

U.S. Government Information at the University of Maryland Libraries

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What Are Government Documents?

- Information created, collected, processed, or disseminated by or for the United States federal government.
- Common examples of government documents include Congressional hearings, legislation, regulations, tax forms, treaties, census data, technical reports, maps, statistics, and reports from federal agencies.

How Do I Find Government Information?

UM LIBRARIES' CATALOG

Use the Catalog (<http://catalog.umd.edu>), to find government documents from the 1990's to the present, as well as some older government documents. To search *only* the U.S. Government Information collection: Use **advanced search**. Set the location to **U.S. Government Information (all)**. Note: Some government documents may be located in other areas of the Libraries.

CATALOG OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Use the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (<http://catalog.gpo.gov/F>) to find government documents from 1976 to the present. Look for the SuDoc number (see reverse) to find the document in McKeldin Library, or click the link for Internet Access (if available).

INDEXES & GUIDES

Use indexes and guides to locate items on a specific topic. See the U.S. Government Information, Maps & GIS Services web site for a list of guides: <http://www.lib.umd.edu/GOV/guides.html>.

RESEARCH PORT

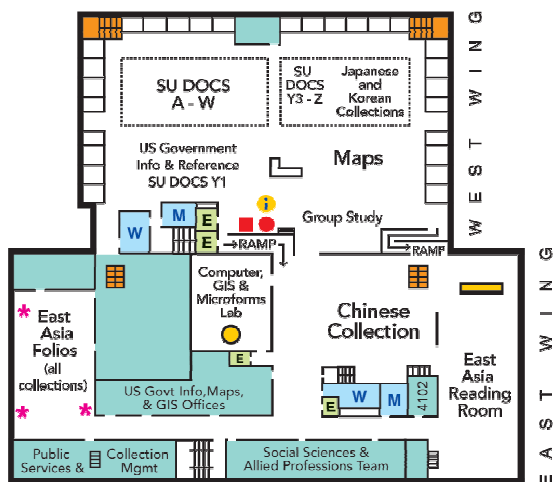
Access Research Port from the Libraries' home page (<http://www.lib.umd.edu>). Select **Government Documents** from the **databases by subject category** tab and choose databases from that list (e.g., LexisNexis Congressional, ERIC). You will need to log in to access Research Port from off-campus.

INTERNET

Use web sites like USA.gov (<http://www.usa.gov>) to find recent government information. More government resources: www.lib.umd.edu/GOV/electronic.html

U.S. Government Information in McKeldin Library:

4th FLOOR



Finding Congressional Hearings

1. Use the library catalog to identify the hearing's call number—it will begin with **Y4**—and the Congress in which it took place. (Hearing dates indicate the Congress. Use the charts posted in the Y4 area on the 4th floor to convert dates to Congresses.)
Examples:
1887-1889 = 50th Congress
1987-1988 = 100th Congress
2005-2006 = 109th Congress
2. Locate the appropriate Congress (e.g., 109th Congress) within the Y4 area of the SuDoc stacks.
3. Within the appropriate Congress, search for the hearing by call number.

