Government Information

- Collections [1]

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For searching and locating the documents published before 1976 and for the documents that Morris Library does not have, please contact Government Documents Staff.

Morris Library is also an Illinois State Depository Library. Illinois State government publications are cataloged in I-Share. Tangible Illinois State government publications are arranged by Library of Congress Classification Numbers (LC) and Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) numbers. The items that are classified with LC are located in Morris Library. The items that are classified as DDC are located on the 3rd floor of Morris Library. The Illinois Electronic Documents Initiative [3] provides permanent public access to official publications of the State of Illinois which have been deposited in electronic form.

To get more information about US Federal and Illinois State government information, consult the list of government online resources [4] and/or Government Documents Staff.
Morris Library United Nations documents collection is arranged by UN Serials Number. United Nations publications received after 1998 can be identified using I-Share, Morris Library's online catalog. Publications received prior to 1998 must be identified using print indexes or online electronic databases. If you need assistance, contact Government Documents Staff.

Location

3rd Floor, Morris Library
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Carbondale, IL 62901-6632

Genres

Morris Library collects many genres of government documents:

- Laws
- Regulations
- Bills
- Resolutions
- Hearings
- Statistics
- Maps
- Posters
- Guides
- Educational kits
- Manuals
- Catalogs
- Indices
- Agencies’ annual reports
- Commission reports
- Technical reports
- Journals
- Documents
- Newsletters
- Directories
- Books
- Audiovisual materials

Equipment for Accessing and Reading Government Documents

On 3rd floor near Government Documents collections,
There are 20+ computers, 2 printers, one copy machine, one scanner, several all-in-one microform reader/scanner/printers.

One computer next to the Help Desk is connected to Internet and reserved for viewing online government publications, with various software - Microsoft Word, Notepad, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Media Player.

One computer next to the Help Desk is not connected to Internet but reserved for viewing and printing government data published on CD and DVD, with Microsoft Word, Notepad, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, InterVideo WinDVD, Real Time Player, ArcView GIS 3.3, Acrobat Reader 4.0, Acrobat Reader 6.0.

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