



Your Tax Dollars at Work: GOV-DOCS!

Free Government Information
& Resources Available Through the
ULM University Library

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Who, What, Where, When,
Why?

(and How)

Who?

- You!
- It's your stuff—you paid for it
- Government sends it to us for free to make it easy for you to access





What?



- @ 250,000 government documents
- ULM is member of two Depository Library Programs
- Executive, legislative, & judicial materials
- ULM =
 - All State of Louisiana publications
 - @35% of federal depository items

What? What? ... (details)

- Books, reference materials, journals, pamphlets, CDs, maps, microform, prints, electronic resources, etc.
 - *If you can imagine it, there is probably a government publication somewhere discussing it or explaining it...*



Where? On the Shelf



- In main (stacks) collections
- In “Government Publications” collections, 2nd Floor
- In Media Services, 2nd Floor

Where?
Out there...

The screenshot shows the ULM Library website homepage. At the top right, the text "ULM LIBRARY" is displayed next to the university's logo. Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to "words or phrase" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar, there is a link that says "find books & more! Advanced Search" and another link that says "have a question? ask a librarian".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Find Books And More!**
 - Catalog
 - Ebrary
 - Netlibrary
- Services**
 - For The Community
 - For Faculty And Staff
 - For Students
 - For ULM Alumni
 - Interlibrary Loan
 - Computer Lab
 - Distance Learning
 - Tours And Instruction
 - Purchase Requests
 - Copying And Printing
- Find Articles**
 - Databases By Name
 - Databases By Subject
 - Government Publications
 - Newspapers
 - Off-Campus Access
- Webfeat**
 - Meta-Search Articles And More
- About the Library**
 - Contact
 - Visitor Information
 - Floor Plan
 - Library Blog
 - Staff And Departments
 - History
 - Special Collections/Archives
 - Friends Of The Library
- Help!**
 - Ask A Librarian
 - FAQs
 - Subject Guides
 - Subject Librarians
 - Tutorials
 - Style Guides
 - Records Management Forms
 - The Reference Desk

On the right side of the page, there is a large photograph of a building with a prominent golden eagle sculpture in front of it. Below the photograph, there is a "Quickly Link To..." dropdown menu with a blue arrow. Underneath this menu, the "Hours Spring Semester" are listed: "Mon-Thurs 7:30am-12:00 Midnight", "Friday 7:30am-1:00pm", "Saturday CLOSED", and "Sunday 2:00pm-12:00 Midnight". To the right of the hours is a small image of a yellow daisy flower.

- "E-docs" via Library's online catalog

- Web Resources

<http://www.ulm.edu/library/govdocs>

When?



- E-docs and web resources: 24/7
- Materials in stacks: anytime library is open
- Non-circulating pamphlets & federal microfiche: whenever Media Services is open

Why?

- Authoritative
- Comprehensive
- Unique
- Did I mention free? (*i.e., you've already paid for the stuff?*)



How?

iLink Catalog search

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the iLink at University of Louisiana at Monroe website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://ulm.louislibraries.org/uh/bin/cgisirsi/z9Alr3aNH/ULM/127670013/60/69/X>. The website header includes the ULM logo, the title "iLink at University of Louisiana at Monroe Your Electronic Library on the Web", and "Library Info" links for "General Information" and "Ask a Reference Librarian". A navigation bar contains links for "E-Resources", "Interlibrary Loan", "Reserves", "Other Catalogs", "Search ULM", and "My Account". Below this, a secondary navigation bar has "Go Back", "Help", and "Logout" links. The main content area features a "Basic Search" form with three radio buttons: "Keyword" (selected), "Browse", and "Exact". There is a search input field with a "words or phrase" dropdown and a "Search" button. Below the input field is a "library:" dropdown menu currently set to "ALL" and a link for "Advanced Search". A large yellow arrow points from the bottom of the page towards the search form. The footer includes a "Powered by: SirsiDynix" logo, copyright information "iLink at University of Louisiana at Monroe Online Scholars' Portal Copyright © 2000 - 2005, SirsiDynix", and a "TOP" link.

How? Item Type or Location

iLink at University of Louisiana at Monroe
Your Electronic Library on the Web

E-Resources

Advanced Search

words or phrase

author

title

subject

series

periodical title

library:

language:

catalog format:

item type:

location:

material description:

match on:

pubyear:

sort by:

Advanced Search

words or phrase And

author And

title And

subject And

series And

periodical title

library:

language:

catalog format:

item type:

location:

material description:

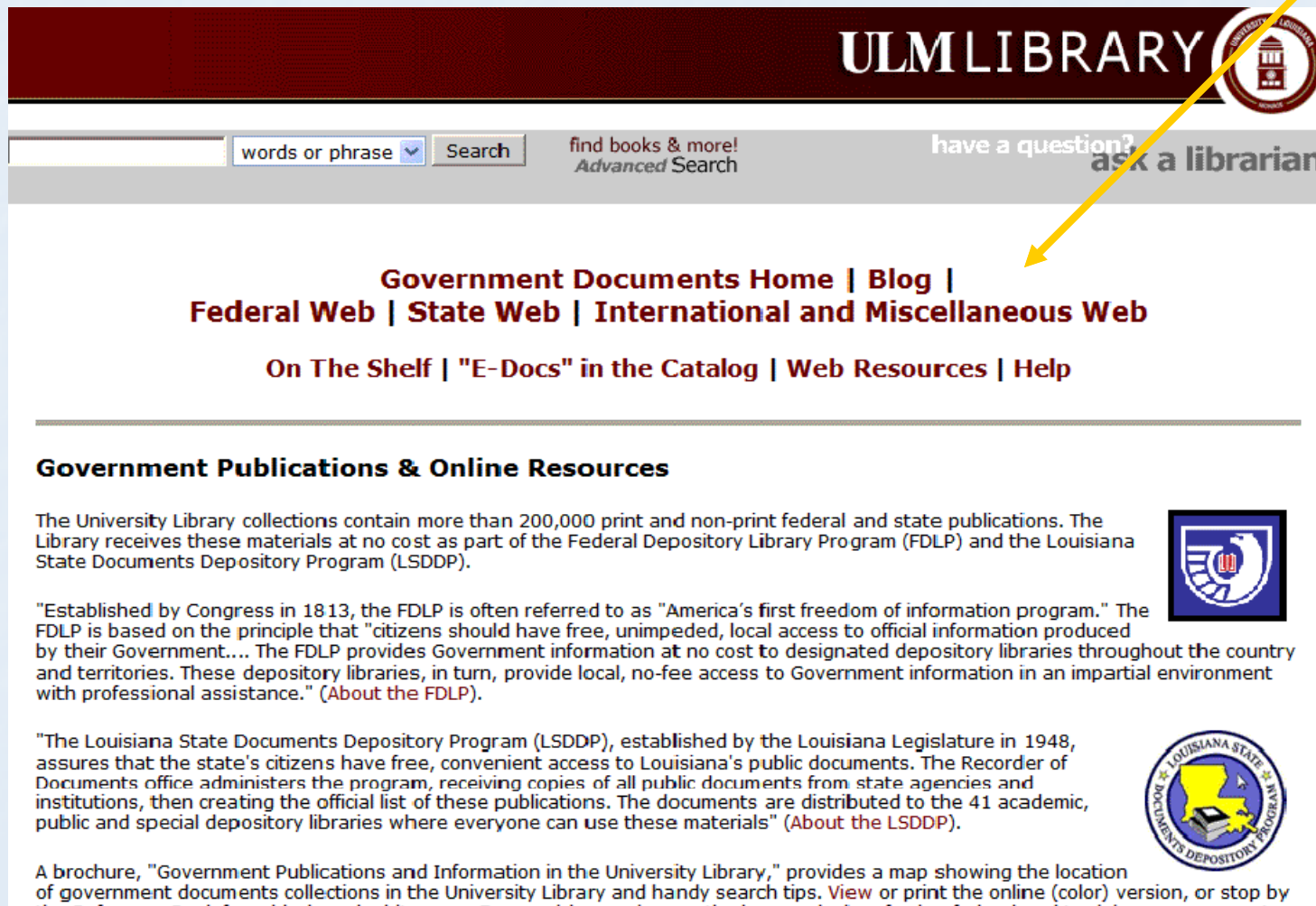
match on:


pubyear:

sort by:

How? Website

Menu




ULMLIBRARY 

words or phrase Search find books & more! *Advanced Search* have a question? **ask a librarian**


**Government Documents Home | Blog |
Federal Web | State Web | International and Miscellaneous Web**

On The Shelf | "E-Docs" in the Catalog | Web Resources | Help

Government Publications & Online Resources

The University Library collections contain more than 200,000 print and non-print federal and state publications. The Library receives these materials at no cost as part of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and the Louisiana State Documents Depository Program (LSDDP). 

"Established by Congress in 1813, the FDLP is often referred to as "America's first freedom of information program." The FDLP is based on the principle that "citizens should have free, unimpeded, local access to official information produced by their Government.... The FDLP provides Government information at no cost to designated depository libraries throughout the country and territories. These depository libraries, in turn, provide local, no-fee access to Government information in an impartial environment with professional assistance." ([About the FDLP](#)).

"The Louisiana State Documents Depository Program (LSDDP), established by the Louisiana Legislature in 1948, assures that the state's citizens have free, convenient access to Louisiana's public documents. The Recorder of Documents office administers the program, receiving copies of all public documents from state agencies and institutions, then creating the official list of these publications. The documents are distributed to the 41 academic, public and special depository libraries where everyone can use these materials" ([About the LSDDP](#)). 

A brochure, "Government Publications and Information in the University Library," provides a map showing the location of government documents collections in the University Library and handy search tips. [View](#) or print the online (color) version, or stop by

How? Browsing the shelves

- By responsible agency ("A" is for Agriculture, "J" is for Justice, etc.)
 - <http://www.ulm.edu/library/libraryimage/govsummary.pdf>
- Documents # always have a colon (":") somewhere!
- Federal SuDocs #
 - http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/explain.html
- Louisiana Document #
 - <http://www.ulm.edu/library/libraryimage/classification.pdf>

For Help Finding & Using Government Documents

- Website:

<http://ulm.edu/library/govdocs>

- Brochure:

<http://www.ulm.edu/~kcook/gov-docs-brochure.pdf>

- Government Publications Office, ULIB 210,
318.342.1060

- kcook@ulm.edu or cbrown@ulm.edu



Questions?

Comments?

Suggestions?

THANK
YOU