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## October 21, 2021

## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

To:	The Honorable Ralph S. Northam Governor of Virginia
	The Honorable Janet D. Howell Chair, Senate Finance Committee
	The Honorable Luke E. Torian Chair, House Appropriations Committee
	The Honorable George L. Barker Chair, Senate General Laws and Technology
	The Honorable David L. Bulova Chair, House General Laws
cc:	Frances C. Bradford Deputy Secretary of Education
From:	Sandra G. Treadway Librarian of Virginia
Subject:	Annual Report on Compliance with the State Publications Depository Act for 2020 / 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of § 42.1-97 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>, I am pleased to provide the annual report for 1 November 2010 through 31 October 2021 indicating which state agencies did not furnish or otherwise make available copies of their publications or other information as required under this chapter. The response on behalf of agencies to the request by the Library of Virginia was overwhelmingly positive with a net deposit of 1,858 documents that will be permanently available for the educational and research use of all Virginians.

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## ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE PUBLICATIONS DEPOSITORY ACT 2020-21

Per the instructions in § 42.1-97 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>, requiring the Librarian of Virginia to report annually to the Governor and the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on General Laws and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees of the General Assembly, indicating which, if any, state agencies did not furnish or otherwise make available copies of their publications or other information required under this chapter, I wish to advise you on compliance with the Act through 31 October 2020.

The role of the State Publications Depository Program, described in § 42.1-92 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u> includes the following:

"... the General Assembly recognizes that an informed citizenry is indispensable to the proper functioning of a democratic society. In order to remain informed, citizens must know about the activities of their government and benefit from information developed at public expense. Through the administration of the State Publications Depository Program, citizens will be ensured continued access to state publications, regardless of geographical location in the Commonwealth."

To that end, the Library of Virginia contacts, at least annually, every state agency, commission and board to inquire about their publications during that year, and to ensure that the Library of Virginia has received copies of their digital publications for preservation and access at the Library or paper copies for distribution to designated state publications depository libraries around the state. The Library also requests a list of publications currently available to the public.

State agencies have deposited 1,726 digital state publications in the Library's publicly accessible repository since our last report. We continue to move towards transitioning entire collection of digital state publications to a new preservation and discovery system that will be completed in FY2022.

Throughout the extraordinary months of the pandemic, the commonwealth's public servants have continue to support the State Publications Depository Program and the free access to state government information by providing their publications to the Library of Virginia.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a report of progress to date.

The following state agencies have not reported as of 21 October 2021:

Blue Ridge Community College

Center for Innovative Technology

Danville Community College Department of Aviation Department of Health Professions Gunston Hall Longwood University Science Museum of Virginia Southside Virginia Community College Southwest Virginia Community College Supreme Court of Virginia Virginia Commission for the Arts Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission Virginia 529 College Savings Plan