



Locating US Documents

Archives and Information Services

Webinar Series

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What This Session Covers

- US Documents and the Federal Depository Library Program
- Finding US Documents using catalogs
- Finding US Documents online



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Texas State Library and Archives Commission

- Mission:
 - Provide Texans access to needed information
 - Preserve the archival record of Texas
 - Enhance the service capacity of public, academic, and school libraries
 - Assist public agencies in the maintenance of their records
 - Meet the reading needs of Texans with disabilities
- Service Areas:
 - Reference and Information Center
 - Texas State Archives
 - Sam Houston Center (Liberty, TX)

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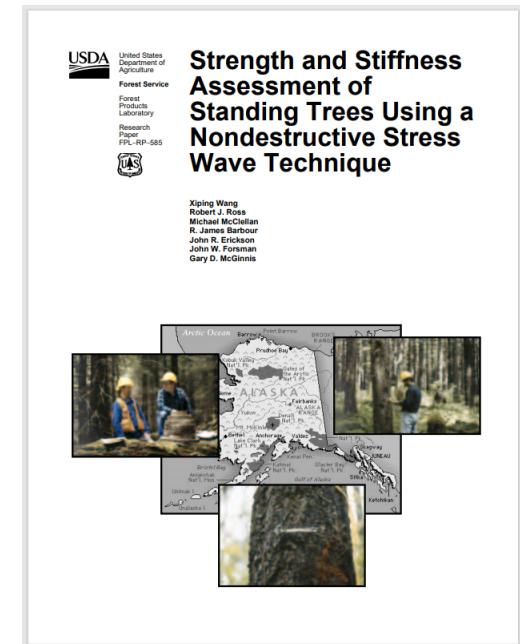
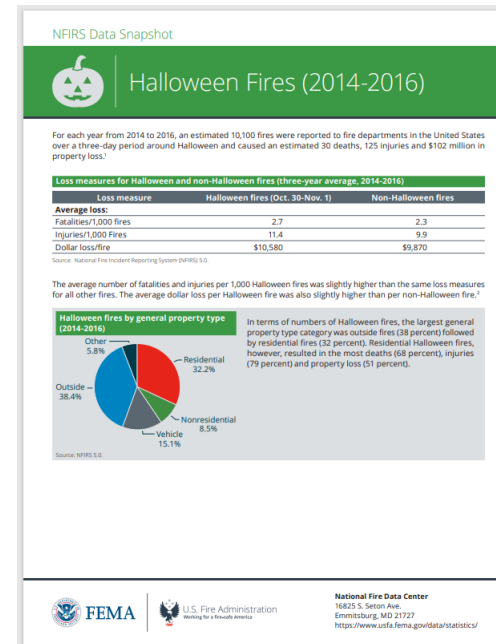
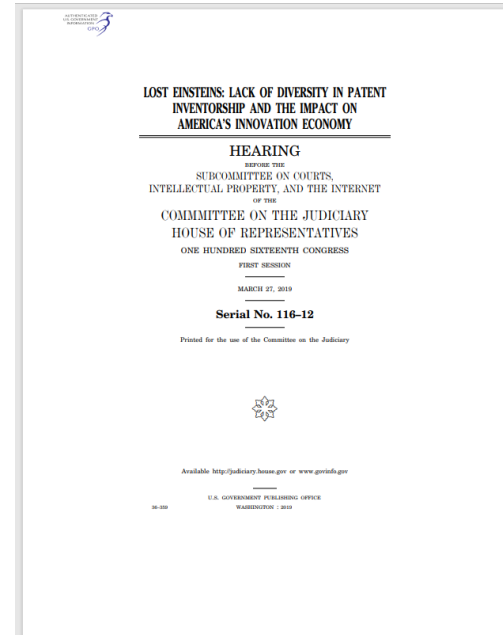
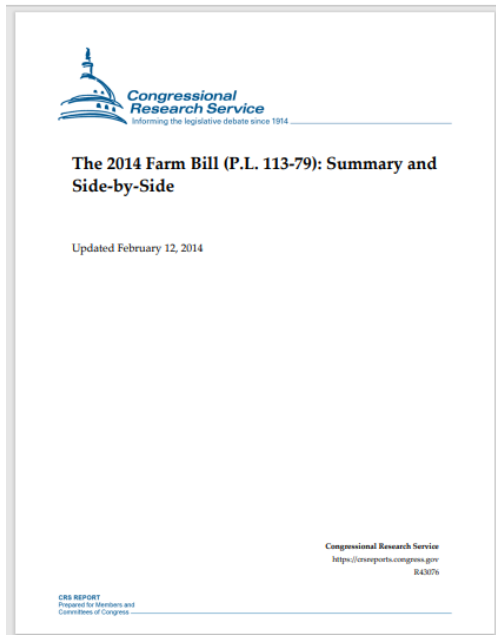
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ABOUT US DOCUMENTS



What are US Documents?

- Publications/published works
- Created by a federal government agency
- Use the SuDoc (Superintendent of Documents) classification system.





Why US Documents?

- Historical research
- Current topics
- Government and policy development over time
- Genealogy



Finding US Documents

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Nearly 1,250 federal depository libraries nationwide!

Search for a depository library near you:

<https://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp>

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- Catalog of US Government Publications: catalog.gpo.gov
- Congressional Research Service Reports: crsreports.congress.gov
- HathiTrust Digital Library: hathitrust.org
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Searching the Catalog

Search Results

Words+or+Phrase "unidentified flying objects" search found 18 titles.

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Unidentified flying objects and Air Force Project Blue Book

United States. Air Force, issuing body.

2003

INTERNET

1 copy available at *TX State Library & Archives Comm in At TSLAC, US Documents Collection

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Unidentified flying objects and Air Force Project Blue Book

United States. Department of the Air Force.

2005

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Guy Hottel

United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Alien encounters [computer file]

Campbell, Peter A.

2000

E-BOOK

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Unidentified flying objects

United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

1998

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Searching the Catalog

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Item Information [Catalog Record](#)

Title **Unidentified flying objects (UFOs)**

Author Library of Congress. Science and Technology Division. Reference Section.

Publisher: Science Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress,

Pub date: [1991]

Physical descrip 12 p. ; 28 cm.

Item info: 1 copy available at *TX State Library & Archives Comm.

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Take care of your heart, manage your diabetes : blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol. National Diabetes Education Program (U.S.)
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3. **HE 20.7000:D 54/2002/CAMBOD.**
Take care of your heart, manage your diabetes: blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol. Khmer. National Diabetes Education Program (U.S.)
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D	Defense Department
E	Energy Department
ED	Education Department
EP	Environmental Protection Agency
GA	Government Accountability Office
GP	Government Publishing Office
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HS	Homeland Security Department
I	Interior Department
I 19	U.S. Geological Survey (Interior Department)
J	Justice Department
JU	Judiciary
L	Labor Department
LC	Library of Congress
NAS	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
S	State Department
SSA	Social Security Administration
SI	Smithsonian Institution
T 22	Internal Revenue Service (Treasury Department)
X, Y	Congress
Y 4	Congressional Committees

Source: US Government Publishing Office



Accessing US Documents at TSLAC

- Contact ref@tsl.texas.gov for access options, which can include:
 - Scans of a limited number of pages
 - Link to electronic version if available
 - Referral to another FDLP likely to have the document



Searching the GPO Catalog

- The **Catalog of U.S. Government Publications** is maintained by the Government Publications Office (GPO).
- Best for records 1976-present though is updated daily.
- Search historical and current publications by keyword or Advanced Search options.
- Includes links to full documents, when available.
- Find a Federal Depository Library near you with holdings.

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Call Number Resources

- FDLP website:
 - About Class Stems:
www.fdlp.gov/classification-guidelines/class-stem-structure
 - List of Classes:
www.fdlp.gov/file-repository/collection-management/list-of-classes
- Print Resources:
 - *Andriot's Guide to U.S. Government Publications*
 - *Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications*
 - Printed 1895-2004
 - Used for publications issued prior to 1976 that may not yet be in online catalogs



Searching HathiTrust Digital Library

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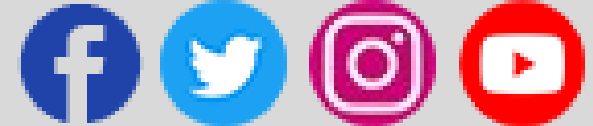
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Summary

- Defined US Documents
- Overviewed major sources for:
 - Finding US Documents in print and online
 - Supporting your research
- Learned strategies for searching TSLAC's catalog





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