Virginia State Action Plan

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At the request of the Government Printing Office, depository libraries in Virginia have identified a number of goals/initiatives which they will work on in the next several years. The goals below include both new and continuing initiatives. They stress collaborative solutions to the challenges of providing, preserving, and assisting the American public with the use of government information.

Initiative 1
Virginia depository libraries will provide access to government information by shifting away from a collection-oriented framework to a more service-oriented framework.

1.1 Virginia depositories will become more service driven focusing on access of government information for the public regardless of format or location.

1.1.1   Virginia libraries will provide enhanced services in order to support the public's ability to identify, locate, use, preserve and retain government information in a predominately digital format.

1.1.2   Virginia depository libraries will increase the number of instructional services and training to other libraries and the general public to access government information (see Initiative 4).

1.1.3   Virginia depository libraries will support national efforts towards digitization of historical government documents and archiving of digital-born government information as a core service to the public.

1.1.4   Virginia depository libraries will continue to provide assistance accessing government information from both depository and non-depository sources as needed.

1.1.4.1.1   Virginia selective depository libraries will continue to collaborate with the Regional depository library and other selectives across Virginia to point users to various depository collections across the Commonwealth.

1.1.4.1.2   Virginia depository libraries will continue to access and make available to the public non Federal Depository Library Program government information (i.e. fugitive documents, commercial sources, documents received directly from agencies, declassified documents, government websites, etc.).

Initiative 2
Virginia depository libraries will promote increased flexibility in the federal depository program.

2.1 All federal depository libraries in Virginia will act as advocates for reform of Title 44 of the *United States Code* to promote a more flexible and responsive program framework.

2.1.1 Support efforts by the Government Printing Office to seek more flexible interpretations of existing law by the Joint Committee on Printing and other relevant legal authorities.

2.1.2 Explore the possibility of drafting a statement on revision of Title 44 that would represent the views of Virginia's depository libraries.

2.1.3 Communicate the need for Title 44 reform to the legislative staffs of Virginia senators and representatives.

2.1.4 Monitor legislative developments and offer support for promising reform legislation

2.1.5 Research past reform efforts and promote greater understanding of their positive and negative features.

2.1.6 Advocate for the inclusion of agency data files as distribution options in the depository system

2.1.7 Sponsor programs and activities at the state level that promote support for modernization of the depository library program and its statutory authority.

Initiative 3
Virginia depositories will monitor regional and national issues and support and participate in cooperative initiatives like the ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program and Government Information Online.

3.1 Depositories in Virginia will fully participate in the ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository initiative.

3.1.1 Virginia depository libraries will follow the ASERL Guidelines for all documents offers (see http://www.aserl.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/FINAL_ASERL_FDLP_GUIDELINES_Revised_05-2012.pdf).

3.1.2 Virginia depository libraries will encourage GPO to work with the ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository initiative to create a national Needs & Offers Database based on the ASERL database.

3.1.3 The ASERL member libraries, Virginia Tech, UVA, William and Mary and the Library of Virginia will sign MOU's with ASERL to expand their commitment to the COE program by adding additional agencies to their expertise.

3.1.4 Virginia depositories will share in a statewide effort to maintain extensive legacy printed collections of government information and support digitization for access

3.2 Virginia depositories will support regional and national efforts to provide government information electronically.

3.2.1 Virginia depositories are encouraged to monitor the national Government Information Online chat service.

3.2.2 Virginia depositories will support opportunities for developing new government information specialists like the University of Maryland's iSchool initiative to training future librarians to provide electronic reference service in the area of government information.

Initiative 4
All Virginia depository libraries will increase efforts to educate the public and library staffs about government information, and will market government information services and resources to the public and libraries.

4.1 Virginia depositories will increase their emphasis on education and training – of themselves, their staffs, and subsequently to the public through depository program training.

4.1.1 Virginia depositories will determine training needs/workshop topics.

4.1.2 Virginia depositories will work cooperatively to offer workshops on various aspects of federal and state government information.

4.1.3 Virginia's regional will offer virtual education sessions – lead by regional staff and/or other Virginia depository staff.

4.1.4 Virginia depository libraries are strongly encouraged to offer education and training to staff and the public on a regular basis.

4.2 Virginia depositories will develop marketing materials to advertise depository services and collections.

4.2.1 Virginia's law libraries will collaborate to develop a brochure which can be delivered to law firms throughout the state.

4.2.2   Virginia's regional will develop a marketing brochure which can be customized by depositories throughout the state.

4.3 Virginia depository libraries are strongly encouraged to pursue partnerships with public libraries and schools to develop a curriculum for training materials to reach populations that are either not served by or have difficulty accessing a FDLP library.

4.3.1   Virginia depositories will investigate working with the Library of Virginia to survey public libraries about government information training needs.

4.3.2   Virginia depositories will investigate working with the State Education Department to survey school libraries and districts about their government information training needs.

4.3.3   Depository libraries will meet to assess survey results and feasibility of collaborating on building a curriculum and subsequent training formats through the Library of Virginia, the Virginia Library Association, and non-FDLP libraries.

Initiative 5

Virginia depository libraries will advocate for and contribute toward a more robust FDSys which includes library-submitted content.

5.1 Virginia libraries will advocate for ability of FDSys to ingest digitized content from library partners.

5.1.1   Virginia libraries will volunteer to submit content for ingest into FDSys.

5.2 Virginia depository libraries will encourage GPO to improve access to digital government information by allowing multiple levels of authentication in FDSys , e.g., GPO-submitted content, federal agency submitted content, depository library submitted content.

5.2.1   Virginia depositories will partner with GPO to establish a "level of authentication" appropriate to depository ingest into FDSys.

5.2.2   Virginia depositories are strongly encouraged to consider using GPO's digitization standards when they digitize government documents in order to support later ingest into FDSys as a "trusted repository" of digital content.

5.3 Virginia depository libraries will advocate for funds to enable FDSys to fully perform its archive/preservation mission.

Initiative 6

Virginia depository libraries are strongly to encouraged to catalog their current and retrospective collections into OCLC.

6.1 Virginia depository libraries are strongly encouraged identify agencies of importance to the institution as a first step towards cataloging these materials.

6.1.1 If a library cannot commit to cataloging the entirety of an agencies output, it will consider a numerical goal, for example, cataloging 25 documents per month, as a step toward more comprehensively cataloging its US documents collections.

6.1.2 Libraries working on the same agencies will collaborate whenever possible.

6.2 To the extent possible and affordable, Virginia ASERL Centers of Excellence will catalog those collections into OCLC.

6.3 The Regional Library will update the *Status of Federal Documents Cataloging in Virginia Depositories* document on the web (http://www2.lib.virginia.edu/govtinfo/depos/Catinventory.html).

6.4 Virginia depository libraries will explore methods for enhancing full text access to online government information, for example, through more transparent access to Haithi Trust and Google Books.

6.5 Virginia depositories will encourage GPO to add cataloging records to the *Catalog of Government Publications and* OCLC.

6.6 Virginia depositories will encourage GPO to exploit richer metadata, like online tables of contents, in order to promote access via discovery tools.

6.7 Virginia depository libraries will encourage GPO to allow libraries to contribute records to *Catalog of Government Publications*. Such library submitted content would, of course, be labeled as such.

Initiative 7

Virginia depository libraries will make government materials widely available via interlibrary loan.

7.1 Virginia depositories should consider scanning of shorter titles instead of physically interlibrary loaning the document.

7.2 The regional and selective depositories will update the *Virginia Union List of Non-Depository Collections* to include non-depository databases and any purchased online archives of government information as well as large indexes, microfiche sets.

7.3 Depository libraries should communicate with interlibrary loan staff to continue to educate them on the resources available at the Virginia regional depository, nearby selective depositories, and in the ASERL Centers of Excellence collections.

7.4 Virginia depositories will encourage GPO to consider posting depository holdings to OCLC for selectives as well as for regionals.

Initiative 8

Virginia depositories will investigate how libraries might coordinate efforts with state and local emergency managers during times of crisis.

> 8.1 Meet with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's Public Information Officer.
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> 8.2 Encourage depository librarians to meet with emergency management officials at the local level.
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> 8.3 Discuss the potential for depository libraries to provide research and fact-checking services during a crisis.
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> 8.4 Emphasize the network of libraries across the state and one region's ability to provide services when another region is unable.
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> 8.5 Emphasize the role of public libraries as a potential partner during disaster recovery.
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> 8.6 Consider efforts at the state, regional, and local levels.
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> 8.7 Integrate new initiatives into local institutional emergency plans.

I have read and support this Virginia State Action Plan.

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