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From	Stapp, Jennie
To	Licitra, Stephan
Cc	McClain, Sarah; Hammer, Evan; Kammerer, James
Sent	Thursday, July 26, 2018 10:58 AM

Hi Stephan and Sarah,

Thank you for your comments and questions. We will consider your suggestion regarding the certification program. We want to be as inclusive as possible of all libraries without being overly burdensome so that all libraries can consider themselves Government Information Centers.

With regard to the applicability of the program across the branches of state government, I agree with you about the spirit and intent of the law. The statute defining state publications does not distinguish between branches and applies to all agencies and branches of government. To that end our web archive has included the judicial branch since its inception:  
[http://research.msl.mt.gov/state\\_publications/mtgov\\_connect/browse\\_web\\_archive](http://research.msl.mt.gov/state_publications/mtgov_connect/browse_web_archive).

We appreciate your attention to this process.

Thanks,

Jennie

**From:** Licitra, Stephan  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 10:42 AM  
**To:** Stapp, Jennie <JStapp2@mt.gov>  
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Dear State Librarian Stapp,

Thank you for giving us all the chance to comment on the State Library's "Management of State publications plan."  
[http://docs.msl.mt.gov/Central\\_Services/Commission\\_Councils/Commission/Archive/2018/06/State%20Publications%20Management%20Plan%20Draft.pdf](http://docs.msl.mt.gov/Central_Services/Commission_Councils/Commission/Archive/2018/06/State%20Publications%20Management%20Plan%20Draft.pdf)

One thing I find particularly exciting about the plan is its focus on helping Montana libraries serve as government information centers. Which is complementary to the FDLP libraries mission to provide access to federal government information. It would be great if all libraries had the expertise to find and use government information (including local government information).

One way this program could be made stronger is by seeking a certification of repository as the Government Publications Office (GPO) has been working on for the past year for its digitized documents collections.  
<https://www.fdlp.gov/preservation/trusted-digital-repository-iso-16363-2012-audit-and-certification> The review process would help the state library reflect on the strengths of their program and at the same time demonstrate the seriousness, authority and long term sustainability of the repository to stakeholders. A recent webinar from GPO gives a good discussion of their process  
([http://login.icohere.com/connect/d\\_connect\\_itemframer.cfm?vsDTTitle=Trustworthy%20Digital%20Repositories&dseq=18332&dtseq=114363&emdisc=2&mkey=public1172&vbDTA=0&viNA=0&vsDTA=&PAN=2&bDTC=0&topicType=standard%20default%20linear&vsSH=A](http://login.icohere.com/connect/d_connect_itemframer.cfm?vsDTTitle=Trustworthy%20Digital%20Repositories&dseq=18332&dtseq=114363&emdisc=2&mkey=public1172&vbDTA=0&viNA=0&vsDTA=&PAN=2&bDTC=0&topicType=standard%20default%20linear&vsSH=A))

One question I have about the implementation of the program is how it might be apply across all the branches? At times I imagine it is challenging just to get agencies within the executive branch to comply, across all branches seems as challenging, yet I think that is the spirit of the law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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