



Dear Federal Library/Information Center Staff:

The LC Bicentennial Working Group of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) is delighted to provide you with the federal libraries LC Bicentennial poster and bookmark to help you celebrate the Library of Congress Bicentennial year within your own organization. In addition, we have enclosed a print copy of FLICC's LC Bicentennial letterhead which you may reproduce and use for communications regarding any celebrations you sponsor in conjunction with the LC Bicentennial during 2000.

To complement these graphic materials, we invite you to go to the FLICC Website for access to a complete "toolkit" you may wish to download and use. At the URL for these materials (<http://lcweb.loc.gov/flicc/wg/wg-lcbic.html>) you will find:

- Downloadable digital files for the poster, bookmark and letterhead (requiring appropriate software as indicated at the FLICC Web site)
- Ways to Celebrate Federal Libraries and the LC Bicentennial
- Tips for Planning Library Programs
- Chronology of Federal Libraries and Information Centers (insert your own dates)
- Sample Press Release and Talking Points (to help you promote your event)

The poster and bookmark were designed by California artist Eric Peterson in consultation with your federal library colleagues on the Working Group. FLICC has licensed the use of the image for federal libraries and information centers; we encourage you to print additional bookmarks either from the samples or from the digital artwork available on the FLICC Website. Copies of the poster and quantities of bookmarks may also be available from the Superintendent of Documents. Check this Web page in the future for details.

The poster is rich with colors and symbols: The column at the center of the image--the Greek symbol of democracy—connotes our federal context and is topped by the Roman numeral 2000. The globe above the column represents the worldwide distribution of federal libraries. Together the column and the globe form an "i", the international symbol for information. The stars and stripes at the base of the column represent the United States and form the endless "information highway" which is populated with examples of

the many media used by federal librarians to serve their clients. The human image that forms the backdrop for the top half of the poster symbolizes the human quest for knowledge, further represented by the question mark, delta (change), sigma (sum), infinity, Boolean circles, directional arrow, CPU lights, atmosphere and the reaches of outer space.

Join the worldwide community of federal librarians in displaying this poster in a prominent place in your library or office. Make use of the toolkit to celebrate your own library or information center during the Library of Congress Bicentennial Year.

Sincerely,

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