## **FDLP Shared Regional Agreement**

## University of Virginia Libraries (0640) and University Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (0447)

This Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement (MOU) is entered into by the University of Virginia Libraries (UVA) and the University Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), and shall take effect the date of the last party signed below.

Whereas, the University of Virginia Libraries and the University Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are longstanding members of the Federal Depository Library Program and serve as regional federal depository libraries for their respective states;

Whereas, the regional depository libraries of UVA and UNC, as members of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries' (ASERL), participate in the "Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP): ASERL's Plan for Managing FDLP Collections in the Southeast";

Whereas, the Superintendent of Documents at the Government Publishing Office (GPO) issued the Depository Guidance Document 2018-1 on October 22, 2018 entitled Guidelines for Establishing Shared Regional Depository Libraries;

Whereas, the regional depository libraries at UVA and UNC presented "Plan for Shared Regional Library Services between North Carolina and Virginia" (the *Plan*) dated May 9, 2019 to GPO for establishing a shared federal regional depository between the two states in accordance with the *Guidelines*;

Whereas, the *Plan* was developed with the expectation of maintaining free public access to and services for depository resources;

Whereas, GPO approved the presented plan in concept;

Whereas, each regional consulted with and advised the selective federal depositories in its respective state of the *Plan*;

Therefore, the parties agree to the following:

- 1. UNC and UVA Libraries will retain full regional depository status in its relationship to the selective depositories within its state.
- 2. UVA and UNC Libraries will collaboratively and comprehensively collect and maintain publications of the Federal Depository Program according to agency and format designations outlined in the Plan for Shared Regional Library Services between North Carolina and Virginia (the Plan), dated May 9, 2019, [Appendix A] and on file with each library and the Government Publishing Office. Nothing in this agreement requires either institution to withdraw any physical publications.
- 3. UNC and UVA Libraries may amend the *Plan* [Appendix A], including what Superintendent of Documents call numbers and/or formats are collaboratively being collected and preserved by the shared regional.

- 4. UVA and UNC Libraries will continue to consult with selective federal depository libraries in both states about:
  - a. What additional materials might be considered to be collected and preserved collaboratively;
  - b. What educational and networking opportunities to provide;
  - c. What services the regional libraries should provide; and
  - d. Any modifications to the Plan.
- 5. UVA and UNC Libraries will continue to consult with GPO, as necessary, and notify of any modifications to the *Plan* or MOU.
- 6. Within two years of this agreement going into effect UVA and UNC Libraries will jointly survey the selective federal depository libraries in Virginia and North Carolina and regional depository staff to ensure their needs and the needs of their users are being met. It is acknowledged that survey results may lead to the review and revision of the MOU or the *Plan*.
- 7. Either party to this agreement can withdraw from the agreement provided:
  - a. Written notification is given to GPO and the partner library at least 90 days prior to effective date of withdrawal;
  - b. Selective federal depository libraries in both states are notified at least 60 days prior to effective date of withdrawal;
  - c. Senators who designated the shared are informed of the dissolution of the MOU; and
  - d. A plan is developed to address details for reverting back to the one regional serving one state model.

Effective October 1, 2019

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