

Government Documents

General Information

The Government Documents Collection contains published government information from state, federal and international government bodies. The collection is designated by the Federal Government as a selective depository, which means that we currently receive about 50 percent of all federal publications. Two Michigan regional depository libraries receive almost all government publications. They are the Detroit Public Library and the Library of Michigan in Lansing.

Searching the Collection

Web Voyager (<http://portal.emich.edu/>), our online catalog, lists the government documents available in our library as well as links to Web sites where you can find them.

To limit your search of our local catalog to only those items in the Government Documents Collection:

1. Click on the "Limits" button in the lower right-hand corner of the search screen.
2. Set the Location to "Government Documents."
3. Click on the "Set Limits" button.

Borrowing Government Documents

The Federal Depository Library Program gives the public free access to government information. Therefore, most of the Government Document Collection can be checked out by any of our Congressional District residents for a period of 3 weeks. Overdue and lost materials policies apply to government publications in the same manner as to other materials.

Government Document Databases

In addition to the CD-ROMs available in Information Commons North on the 1st Level of the Library, we offer access to several specialized databases, including *LexisNexis Congressional*, *Thomas* (U.S. Congress on the Internet), *GPO Monthly Catalog* and *CQ Weekly*.

To search these databases, jump to the library's list of databases at <http://portal.emich.edu/remote.htm>.

Online Resources

Most government agencies have their own Web sites, and many of the print, microfiche and CD-ROM titles are also published on the Web. Two places to search for online government information are:

Halle Library's Government Information Web Page
(<http://www.emich.edu/halle/govdocs/>)

Federal Agency Directory
(<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/fedgov.html>)

Location

The Government Documents Collection is located on the north side of the Second Level of the library.

Some government CD's are loaded on computers in Information Commons North (first level).

Hours

The Government Documents Collection is open the same hours as the Halle Library building (Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday, noon to midnight).

Help

For general questions about the Government Documents Collection, please contact the Information Desk on the first level (734.487.0020, x2100 or <http://www.emich.edu/halle/askalibrarian.html>). If your question requires special knowledge of the collection, we may refer you to a subject specialist.