The New Jersey State Library is a Federal Depository Library; we are a selective depository library, selecting a little over 58% of what the Government Publishing Office (GPO) distributes to libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program.

The New Jersey State Library has been a Federal Depository since 1895.

The collection is tailored to meet the needs of State government, with an emphasis on the
- Social Sciences
- Legal
- Congressional materials

State Library holdings include a complete Census collection, dating back to the 1st Census (1790), and a comprehensive collection of Congressional reports and documents. In addition, there are major holdings from the following federal agencies:
- Commerce
- Education
- Environmental Protection
- Health & Human Services
- Justice
- Labor

Cataloging
All the federal documents currently receive are cataloged. (As July 2011, per Federal Guidelines, federal depository libraries are required to catalog new tangible receipts).

In March 2009 the State library was one of 47 federal depository libraries chosen to participate in the Government Publishing Office’s Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP).

This CRDP distributes cataloging records directly to federal depository libraries, providing automatic dissemination of cataloging records and direct access to online documents.

Many federal documents are now released in electronic format only. The State Library includes those documents in its online catalog, which enables library users to access government documents both remotely and onsite.

Earlier, pre-1976 documents that don’t appear in our catalog can be retrieved by using State Library subscription and free GPO databases
- ProQuest Congressional (subscription)
- ProQuest Statistical Insight (subscription)
- EBSCO Discovery Service (subscription)
- The Federal Digital System which is called FDsys (GPO) http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys
- govinfo (GPO) which replaces FDsys in 2017 https://www.govinfo.gov/

Pre-1976 documents can also be retrieved by using print indexes located in Level 4, Documents Reference Collection.

**Libguides**

US Documents: [http://libguides.njstatelib.org/usdocs](http://libguides.njstatelib.org/usdocs)

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**Location**

The majority of the collection is shelved in Superintendent of Documents classification number order on level 4 and level 1. The majority of the collection circulates; reference items or periodicals do not circulate.

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**Legal materials** like the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, the Code of Federal Regulations, the United States Code, and the United States Statutes at Large are located in the Law Library on level 3.

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