



**FEDLINK Orientation to Federal Libraries
& Information Centers Series:
The Natural History and Physical Sciences Department
of the Smithsonian Libraries**

Date

Thursday
February 28, 2013

Time

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place

National Museum of
Natural History
10th & Constitution Ave.
NW
Washington, DC
(Please use the
Constitution Ave.
entrance. We will meet in
the lobby at 1:50 pm.)

Metro/Directions

Federal Triangle Station
(Blue or Orange Lines)

Sponsor

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Information

Call (202)707-
4813. Request ADA
Accommodations five
business days in advance
at ADA@loc.gov.

Registration

This event is free but
registration is required.
Limited to 20 people.
Click [here](#) to register.

Cancellations

Please call (202) 707-
4813 to cancel if you
cannot attend to allow
those on the waiting list
an opportunity to register.

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he [Natural History and Physical Sciences Department of the Smithsonian Libraries](#) is headquartered at the National Museum of Natural History. It consists of the main library and a dozen or so specialized collections throughout the Natural History building: Anthropology, Botany, Entomology, Invertebrate Zoology, Mammals, Birds, Fishes/Reptiles, Mineral Sciences and Paleobiology. The department also provides library services for the National Zoological Park and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. In March, 2011, the 1st floor east court location of the main library opened in a vibrant new space on the entire 1st floor. Professional and technical library research services are provided for the museum by a staff of twelve.



Situated at the center of the world's largest museum complex, the Smithsonian Libraries form a vital part of the research, exhibition and educational enterprise of the institution. The Libraries unite 20 libraries into one system supported by central collections support services. Through preservation treatments, experts work to save the Smithsonian's 1.5 million printed books and manuscripts for future generations. Skilled catalogers apply descriptive metadata to make both online and physical collections accessible. Our digital library creates electronic versions of rare books and other distinctive collections, as well as exhibition and specialized finding aids. The Libraries also offers its treasures to the nation through book exhibitions, lectures, special tours and an extensive website.



The Smithsonian Libraries participates in the advancement of science and the arts just as we have from the inception of the Institution. Acting as both public and academic library, as both scholarly resource and general information service, the Libraries offers a galaxy of resources and the help of informed staff to anyone through the Internet or in person.

