

Document Numbers

Government publications, or “documents,” are not arranged by the Library of Congress or Dewey Decimal Classification numbers like other items in the Library.

“SuDoc” Classification: Federal documents, located on the 2nd floor of the University Library, are arranged by “SuDocs” numbers, which are assigned by the U.S. Superintendent of Documents. SuDoc numbers identify the federal government agency which published the item.

There are posters showing how to find federal materials by broad category of SuDoc numbers posted in the federal collections area.

Louisiana Document Numbers: State publications are identified by numbers which resemble SuDoc numbers that reflect the Louisiana government agency or institution which issued the publication.

Information on SuDoc and Louisiana document numbering schemes may be found on the government documents homepage.



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Your Government Publications

The University Library collections include approximately 200,000 print and non-print federal and State of Louisiana publications. The Library receives these materials at no cost as part of the U.S. government's 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 Government provides information to depository libraries throughout the United States and territories; the libraries, in turn, make the information available to the public, with professional assistance.

The LSDDP receives public documents from state agencies and institutions and distributes them to forty-one academic, public and special depository libraries to provide convenient access to these materials to residents throughout the state.



Logo of the
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Locating Government Publications

Some government publications are shelved with the University Library's main collections. These books, periodicals, audiovisual, and other materials may be found in "iLink," the online ULM Library Catalog.



Government Documents Collections, University Library

Most federal and State of Louisiana publications are located in Government Documents collections on the 2nd floor of the University Library. Federal and all new Louisiana documents are catalogued; older Louisiana documents are being added to the online catalog.

"E-Docs": Electronic Government Publications

Many electronic government publications may be accessed via iLink. The University Library has 27,000 electronic government publications, or "e-docs" at present. This number is growing rapidly.

Web Resources

Increasing numbers of government publications and information resources are available via the Internet. In some instances, the online publication duplicates a print document or other physical format, but many resources are available online only.

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