

The collections of the Reference & Government Services Division date from 1825, the founding of the Indiana State Library. From 1825 through the 1980s, the general collections had materials on all topics except law, medicine, and music.

Since the 1980s, new materials for the collections have focused on topics of use to state employees, legislators, and policy makers. The general collections also house the Federal Documents Collection - the largest and most complete in Indiana, as well as an extensive collection in library science. The Division has a collection of ERIC documents on microfiche. These documents discuss topics related to the field of education.

The Reference & Government Services Division serves everyone including state employees, legislators, businesses, scholars, students, family historians, and those looking for materials not available at their public library.



## Visit the Indiana State Library

Everyone is welcome to visit the State Library. Staff are available to assist patrons with their research questions. Librarians with expertise in a variety of fields are on hand to provide guidance and information.

Arrange for a class, club, department, or organization to visit the Indiana State Library. Staff can provide tours geared toward the needs of the group and can assist the group in preparing for a research visit.

To arrange a tour or research visit for a group, call 317-232-3699 or e-mail [dlipp@library.in.gov](mailto:dlipp@library.in.gov)

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# Reference & Government Services Division



Librarians at work at the reference desk  
Indiana State Library, second floor

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For e-mail or chat, use our "Ask A Librarian" service via our homepage: <http://library.in.gov>

## The Print Collection

The Reference & Government Services Division maintains an extensive collection of non-fiction books.

Areas of particular strength include:

- ◆ American History
- ◆ Politics & Government
- ◆ Business
- ◆ Public Policy & Public Management
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ Environment
- ◆ Training Videos & Books

## Electronic & Microform Collection

Thousands of government documents are available on microfiche. Back issues of many magazines are available on microfilm for research.

The subscription database *First Search* is available in the Library. We also have links to a variety of databases including *GPO Access*, *THOMAS*, *FedWorld*, and *Eric*. There are several computers available on the second floor that can be used for internet searching, word processing and e-mail.

## Federal Documents

The State Library is a regional federal documents depository, the only one in the state of Indiana. It receives all federal documents that are issued by federal agencies and distributed through the Government Printing Office (GPO) Federal Depository Library Program.

Patrons can use the online Catalog of U.S. Government Publications ([www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov)) to identify federal documents distributed through the Federal Depository Library Program from July 1976 to present that are in the State Library's federal document collection. Ask a reference librarian for assistance locating documents from other time periods.

## Popular Magazines

The Reference & Government Services Division subscribes to many popular magazines including:

- ◆ Time
- ◆ Newsweek
- ◆ U.S. News & World Report
- ◆ Consumer Reports
- ◆ Reader's Digest
- ◆ Ebony

## Indiana State Data Center

The State Data Center, in partnership with the Indiana Business Research Center (Indiana University) and the Indiana Department of Commerce, is a cooperative effort with the U.S. Census Bureau to improve public access to census statistics and information.

Whether you need to know the number of rental units in Fort Wayne, the amount of exports from Indiana, or the educational attainment of the population of a census tract in Marion County, the State Data Center has the answers.

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Many of the materials and federal documents in the Division can be checked out with a valid Indiana State Library card. Library cards are available to all Indiana residents (age 16 or older) at no cost with proper identification. Interlibrary loan services are available for state employees and officials needing materials for work related projects.