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## GPO KICKS OFF INITIATIVE TO HELP LIBRARIES ENHANCE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION COLLECTIONS

WASHINGTON – U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) has kicked off a Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) Pilot Projects Initiative to help Federal Depository Library Initiative (FDLP) libraries make Government information more discoverable for the American public. Through the pilot initiative, GPO teammates will visit libraries across the Nation to assess the condition of tangible documents, conduct item-level inventories, catalog, and digitize Government collections. GPO selected Utah State University’s Merrill Cazier Library as the first LSCM pilot initiative participant.

“GPO is excited to work with Merrill Cazier Library on this initiative to enhance access to Government information,” said GPO Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern. “This project is a great step in continuing to support and cultivate an *America Informed*. We are also excited about the opportunity to work with other libraries in the future. As always, we are thankful to the libraries in our FDLP community who help us deliver trusted information to the American people.”

In the first Pilot Projects Initiative, GPO will catalog and digitize 200–300 documents, pamphlets and other materials from the U.S. Department of War from World War II (1941–1945). In future projects, GPO will digitize publications in the areas of voting, civil rights, women’s suffrage, tribal rights, the environment, the establishment of national parks, and more. GPO will announce selections for the second project in late spring or early summer of 2022. GPO expects to have the documents from the first Pilot Projects Initiative with Merrill Cazier Library available on **govinfo** in Winter 2023.

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