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SHEILA McGARR NAMED LIBRARY DIVISION CHIEF

Sheila M. McGarr has been appointed as Chief of the Library Division of GPO's Library Programs Service, which administers the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). McGarr's duties will include managing the Depository Administration Branch, the Cataloging Branch, and the Depository Services Staff, as well as advising the Director of the Library Programs Service on program-related matters. The appointment is effective June 7, 1999.

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service (www.access.gpo.gov), from which users currently retrieve an average of 19 million Federal documents each month.

McGarr began her career at GPO in 1981 as a depository library inspector. From 1987 to 1992, she served as Chief of the Depository Administration Branch. Since September 1992, she has been Chief of the Depository Services Staff. She has overseen the depository library inspectors and organized the annual Federal Depository Conference and the Interagency Depository Seminar.

Before joining GPO, McGarr worked at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA, and before that she worked at the North Shore Community College in Beverly, MA. She received her M.S.L.S. from The Catholic University of America and her B.A. from Merrimack College. A Massachusetts native, McGarr resides in Alexandria, VA.

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