

# GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

**Meriam Library**

**California State Univ., Chico**

## What are Government Documents?

Any informational material produced by a government agency (published at government expense, or as required by law). May be issued in paper, microfiche, CD-ROM/DVD or on the Internet.

## What Collections are Available at CSU, Chico?

Meriam Library has been a depository library for U.S. government documents and California documents since 1962. Chico's collections include approximately 685,000 U.S. docs and approximately 116,000 California docs in paper, microfiche, CD-ROM/DVD, and Internet format.

## How Do I Find Government Information?

### U.S. Docs & California Docs

Meriam Library Catalog - [lists most U.S. docs held at CSU, Chico - many with full text]  
Melvyl (UC Library Catalog) - [lists docs we may or may not own at Chico]  
Pharos (CSU Library Catalog) - [lists docs owned by Chico or another CSU library]

### U.S.:

Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (via GPO Access) - [gov docs catalog 1976 - current]

### California:

California State Library Catalog [all California documents held in Sacramento]

## How do I Find Government Information on the Internet?

Meriam Library - Government Docs Home Page -- <http://www.csuchico.edu/library/gov/govindex.html>

GPO Access -- <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>

Google/Advanced Search -- domain .gov -- <http://www.google.com/>

USA.gov -- <http://www.USA.gov/>

## Where Can I Get Help Finding Government Information?

2<sup>nd</sup> floor Reference Desk (530-898-5833) available 68 hours per week (Monday-Sunday during the semester)

Gloria Hylton (530-898-6802) or email [ghylton@csuchico.edu](mailto:ghylton@csuchico.edu)

Meriam Library Ask a Librarian -- <http://www.csuchico.edu/library/ask.htm>

## Can I Check Out Government Documents?

The circulation period is 3 weeks for undergraduates and 5 weeks for graduates. Reference documents, microfiche, CD-ROMs/DVDs & documents stamped "For Library Use Only" do not circulate.

## Locations of Government Documents in Meriam Library

Stacks - paper/bound (U.S. and Cal docs) - 4<sup>th</sup> floor (see map on other side)

Microfiche, Microfilm (U.S. and Cal docs) - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Microform area

Reference Materials (U.S. and Cal docs) - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference collection

CD-ROMs & DVDs (U.S. & Cal docs) - 1<sup>st</sup> floor Limited Loan

Card Catalogs (for older U.S. and Cal docs) - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor back of elevators