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Assistance identifying and locating government publications is available in the Government Documents Office.

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Further Assistance

- Contact the Government Documents Librarian at 688-5958
- Visit the Documents Department Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Contact Information Services at 688-5107
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Agriculture www.usda.gov



Briggs Library maintains a strong collection of government publications on agriculture including statistics, annual reports, soil surveys, and forest service publications. The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture publishes materials on the biological sciences including entomology, botany, animal science, crop science, and much more.

Census Information www.census.gov

H.M. Briggs Library has an extensive collection of historical census materials available in print. More recent data may also be available on CD, DVD, and the Internet.

Census topics include population, economics, government, housing, manufactures, and transportation.

Consumer Information www.ftc.gov/bcp

The library receives materials from the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Commerce, Homeland Security, the Social Security Administration, Health and Human Services, as well as many other government agencies publishing consumer information.

Education www.ed.gov

The Documents collection contains educational resources including statistics, curriculum materials, ERIC documents, and reports on progress and standards in education.

In addition, the library's curriculum collection is located near the government publications. Assistance is available in the Documents office.



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Geography & Mapping Resources www.usgs.gov



Maps received through the depository program are housed near the Documents Collection on the Lower Level of the library. Holdings include USGS topographic maps for all fifty states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and Antarctica.

Other collections of note are USGS survey maps, Bureau of Land Management land-use and mineral management maps, Central Intelligence Agency maps, Defense mapping/NIMA maps, and soil surveys.

Health & Medicine www.nih.gov

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Legislative & Regulatory Information <http://thomas.loc.gov>

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Science & Technology www.science.gov



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Many government agencies also maintain electronic databases and web sites useful to researchers. Scientific publishing agencies may include the Dept. of Energy, NASA, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Dept. of Transportation, the National Technical Information Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to name a few.

State Documents

<http://library.sd.gov/govinfo/index.htm>

South Dakota State Government Publications are distributed to Briggs Library and eight other libraries in South Dakota by the State Library as part of the state publications distribution center and depository library system. State documents are located in the journals, books, and documents collections.

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