



# The NOAA Central Library Program

A component of the National Oceanographic Data Center

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The NOAA Central Library and its two Regional Libraries provide information and research support to NOAA staff and the public by maintaining the most comprehensive collections on atmospheric and marine sciences in the country, and in some instances, the world. The library also networks with over 30 NOAA libraries across the nation to ensure the most comprehensive service.

## Providing information in all formats:

- online catalog
- virtual libraries
- special and rare collections
- digitized collections
- interlibrary loan
- electronic databases and full text journals
- the physical collection of current and historical materials



## Providing services:

- providing NOAA with timely research information
- training users of the library
- setting metadata standards
- making information accessible 24/7
- preserving the history of NOAA's programs

The library coordinates book fairs, seminars and exhibits.  
Contact [library.reference@noaa.gov](mailto:library.reference@noaa.gov)

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## Supporting NOAA's goals:

- improving understanding for an environmentally literate public
- serving society's needs for accurate weather and water information
- collecting information for safe, efficient and environmentally sound transportation
- supporting NOAA's outreach and education efforts

## Our Users include:

- NOAA staff
- government agencies in the U.S. and around the world
- academia and research communities globally
- business and industry
- the general public



Over 35,000 photos online



NOAA's History



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- Our **Online Catalog** concurrently searches the collections of 30 NOAA libraries across the nation.
- Our **Virtual Libraries** are portals to specific subjects such as coral reefs, marine protected areas, habitat restoration and aquaculture.
- Our **Special and Rare Collections**, housed in the Charles Fitzhugh Talman Special Collections Room, include historical Coast and Geodetic Survey materials (from 1807) and Weather Bureau materials (from the 1830's), including foreign meteorological data. Most of these materials are found nowhere else in the world. There are materials dating from 1485 and publications that are bench marks in the evolution of meteorology, mathematics, astronomy and physics.
- Our **Digitized Collections** include dozens of NOAA series publications. As part of the mission to preserve the history of NOAA's programs, other digitized materials include imaged documents and maps, Coast and Geodetic Survey Annual Reports, Foreign Climate Data for 54 countries, the Monthly Weather Review beginning in 1872, U.S. Daily Weather Maps (1871-2002), and Fish Commission and Signal Office Annual Reports beginning in the 1800's.
- Our **Physical Collection** includes approximately 1.5 million items.

We are a selective **Federal Depository Library** for U.S. government publications distributed through the U.S. Federal Depository Library Program [FDLP] since 1993. The depository collects publications on oceanography, atmospheric sciences, meteorology, coastal zone management, fisheries, satellites, minerals management and environmental sciences, as well as Congressional documents covering these subjects. Cartographic materials such as NOAA nautical charts, U.S. Geological Survey maps and Federal Aviation Administration aeronautical charts are also received through the FDLP program.

NOAA Staff are our primary customers and are provided interlibrary loan service and in-depth reference support. Standard reference support is provided to those outside the NOAA community. The library is open to the public weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. NOAA staff and the public can receive training on using the catalog, various electronic databases, and the arrangement of the physical collection. Tours are also made available to NOAA staff and the general public upon appointment at Silver Spring, Maryland. (Call 301-713-2600)

The library hosts Brown Bag Seminars to showcase NOAA research, programs, and initiatives, and the results of partnerships. These popular talks are held in the library reading area. In the fall of each year the library also holds a book fair displaying new books in the fields of oceanic and atmospheric sciences and related subjects. Surplus books and materials are also made available for taking on a first come basis at that time. The library staff attend various professional meetings throughout the year to exhibit the library's services and exchange ideas with others.

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