



# Welcome to the USGS Library!

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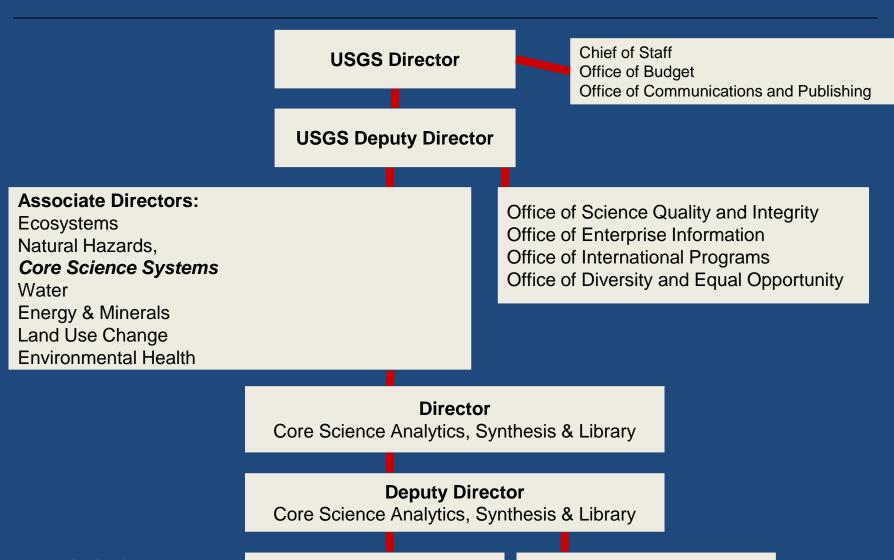
#### Overview of the US Geological Survey & USGS Library

#### **Topics:**

- US Geological Survey organizational structure
- Library organizational structure
- Library Collections
- Publications Warehouse and Digitization
- Library Services
- Library Statistics
- Stakeholder Input
- Challenges
- Questions



#### **US Geological Survey Organizational Structure**





**Director** USGS Library

4 Additional CSASL Branch Chiefs

#### **USGS Library Organizational Structure**

**Director: USGS Library** 

Supervisory Librarian: Public Services (Reston) Holly Nickle Supervisory Librarian: Technical Services (Reston) Sally Roberts Supervisory Librarian: Digital Services (Reston) (Vacant) Supervisory Librarian: Denver/Menlo/Flagstaff Keith Van Cleave

Keegan Johnson - Librarian Helen Keremedjiev - Library Tech Devon Galena - Library Tech Steve Viands - Clerk Jez Gaddoura - Librarian Tami Morse - Librarian Kelly Haberstroh - Librarian Pam Callais - Library Tech Erin Donnelly - Technical Information Specialist

> Librarian (Vacant) Library Tech (Vacant) Library Tech (Vacant)

Technical Information Specialist (Vacant)

Technical Information
Assistant (Vacant)

April Kobayashi - Librarian Jenny Stevens - Librarian Lily Sheng - Librarian Rebecca Bolger - Librarian M. Moore - Library Tech (MP) R. Rodriguez - Librarian (MP) Donita Polly - Library Tech (F)

Librarian (Vacant)













#### **USGS Library Vision and Mission**

**Vision**: Recognized as the national leader in geoscience research, the USGS Library provides and promotes access to world class geoscience print and online resources that inspire scientific exploration and discovery.

**Mission**: The USGS Library fosters the success of the worldwide geosciences community by providing foundational resources and services to support critical and timely scientific investigations. Through stewardship of assets for future generations, the USGS Library advances discovery, use, management, and preservation of the geosciences record.



#### **Library Collections**

USGS Library has one of the world's largest Earth and natural sciences collection

Library was established in 1879 and contains materials dating

back to the 16th century

1,500,000 volumes

• 750,000 maps

500,000 historical photos

30,000 archival notebooks

• 775 e-journals, 10,000 e-books

Publications Warehouse



#### **Library Collections**

- USGS Reports, Maps, and Publications
- Worldwide topographic and thematic map coverage
- State and Foreign Geological Survey research output
- Subject Literature
- Earth and General Science Journals
- Government Documents and Grey Literature
- Special Collections

28,266 titles (7 % of collection) are unique to OCLC 40-60% of titles held in less than 20 libraries

Specialized classification system



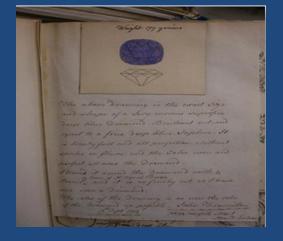
## **Special Collections**

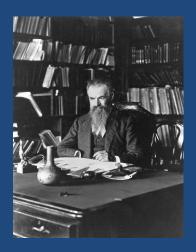
- Rare Books and Maps
- Kunz Collection
- Topographic Map Archive
- Scientific Field Records
- Historical Photography
- Aerial Photos









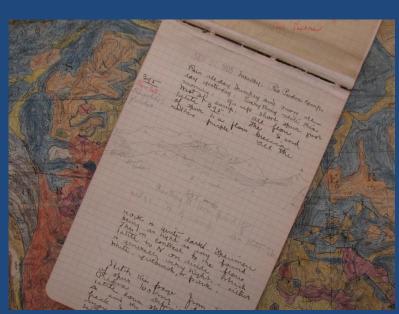




#### **Special Collections - Scientific Field Records**

- Archive of unpublished materials and data
- 135 years of geologic investigations
- Records contributed from 1400 scientists
- 400 collections are fully inventoried
- Collection is not digitized scanning pilot project in progress





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This USGS Geology Field Notebook includes geologic and other notes from trips to Europe, including Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, and Italy. Information was recorded in 1968. Notebook titled by author: "Europe I". Content includes field stations E21 to E541, geologic and other notes, as well as Polaroid-type photographs attached to notebook pages, many with annotations.	Manded James COMAN Sub-break Strategy S
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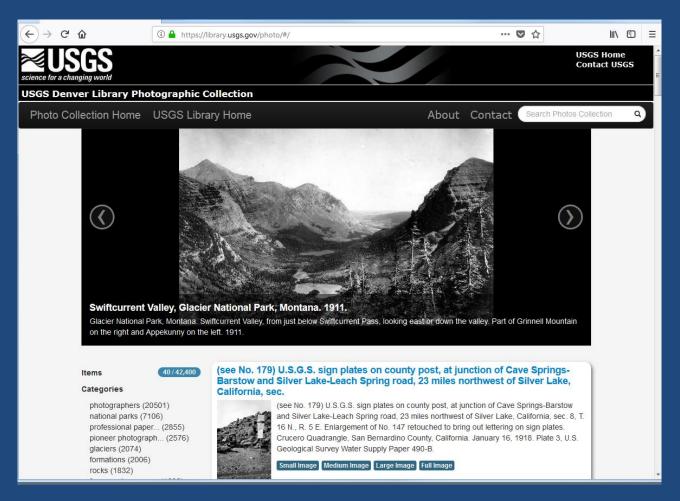
#### **Special Collections - Historical Photographic Collection**

Collect, preserve, and make available the images taken during USGS scientific research, dating back as far as the 1860's

500,000 images in collection with 42,000 images available online



#### **Photographic Collection Online**





### **Special Collections - Aerial Photography**

Aerial Photography Collection contains 300,000 historic aerial photo prints, covering California and selected regions in the West

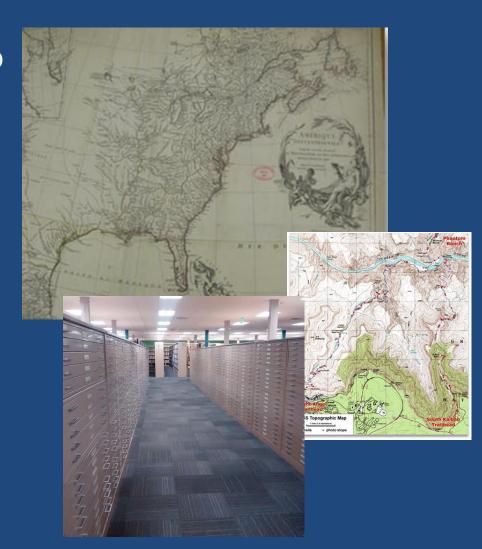
Decade interval coverage beginning in the late 1930's and early 1940's through the present for the entire San Francisco Bay Area.





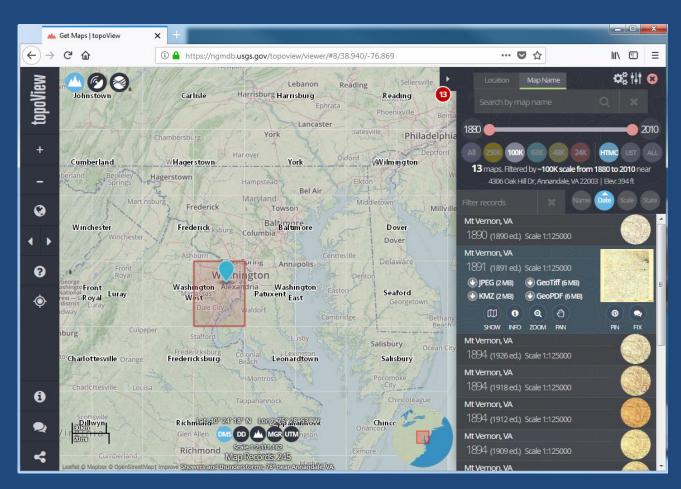
### **Special Collections - Maps**

- Historical Topographic Map Archive
- USGS Thematic Maps
- Historical Maps
- Worldwide Coverage (and Beyond)



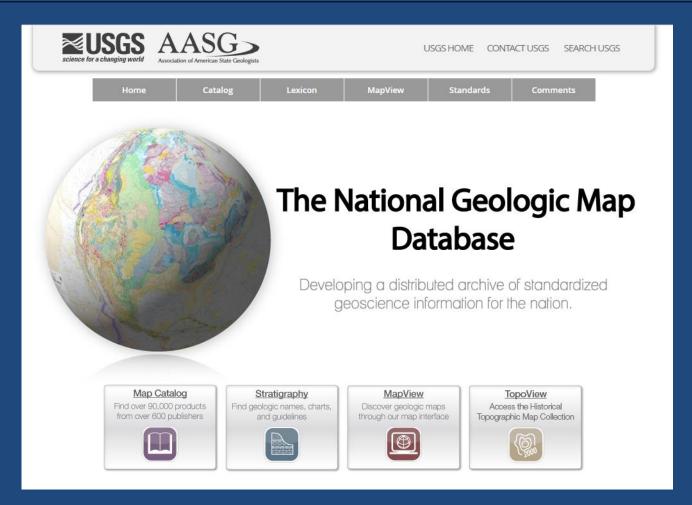


#### **Historical Topographic Map Collection**



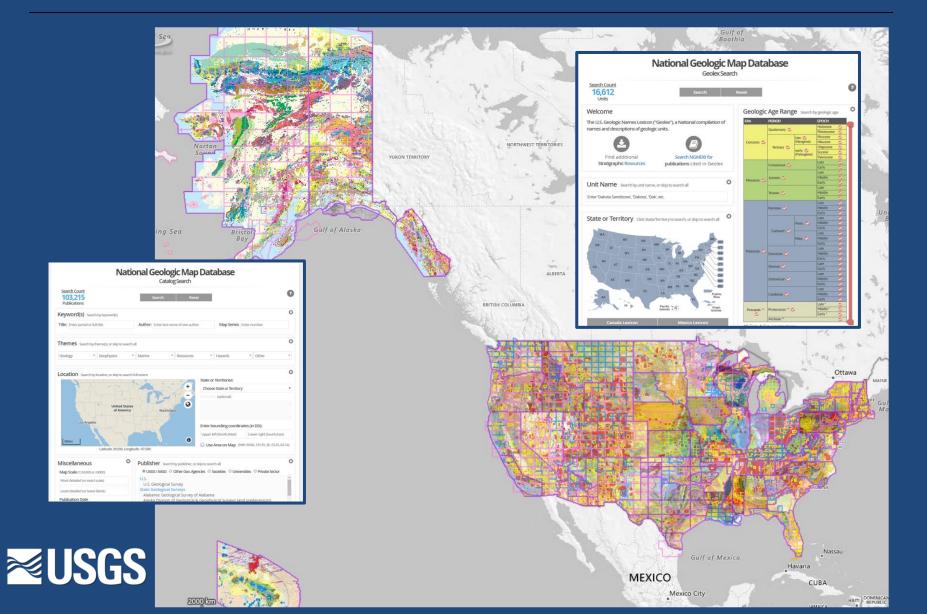


### **National Geologic Map Database**





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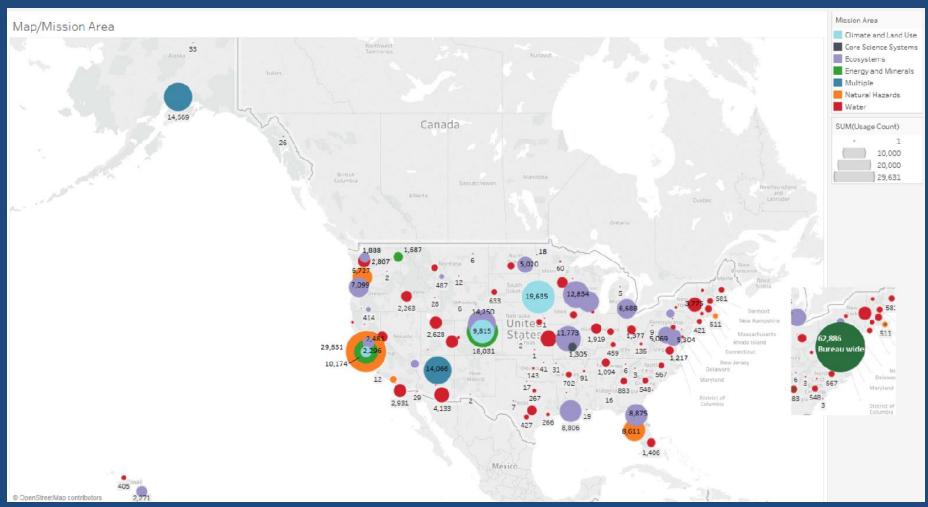
#### Online resources and subscriptions

- ~ 775 online journal subscriptions, bureau wide access to nearly all
- Over 10,000 ebooks available, most are subject packages
- Subscriptions to Scopus, Web of Science, and GeoRef
- Licenses are through Contracting Office, any change in titles or access requires contract modification





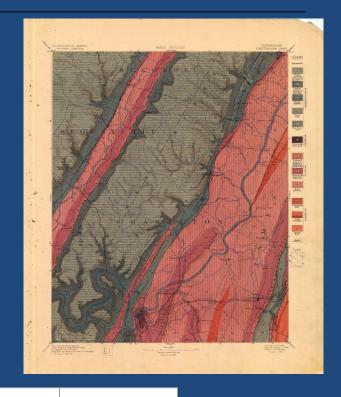
## Online resources - Subscription Use on the Landscape

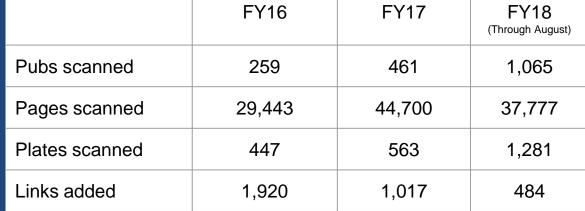




#### **Digitization**

- Priorities
  - Patron requests
  - USGS series donated for destructive scanning
  - Gap-filling USGS series from Library collection
- Special Collections/Projects
  - Biodiversity Heritage Library
  - USGS Denver Library Photos
  - USGS Field Records
  - USGS Historical Topographic Maps







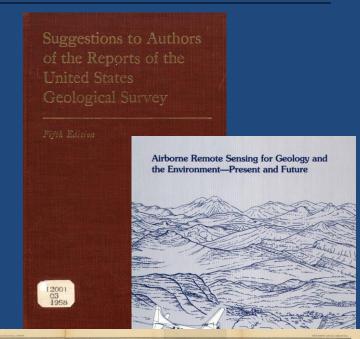
#### **Digitization Equipment and Storage**

- 9 scanners in Reston
  - o 2 maps scanners
  - o 2 overhead camera book scanners
  - o 2 sheet feeder
  - o 1 microfiche, 1 microfilm, 1 slide
- 5 scanners in Denver
  - 3 flatbed photo scanners
  - o 1 overhead camera book scanner
  - 1 topo-sized map scanner
- 400 ppi standard, 600 ppi for some maps
- Each page saved as uncompressed TIFF
- Storage
  - Access PDF files stored/served on NatWeb
- Preservation master TIFFs onsite in external hard drive and local network storage devices, offsite in BlackPearl tape
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#### **USGS Publications Warehouse**

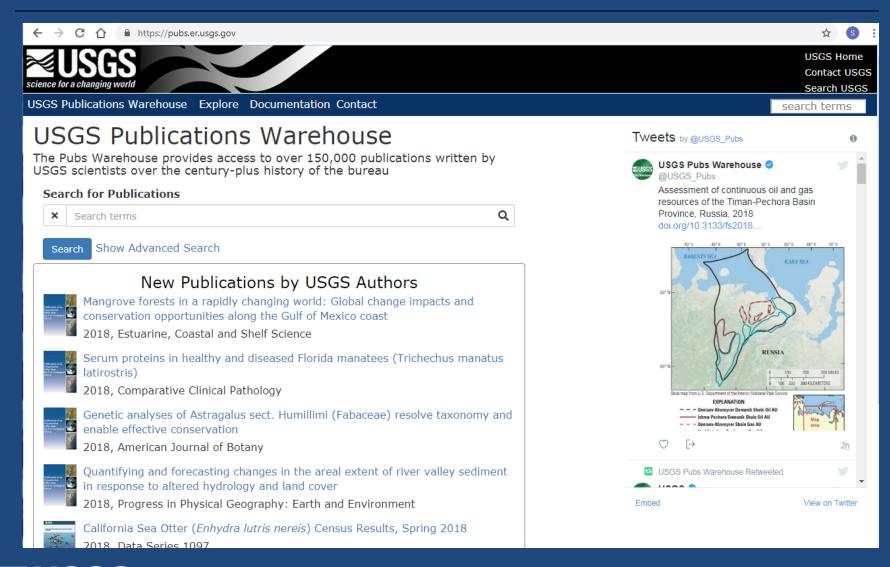
- Focused on digitizing USGS-published materials
- Over 80% of USGS series publications available full-text in Publications Warehouse
- Supports the <u>USGS Public Access Plan</u>
- USGS's federally-funded research outputs are accessible to a wide audience





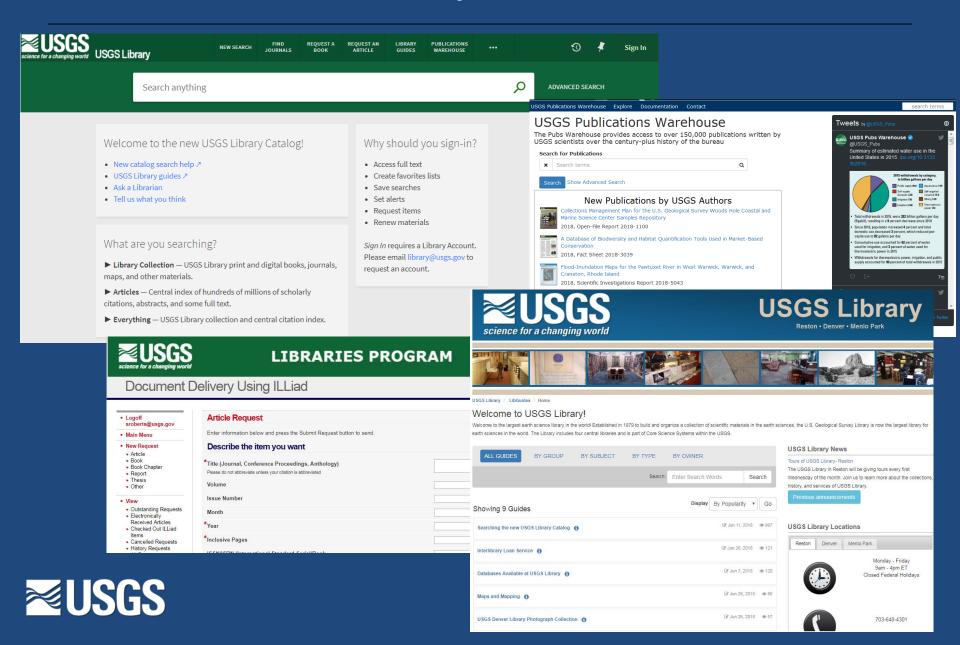


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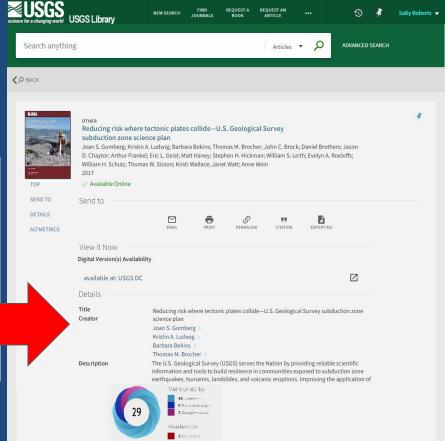
#### **Library Services**



#### **Upcoming improvements**

Working on incorporating Publications Warehouse content into USGS Library Catalog, including Altmetric badges, for seamless searching across platforms

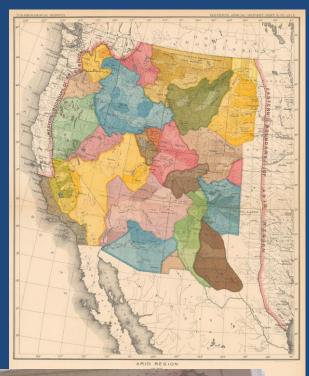






#### **Reference and Outreach**

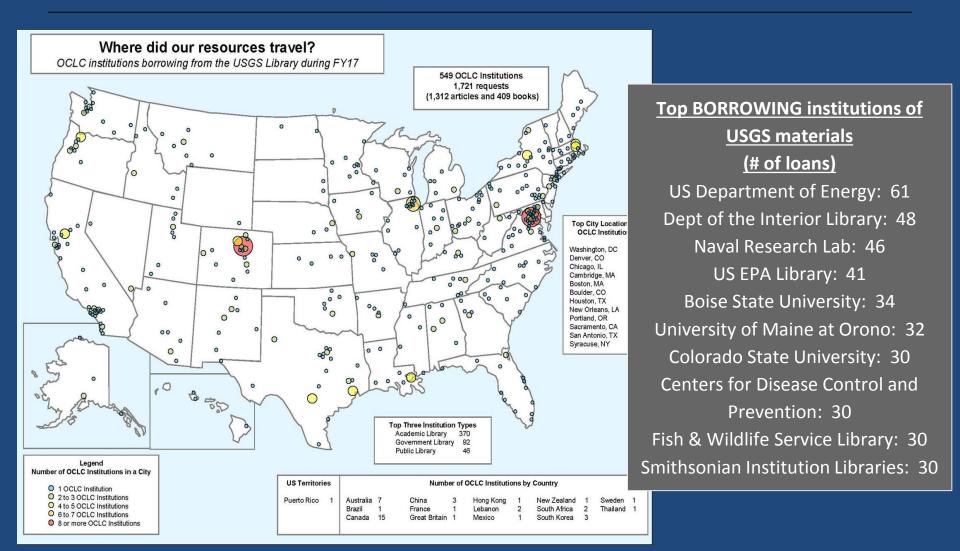
- Reference services for Public
  - o locating/ use of USGS products
  - o FOIA and litigation
  - Special Collections
  - O Current Events / Natural Hazards
- Tours and sessions reaching over 1800+ per year
- InterLibrary Loan library of last resort
  - o about 3,000 loans/scans this year







#### **USGS Library: By the numbers**





#### Stakeholder Input: USGS Library Advisory Board

The USGS Libraries Advisory Board represents the internal USGS user communities to the Libraries Program management and/or to the Associate Director for Core Science Systems.

#### 15 members nominated by Mission Areas/Regions:

 includes 13 scientists, the Library Director, and a representative from the Director's Office.

#### The Library Advisory Board:

- provides advice in strategic visioning and planning of library operations
- serves as an advocate for the Libraries Program with user communities and higher level management
- Considers broad national issues pertinent to scholarly communication and open access, and communicate its perspectives, as appropriate, within the Bureau.
- Facilitates communication with and obtain feedback from the USGS community on library collections, programs, services, infrastructure, and communication mechanisms.
- Assists in identifying information needs of the USGS user communities.



Overview | Governance | Roster | Meeting Schedule | Libraries Public Site | Digital Desktop Library (Intern

#### Overview

The USGS Libraries Advisory Board represents the internal USGS user communities to the Libraries Program management and/or to the Associate Director for Core Science Systems. User communities include all USGS staff, regardless of their physical locations. The Library Advisory Board provides advice in strategic planning of operations and serves as an advocate for the Libraries Provinger with user communities and holder begin measurement. Server of the confert's indefinities included.

- Support and promote library programs and serve as a communications link between the library and all organizational entitles of the USGS
- Advise on funding needs necessary to efficiently provide the type and quality of services needed by the USGS community within the context of a research institution
- Participate in strategic visioning with corresponding benchmarking criteria.
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   Assist in identifying information needs of the USGS user communities.
- Recommend upwards and values and values or market as or meet information needs.
   Prioritize the issues, clearly identify problems, gather background information, and provide recommendations for management's review and action.

#### Governance

The Library Advisory Board consists of a minimum of eight members, including six research scientists or technical specialists representing the Mission and Regional Areas of the USGS and other members as indicated below. The members shall be selected by the Associate Director for Core Science Systems and are drawn from candidates nominated by the Associate and Regional Directors. Other members will include:

Director – USGS Libraries Program
 Director's Office Representatives (representing all DO function)

The term of each appointer will be for two years, except for the Library Director, who will serve while holding that position. Members may be enapointed, Membership turnover should not more than 50% for any journ year. The Chair of the groups will be selected by the doesd, and will serve a term of one year. The Library Director neither Chairs the group on serves as a vot member. The Chair presides over the meetings of the Board, lefsfish will have the duty of organizing the Board as necessary to carry out the duties of the Board, and of preparing and official chair for the Board, and of preparing and control of the Board, and callson of the meetings and proceedings and proceedings and actions of the meetings and proceedings.

As necessary, subcommittees and ad hoc working groups may be established by the Board within their jurisdiction. The advice/recommendations of a subcommittee/working group medilberated by the parent Advisory Board.

The Library Board Chair communicates with the Associate Director for Core System Systems on a semi-annual basis or as needed, to discuss on-going topics of interest and recommends from the Library Advisory Board.

The Chair designates member(s) responsible for keeping recor

The Board is expected to meet no less than quarterly, with face to face meetings only as deemed necessary by the Chair. More frequent meeting may be arranged as deemed necess

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#### Stakeholder Input: USGS Library Questionnaire

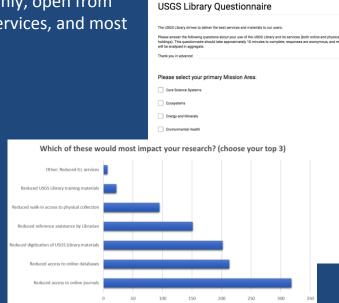
The USGS Library conducted an internal questionnaire for USGS staff only, open from March 28-April 13, 2018 to assess library usage, impacts on reduced services, and most revered services.

Access to library holdings, whether in the form of electronic journals or physical documents, is critical for USGS work. We cannot maintain our reputation as a highly regarded research agency without these resources. We can't do our job without these resources. There is much concern that holdings might be reduced, especially electronic subscriptions to journals.

Also, it is critical that the library maintain reasonable hours because there are numerous other documents that are still not available electronically. In summary, one can't over-emphasize the importance of our library resources.

If you get rid of online access to journals, ILL, and online citation databases, you may as well stop conducting research. You cannot be a competent scientist without access to the published literature. I also think our Librarians should be responsible for IPDS.

I understand that a very low percentage of the USGS field records have been scanned and made available online. These are potentially very valuable sources of data, but are locked up to most researchers because they have to be used in person, which is not terribly convenient or financially feasible. With the renewed federal focus on mineral resources, there is possibly very valuable information locked up in those records. It would be so helpful to have them scanned and indexed online so that they could be more accessible and more used. It's been great to see so many of the USGS maps made available online in the last decade. Please consider applying this same philosophy to the field records.



I like the USGS libraries, but don't think you're doing a good job promoting yourself. I'm at a center without a physical "USGS library" (we have our own library, but it's not an official USGS library.) Your survey would be better if your emphasized the online library as well. I also checked that I did not use the library, but I actually use the online library every day to access journals. Also, Google Scholar syncs well with the USGS library and I suspect many people do not realize they are using the USGS library to access articles through Google Scholar.

You might want to do a better job of promoting how you help scientists get articles.



#### Stakeholder Input: External Panel Review



- Federal and academic librarians, representatives from stakeholder organizations to get a look across the landscape
- Charged with examining challenges and future directions
- Variety of presentations, group discussions with staff
- Recommendations- defining value, communication, setting priorities, team building
- Outcomes- Vision and Mission,
   Strategic Plan, six focus plans



#### **USGS Library Key Challenges**

The Library faces several key challenges for the future:

- Collections
  - largest geosciences library
  - o donations/consolidations; space at a premium; cataloging & collection management needed
  - digitization
- Outreach & Demonstrating Value
  - messaging on library value/services
- Budget
  - o operating in a flat budget environment
  - potential for budget reductions
  - strategy for evolving service model/timeframe
- Subscriptions
  - large portion of budget, yet most valued in USGS
  - continued rising costs
- Resources
  - Shrinking staff: 19 Federal employees; 7 Federal vacancies (this past fiscal year)
- Facilities
  - expenses continue to rise for space
  - o consideration of off-site archive/limited access facility
  - need for improved space utilization





# **Questions?**

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