

Finding Government Information



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1) Check our library catalog for print, microform and online documents

Many current federal documents in our catalog can be found online and will have a link to the actual document. Many older documents (and some newer ones) are in paper/micro-form format and can be found on our shelves or in microform cabinets. While we are gradually adding some older documents to our catalog, the catalog generally only lists our federal documents back to the early 1990's, so please ask for assistance to find the others.

2) Access our 'Government Information' homepage for online information

Click on the Government Information link, which can be found on the left-hand navigation bar on the library's home page, then click on the Federal tab. This access portal allows many search variations for finding government information and is worth exploring.

3) Do a web search, such as through Google



MARYLAND STATE DOCUMENTS - Blackwell Library has been a "full" depository for Maryland government documents since 1983. The Maryland documents program is much less structured than the federal documents program, so we have received Maryland documents in a more random fashion. To search for Maryland government information, try the following methods:

1) Check our library catalog for print materials

This will yield limited results as many Maryland documents are not indexed in our catalog. To increase your find rate, please contact the government documents librarian or visit one of our research librarians at the Research Help Desk.

2) Access our 'Government Information' homepage for online links

Click on the Government Information link, which can be found on the left-hand navigation bar on the library's home page, then click on the Maryland tab. A lot of Maryland government information is now available online.

3) Do a web search, such as through Google

NOTE: There is a lot of potentially useful information to be had from the U.S. and Maryland governments which publish information on just about any topic imaginable. The United States Government is particularly prolific when it comes to publishing statistics, so please take a look at our Government Information website at <http://www.salisbury.edu/library/subject/govinfo/>.

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