COLLECTION:
The federal depository section of the State Library offers extensive research collections of social science materials, statistical reports and congressional documents. Legal materials are housed in the Law Library. The State Library is a primary participant in the State Data Center and serves as a contact point for census data inquiries. Reference services are available in person, by telephone, fax, letter, and e-mail.

The collection is tailored to meet the needs of the State government with an emphasis on the Social Sciences, Legal, and Congressional materials. The URL for the online U.S. Documents collection page is http://www.njstatelib.org/research_library/collections/us_documents.

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 and Labor.

CATALOGING:
All the federal documents currently received are cataloged.

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 do not appear in our catalog can be retrieved by using State Library subscription and free Government Publishing Office (GPO) databases. Databases listed below can be accessed from the State Library website at http://www.njstatelib.org by choosing Research Library>Electronic Resources>databases. You can then search for the appropriate database by title or by subject area.

- ProQuest Congressional (subscription)
- ProQuest Statistical Insight (subscription)
- EBSCO Discovery Service (subscription)
- Govinfo (GPO) https://www.govinfo.gov/

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

The Library provides access to the Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL) via the Internet, www.hSDL.org. The Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL) is the nation’s premier collection of homeland security policy and strategy related documents.
RESEARCH GUIDE:
Find information at a glance by visiting the U.S. Government collection at the State Library's Research guides page on the website. While there, take a virtual tour of the collection or as you glance, decide what topic to look over, which include naturalization, elections, statistics, security and more. The U.S. Documents collection libguide is found at: http://libguides.njstatelib.org/usdocs/home

SERVICES:
As a federal depository library, the State Library provides extensive reference services to all users of the collection.

Direct Internet access is available to the public on-site. Reference searches are performed by staff for state agency personnel and for the public.

Most documents are available for circulation or photocopying. Microfiche can be printed or scanned. Users may be referred to another depository for direct access to materials not held. State employees and Thomas Edison students may request documents not held by the State Library via interlibrary loan.

EQUIPMENT:
A scanner, photocopying machines, microform reader-printers and public access computer terminals are available for accessing GPO and U.S. Government resources that are on the Internet.

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.

Legal materials like 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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