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Services and Hours

Reference assistance with Government Documents may be obtained at the Information Desk on the 1st floor of Gorgas Library.

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Information Desk Hours: Reference librarians and/or staff are available from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, and 12 - 8 p.m. Sunday.

Government documents are available for borrowing through Interlibrary Loan.

Location

Government documents are located throughout Gorgas Library, including the 1st floor and Lower Level Mezzanine. Additional items can be found in the Bruno Business Library, the Rodgers Science and Engineering Library, the Map Library, and the Libraries' Annex.

Collection

The University Libraries receives United States federal government publications through participation in the Federal Depository Library Program. The University has been a federal depository since 1860 and a Regional depository since 1965.

The Libraries' government documents collection currently numbers over 1.5 million pieces. A majority of the documents received from 1976 to the present are housed in Gorgas Library. Some documents, when they are specific to a subject area, are sent to departmental libraries such as the Bruno Business Library or Rodgers Science and Engineering Library.

Our documents collection contains information in a variety of formats including printed volumes, microfiche, maps, posters, pamphlets, and CD-ROMs. In addition to executive, judicial, and legislative documents, government publications are an unparalleled source of information about all aspects of public policy, from business, communications, and defense to health, education, and social welfare.

Access

As a public institution and a Federal Depository Library, the government documents collection is open to everyone. The majority of materials are allowed to be checked out just like other library materials. Users who are not affiliated with the University of Alabama may view, scan, or photocopy documents within the library building. There is also an option to purchase a Borrower's Card for $25/year.

Records for government documents have been added to the Libraries' catalog since May 1996. While we are actively adding records for older materials, not all of them are represented in the catalog at this time. Patrons or librarians wishing to determine whether or not we have a particular document may ask for reference assistance at the Information Desk or "Ask-A-Librarian" via email or chat.

Items in Remote Storage:

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Visitors can request items to be retrieved from the Annex by making an in-person request at the Circulation Desk in Gorgas Library or by emailing Ryan McIver (rmciver AT ua.edu). If you will be visiting campus and would like your government information materials retrieved from the Annex beforehand, please contact Tami Melancon (tmelancon AT ua.edu), indicating when you will be on campus and which items you would like retrieved.