

Locating & Citing U.S. Government Publications

Library Research Guide

U.S. Government Publications at Houston Cole Library

Houston Cole Library at Jacksonville State University has been a selective depository for U.S. Government publications since 1929. As a depository library, we provide free public access to government information in a variety of formats: in print, microfiche, CD/DVD, as well as electronically.

Locating the Needed Publications

Most of the government materials in the Library are classified according to the Library of Congress classification system and are integrated into the rest of the Library's collection. Ephemeral materials, maps, and microfiche are classed by SuDoc. All government documents materials, including those in electronic format, can be located by using the Library's online catalog at: <http://library.jsu.edu/>. In addition, subject-related links to online government information resources can be found at <http://www.jsu.edu/library/government/>. The following table shows the approximate locations of government agency publications in the Library:

Locations Broken Down By Major Government Agencies *

Government Agency	Approximate LC Classification Equivalent & Locations
Agriculture	S-SK (10 th Floor)
NARA	E-F (3 rd Floor)
Commerce	H-HJ (4 th Floor)
Civil Rights Com.	JC (4 th Floor) , K, KF (10 th Floor)
Defense	D-F (3 rd Floor) , U-UH, V-VM (10 th Floor)
Energy	TA, TC-TD, TJ-TK (10 th Floor)
Education	L-LJ (5 th Floor)
EPA	GE (3 rd Floor) , QH-QR (9 th Floor) , TD (10 th Floor)
FEMA	HV (4 th Floor)
Federal Trade Commission	HF (4 th Floor)
General Accounting Office	HJ (4 th Floor)
Health & Human Services	R-RZ (9 th Floor)
Housing & Urban Development	HD (4 th Floor), NA (6 th Floor), TH (10 th Floor)
Homeland Security	HV (4 th Floor)
Interior	E-F (3 rd Floor), GB, GE (3 rd Floor), GV (5 th Floor), TD (10 th Floor)
Justice	HV (4 th Floor)
Judiciary	KF (10 th Floor)
Labor	H-HD, HF (4 th Floor)
Library of Congress	Z (2 nd floor)
NASA	TL (10 th Floor)
NF on Arts and Humanities	M-NX (6 th Floor)
National Science Foundation	Q-QR (9 th Floor)
Peace Corps	HC (4 th Floor)
Personnel Management	HF, HG (4 th Floor)

Government Agency	Approximate LC Classification Equivalent & Locations
President of the U.S.	HV, JK (4 th Floor), KF (10 th Floor)
Executive Office of the President	G, GB (3 rd Floor)
Vice President of the U.S.	HV, JK (4 th Floor), KF (10 th Floor)
State Department	J-JC, JK (4 th Floor)
Small Business Administration	HC, HF, HG (4 th Floor)
Smithsonian Institution	QH-QL (9 th Floor)
Social Security Administration	HD (4 th Floor)
Treasury	HG, HJ (4 th Floor)
Transportation	T, TE-TG, TL (10 th Floor)
Congress*	KF (10 th Floor)
Ephemeral materials from all agencies (most of them are pamphlets)	Only SuDoc Number assigned (filed in the 2 nd floor vertical file cabinet)
Microfiche	SuDoc Number/LC Number assigned (filed in the 2 nd floor fiche cabinets or filed at microform section on floors)
Maps from all agencies	Only Sudoc Number assigned (filed alphabetically by title in the 3 rd floor map cabinet)

* Formatted from Bethany Latham's *Government Document Collection Assessment* (<http://www.jsu.edu/library/docs/assessments/governmentassessment2005.doc>)

Other Finding Aids:

Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (<http://catalog.gpo.gov/F?RN=197424410>): the finding tool for federal publications that includes descriptive records for historical and current publications and provides direct links to those that are available online. Users can search by authoring agency, title, subject, and general key word, or click on "Advanced Search" for more options.

LexisNexis Congressional (<http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp>): retrieve congressional materials and legislative histories by searching abstracts, titles, indexing information and other bibliographic data.

Citing Government Information Sources:

Cheney, Deborah. *The complete guide to citing government information resources: a manual for social science & business research*. Bethesda, MD: LexisNexis; Congressional Information Service, c2002 (Call Number: REF J9.5 .G37 2002, Location: 4TH Floor)

Guides to Citing U. S. Government Publications:

<http://www.library.wisc.edu/guides/govdocs/federal/citing.htm>

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