



Library Gift & Exchange Program

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USGS Libraries Program Collection - Established in 1879 to build and organize a collection of scientific materials in the earth sciences. The USGS Libraries Program is now one of the world's largest libraries for earth sciences. The USGS Libraries Program is a centralized, multi-site library system with over 2,500,000 items in the specialized collections, including 1,500,000 volumes; 2,500,000 maps; 30,000 field records; and 500,000 historical photographs.

Gift Program

Interested in donating items to the Libraries Program?

The consolidation of the USGS space and the smaller footprint of the Libraries Program facilities has reduced the overall space available for library collections, and resulted in the need for thoughtful decisions regarding the offers of gifts and collection donations that we receive. As a result, we ask that anyone interested in donating items to the library review the general gifts and donations guidelines below, and contact the designated staff at each location before bringing materials to the library.

The USGS Libraries Program welcomes donations of the following:

- Items which fill identified gaps in library collections
- USGS Open File Reports not currently cataloged in the collections
- Field trip guidebooks
- Field records and photographs (holdings maintained at Denver Library branch)
- Dissertations and theses
- Conference proceedings
- Landmark works missing from the Libraries collection

We do not accept the following:

- Items you want returned if we do not add them to the collection
- Old books and maps (except landmark works mentioned above)
- Out of scope journals
- Textbooks
- Back issues of common geoscience journals
- Training materials & handbooks
- Computer / software materials
- Dictionaries and Thesauri

We regret that the USGS Libraries Program can not return items that are given to the library but are not added to the collections. The library is responsible for a final decision regarding what is accepted and kept.

To find out more and discuss the items you wish to donate, please contact the Libraries staff member responsible for donations at that location (see contact information below).

The USGS Libraries Program is unable to place a cash value on gifts for tax purposes. We can provide a receipt acknowledging the donor's gift.

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The USGS Libraries program appreciates your interest and cooperation.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Exchange Program has changed significantly since the advent of electronic publishing. All current USGS publications are now available online. The USGS Publications Warehouse provides access to current online publications at the following URL: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/>.

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The USGS Libraries Program is managed by the Core Science Systems Mission Area. For more information about the library and its services, visit the Web site at <http://library.usgs.gov>, or e-mail them at library@usgs.gov.