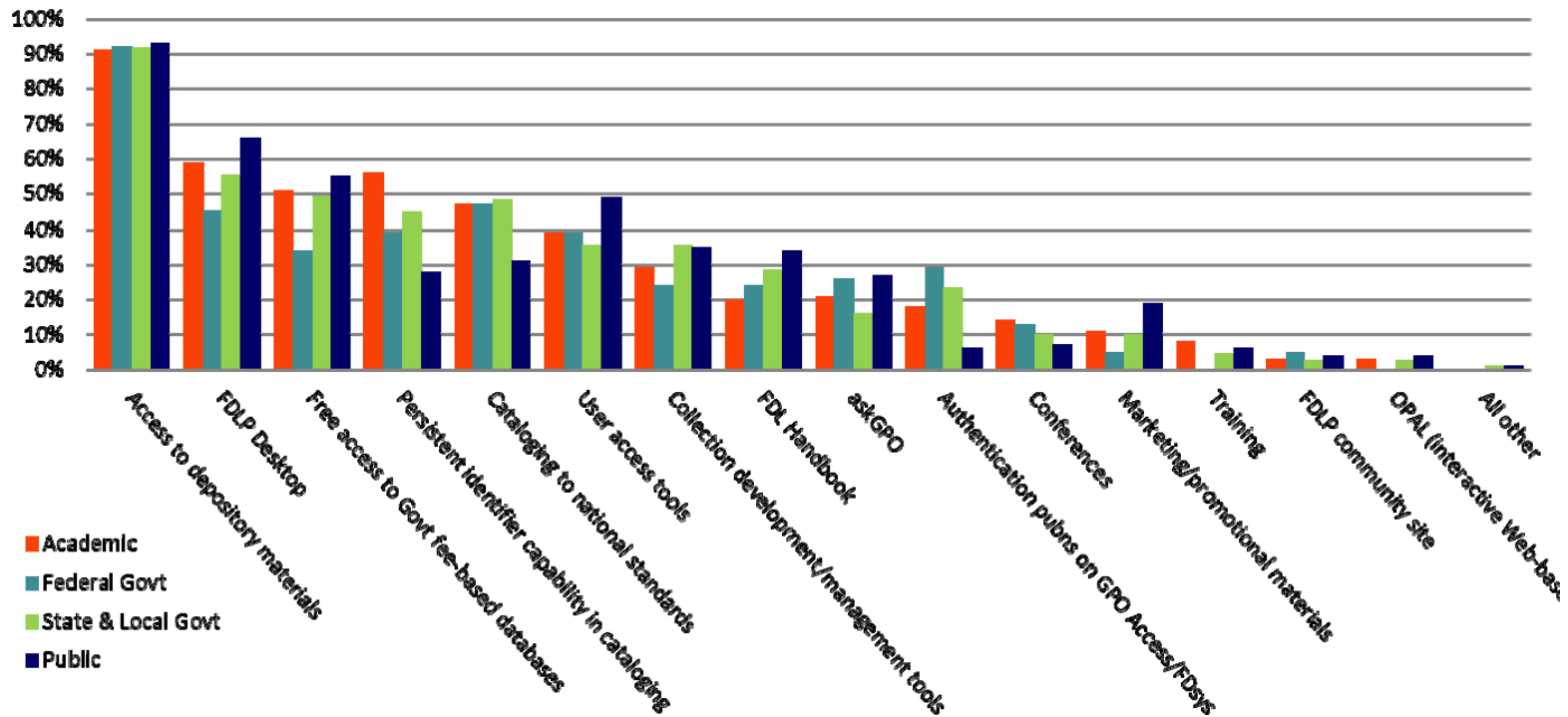
Indicated as 5 Most Important Services

- Access to depository materials (90%)
- FDLP Desktop
- Free access to fee-based databases
- Persistent identifiers in cataloging records
- Cataloging to national standards



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Important Services By Library Type





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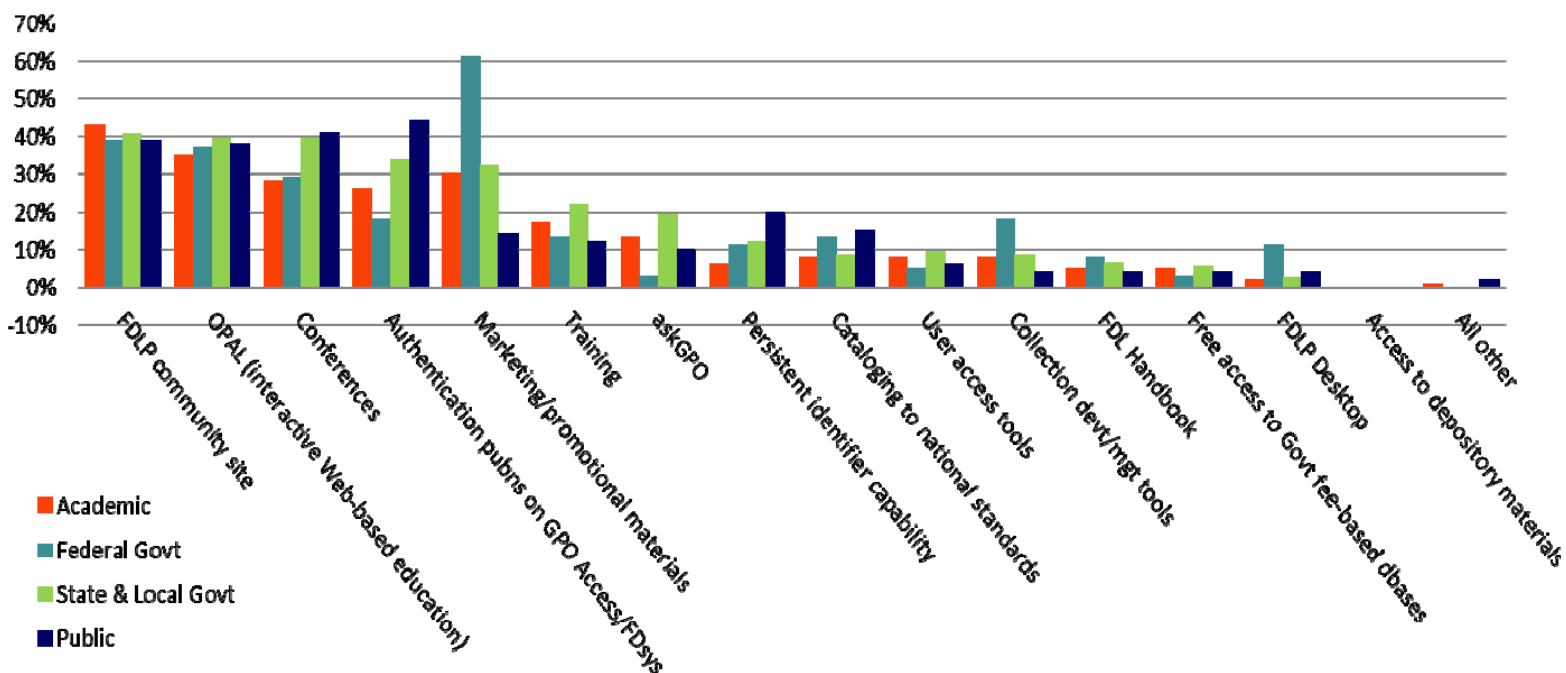
Least Important Services Provided

- FDLP Community Site
- OPAL
- Conferences
- Authentication of publications on GPO Access/FDsys
- Marketing/promotional materials



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Least Important Services By Library Type





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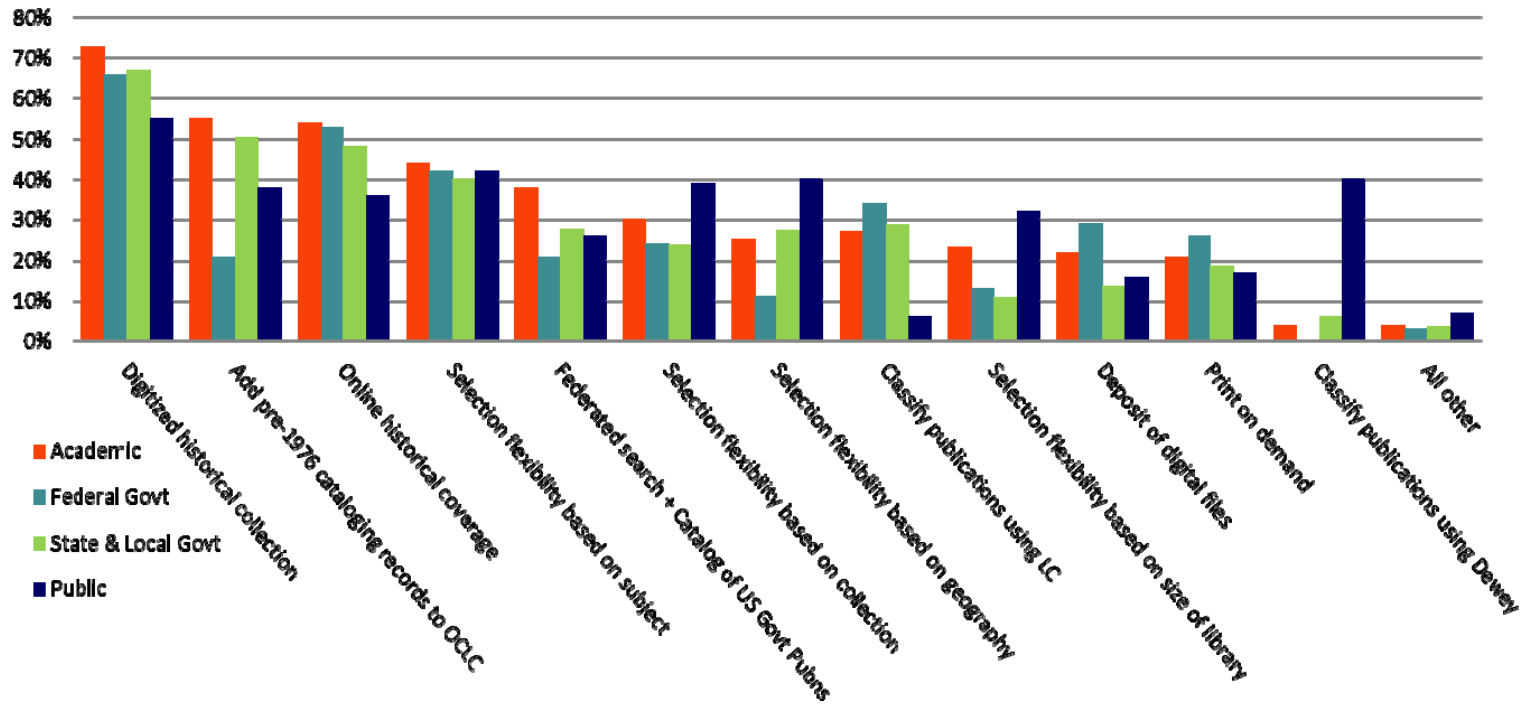
Services/Resources Depositories Need

- Digitized historical collections (by 60+%)
- Pre-1976 cataloging added to OCLC
- Online historical coverage of GPO Access/FDsys titles
- Ability to select items by subject
- Federated searching from the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)



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Services Needed By Library Type





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Processing of depository discards in accordance with GPO instructions

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Yes, discards are regularly processed in accordance with GPO instructions in the FDL Handbook	754
No, discards are not regularly processed in accordance with GPO instructions in the FDL Handbook	6
Depository discards are not processed regularly, but rules are followed when discards are processed	360
Do not know	5



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Interest in receiving digital files on deposit

	Yes	No
Interested in receiving digital files on deposit	416	709
Discussed with library director/dean	698	427
Administrative support for receiving digital files on deposit	371	754



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What's GPO Doing to Address Needs?

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Consulting Services to Develop Sustainable Models for the FDLP

- Recommendation of Depository Library Council
- Appropriations received
- Request for Information
- Request for Quotation
 - Posted to FedBizOpps (www.fbo.gov #GPO-LSCM-2010)
 - Deadline for submissions: August 12th

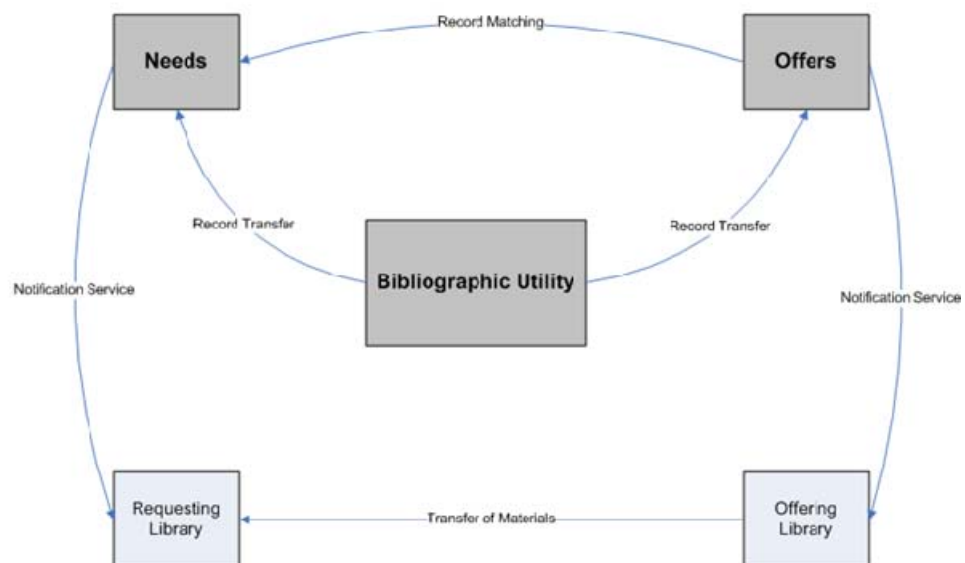


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Disposition of Depository Materials

Automated Tool for Disposition of Materials in FDLs
Draft Proposed Workflow Diagram

- Education
- Streamlining the process
- Automated Tool
 - Concept of Operations
 - Requirements Document





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Questions? Comments?

Think of something later?

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