

**Dennis T. Clark** Librarian of Virginia

December 19, 2024

To: The Honorable L. Louise Lucas

Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Luke Torian

Chair, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin

Chair, Senate General Laws and Technology

The Honorable David L. Bulova Chair, House General Laws

Subject: Annual Report on Compliance with the State Publications Depository Act 2023-2024

Chair Lucas, Chair Torian, Chair Ebbin and Chair Bulova,

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In accordance with §42.1-97 of the Code of Virginia, I am pleased to provide the annual report covering the period November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2024. This report identifies state agencies that did not furnish or otherwise make available copies of their publications or other required information. The response from state agencies to the Library of Virginia's request was overwhelmingly positive.

Sincerely,

Dennis T. Clark

Librarian of Virginia

Enclosure

CC: The Honorable Aimee Rogstad Guidera, Secretary of Education

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## ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE PUBLICATIONS DEPOSITORY ACT 2023 – 2024

Per §42.1-97 of the Code of Virginia, the Librarian of Virginia is required 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.

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."

The Library of Virginia reaches out to every state agency, commission, and board each year to gather information about their publications. This ensures the Library receives copies of their digital publications for preservation and access or paper copies for distribution to designated state publications depository libraries across the state. Additionally, the Library requests a list of publications currently available to the public.

This year, all state agencies began using a new deposit system with great success. This year 458 digital publications have been deposited in the Library's publicly accessible repository. We have successfully migrated the entire collection of digital state publications to a new preservation and discovery system, providing easier full-text access to state government information through the online catalog.

The following state agencies have not reported as of 25 October 2024:

- -- Center for Innovative Technology
- -- Danville Community College
- -- Department of Emergency Management
- -- Department of Juvenile Justice
- -- Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- -- Mountain Empire Community College
- -- UVA Wise
- -- Virginia Information Technologies Agency
- -- Virginia529 College Savings Plan