

DiscoverGov

A New Web-based Search Tool For Federal Government
Information



Welcome

DiscoverGov | GPO

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- DiscoverGov Features
- Searches
- Results & Facets
- Help
- Updates
- Demo



Why DiscoverGov?

- Unified interface for trusted government information.
- Enhances discovery of federal information resources (Remote Search)
- The Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) remains the system of record.



Accessing DiscoverGov

Direct Access:

- Direct link: <https://discover.gpo.gov/>
- PURL: <https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo235314>



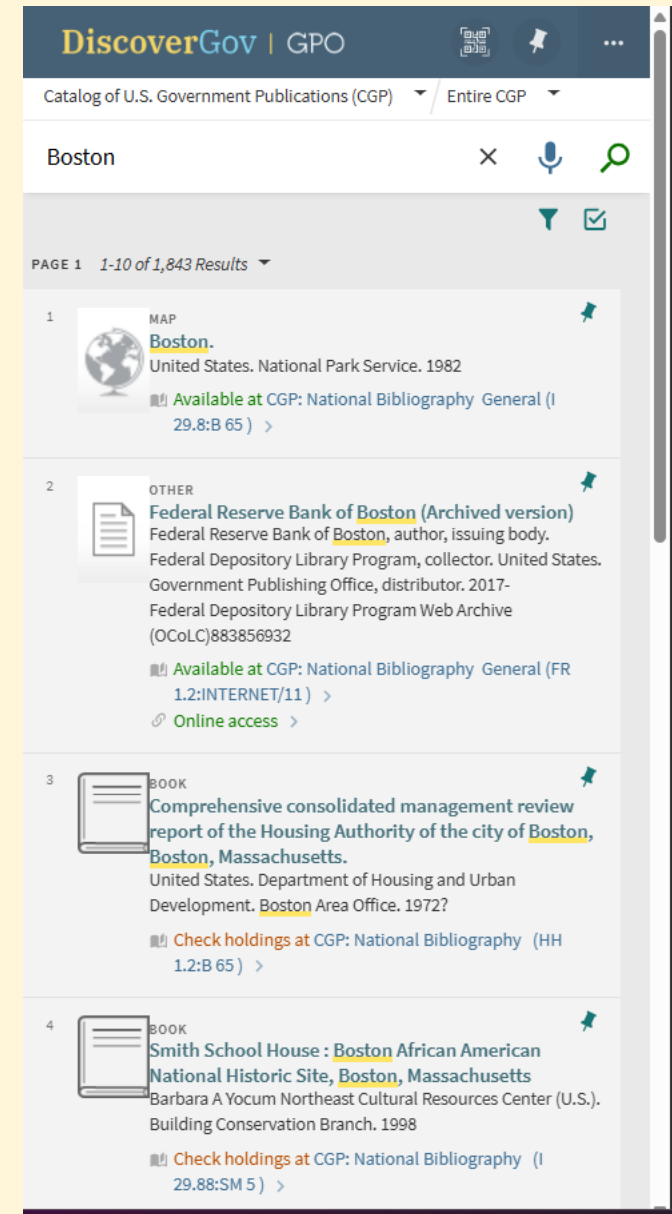
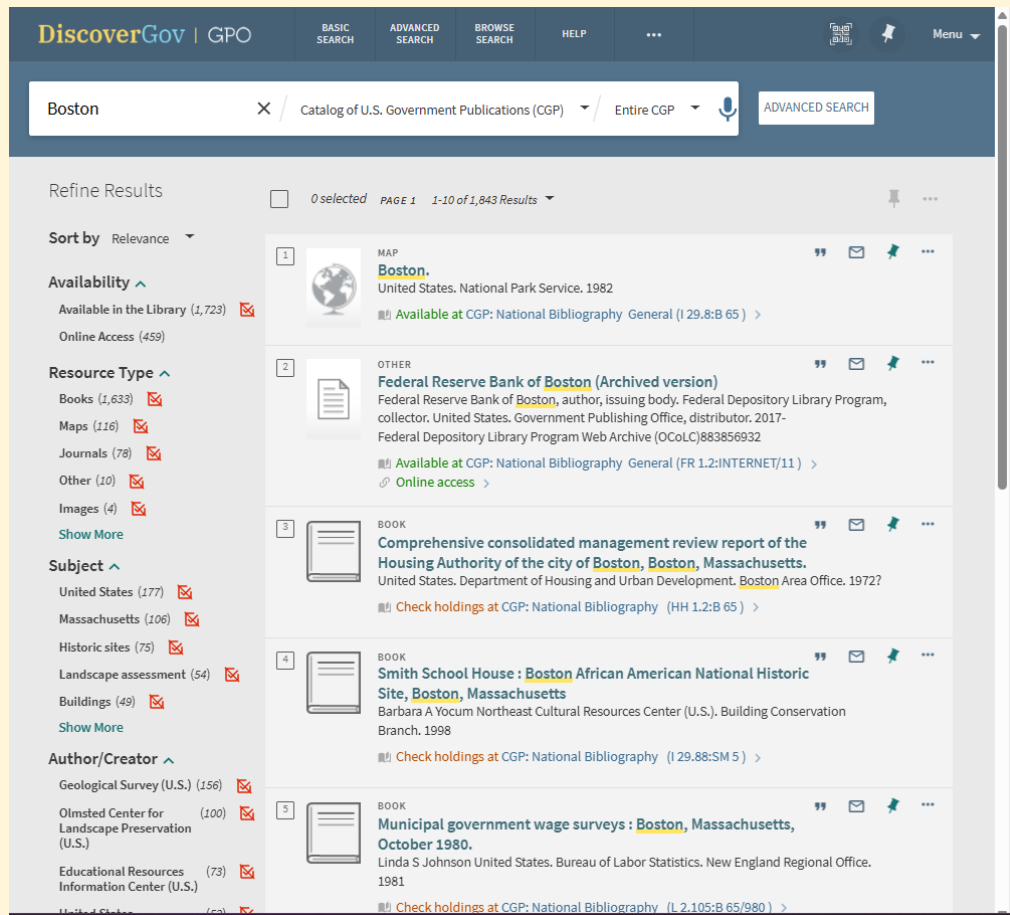
DiscoverGov Features

- Responsive Design
- Citations
- Scopes
- Speak-to-Search
- QR code maker



Responsive Design

Desktop and mobile-friendly optimization.



Citations

- Generates citations for 5 major systems
- One-click copy widget
- Handy reminder to double check



MLA (7th edition)


APA (6th edition)

Chicago/Turabian (16th edition)

MLA (8th edition)

Harvard 1

USGS Water Resources of the United States. U.S. Geological Survey. Print.

 COPY THE CITATION TO CLIPBOARD

Remember to check citations for accuracy before including them in your work



Scopes: CGP

SEARCH CRITERIA ^ BASIC SEARCH

Search for: Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) Federal Databases

Search Scope: Entire CGP

Material Type

- All items
- Language
- Any language
- Publication Date
- Any year

CGP: Congressional Serial Set

CGP: Congressional Publications

CGP: Historic Shelflist

CGP: Electronic Titles

Search Filters

Keyword(s) Enter a search term

AND Enter a search term

+ ADD A NEW LINE CLEAR



Scopes: Remote Search

SEARCH CRITERIA ^ BASIC SEARCH


Search for:

Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) Federal Databases

Search Filters

Keyword(s) ▼ contains ▼ Enter a search term

AND ▼ Keyword(s) ▼ contains ▼ Enter a search term

+ ADD A NEW LINE  CLEAR

Search Scope:

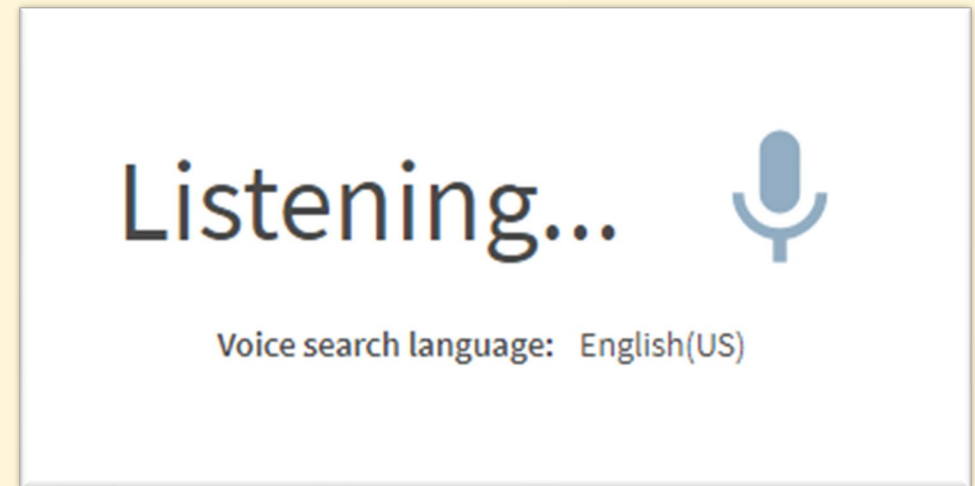
- General Resources
- GPO Resources (Bookstore, CGP, FDLP Web Archive & GovInfo)
- FDLP Web Archive
- Agriculture
- Business + Economy

Material
All items
Language
Any lang
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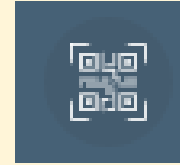
Speak to Search

- New accessibility feature
- Browser-specific
 - Not functional in Firefox
- Available only in English



QR Code Maker

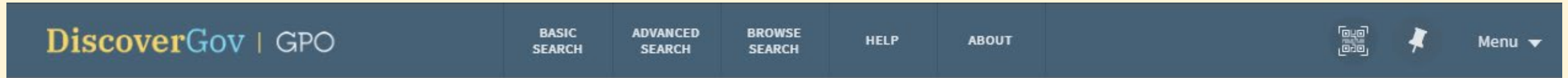
- Captures a dynamic query
- Great for collaboration
- Carry it with you in a physical space
- Never have to worry about not having a pen



Searches



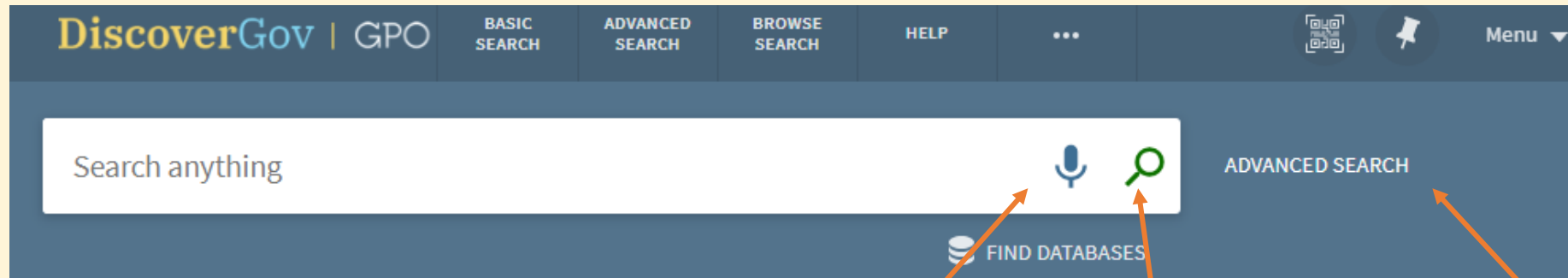
Global Navigation Bar



- Link back to Home
- Basic Search
- Advanced Search
- Browse Search
- Help
- About
- QR Code-maker
- Pin result
- Menu
 - Saved Items
 - Search History



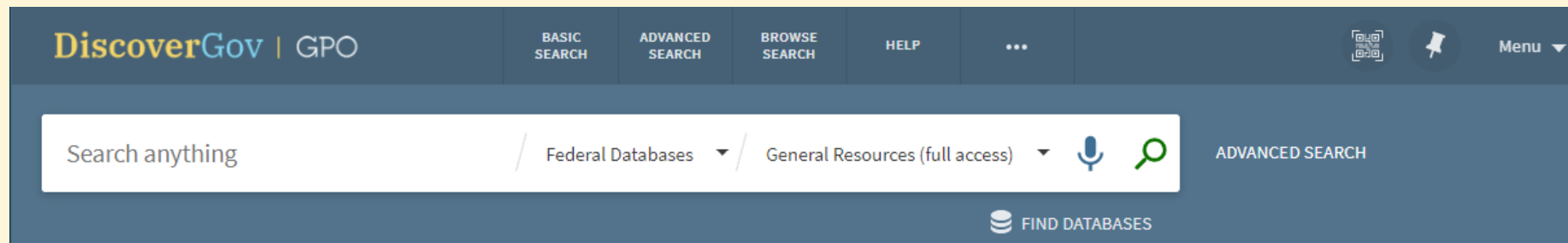
Basic



Speak to Search

Resources and scopes

Switch to Advanced



Advanced Search 1

SEARCH CRITERIA ^


SEARCH FOR: Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) Federal Databases

SEARCH SCOPE: Entire CGP ▼

SEARCH FILTERS

Keyword(s) ▼ contains ▼ Enter a search term

AND ▼ Keyword(s) ▼ contains ▼ Enter a search term

+ ADD A NEW LINE  CLEAR

Material Type

All items ▼

Language


Any language ▼

Publication Date

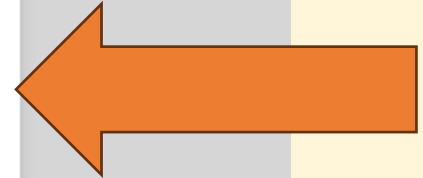
Any year ▼

→ Keyword(s) contains Enter a search term

AND Keyword(s) contains Enter a search term

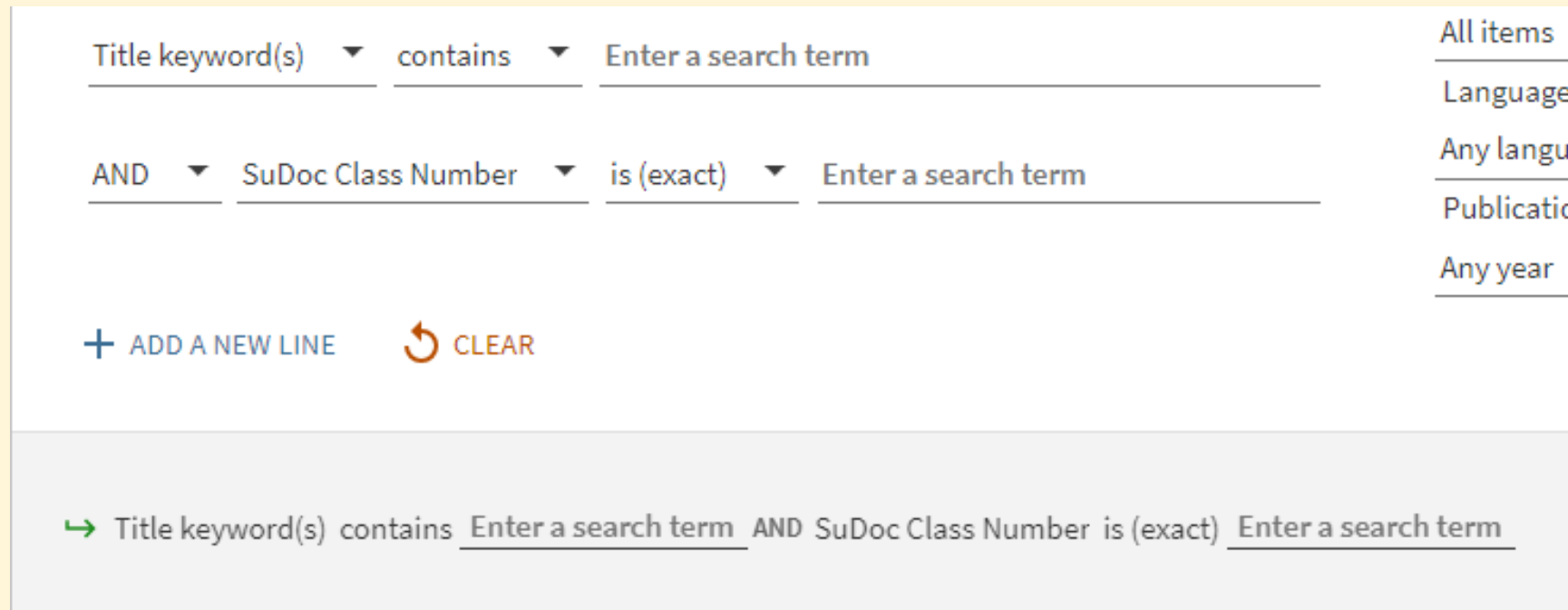
 SEARCH

BASIC SEARCH

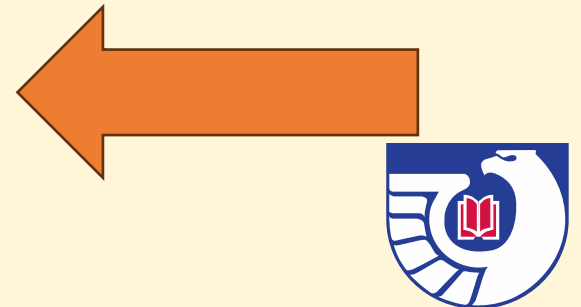


Advanced Search 2

- Advanced in new DiscoverGov has a built-in query creator:
 - Shows you the query and updates you build it for better precision

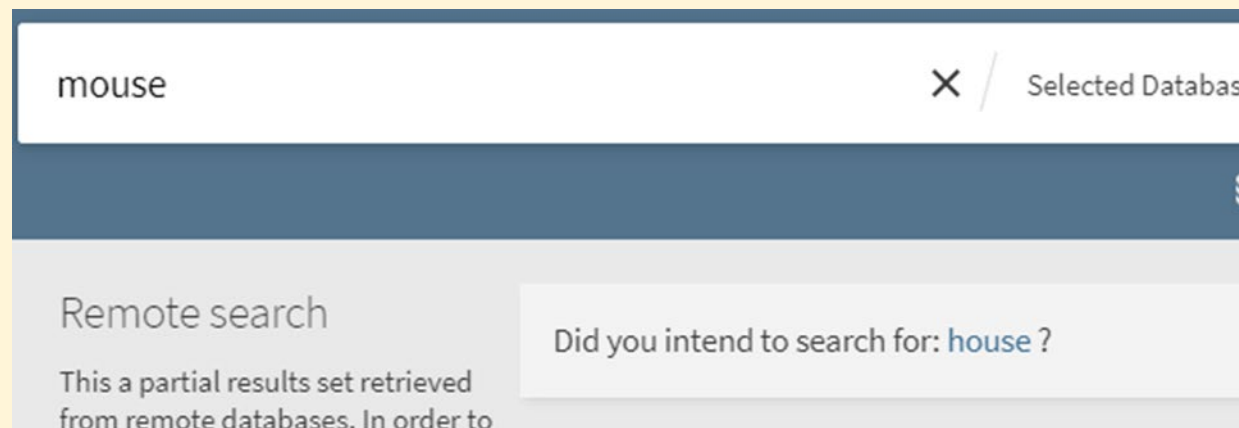


The screenshot displays the DiscoverGov advanced search interface. It features two search lines. The first line has a dropdown menu for 'Title keyword(s)', a dropdown for 'contains', and a text input field 'Enter a search term'. The second line has a dropdown for 'AND', a dropdown for 'SuDoc Class Number', a dropdown for 'is (exact)', and a text input field 'Enter a search term'. To the right of these lines is a vertical menu with options: 'All items', 'Language', 'Any langu', 'Publicatic', and 'Any year'. Below the search lines are two buttons: '+ ADD A NEW LINE' and 'CLEAR'. At the bottom, a grey bar shows a green arrow pointing to the right, followed by the text: 'Title keyword(s) contains Enter a search term AND SuDoc Class Number is (exact) Enter a search term'.



Did You Mean to Search...

- Common spelling errors can be flagged
- Alternatives suggested
 - For example: a search for “mouse” returns “Did you intend to search for: house?” because House is a more common term in this collection



Results



Results List

Basic Search →

The screenshot shows the DiscoverGov search interface. The search bar contains 'Nuclear Regulatory Commission'. The results are displayed in a list format. On the left side, there are facets for refining results, including 'Availability', 'Library', 'Source', 'Resource Type', and 'Subject'. The main results list shows five items, each with a title, author, and availability information. The first two items are books titled 'Regulatory analysis guidelines of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, draft report for comment'. The third item is a book titled 'Audit of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's USAID-funded activities'. The fourth item is a journal titled 'Nuclear Regulatory Commission issuances'. The fifth item is a book titled 'The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's external complaint processing and investigation procedures manual'.

Facets for refining results

Search Results



Results List

- Advanced Search

SEARCH CRITERIA ▼

→ Keyword(s) contains **kilauea** AND Keyword(s) contains Enter a search term 🔍 SEARCH

BASIC SEARCH



Facets for refining results

CGP Search Scopes:

Refine Results

Sort by Relevance ▾

Availability ▾


Resource Type ▾

Subject ▾

Author/Creator ▾

Creation Date ▾


Language ▾

 SuDoc Class Stem ▾

Remote Search:

Refine Results

Sort by Relevance ▾

 Availability ▾

Source ▾

Resource Type ▾

Subject ▾

Author/Creator ▾

Creation Date ▾

Language ▾

Default Subject List:

Subject ^

Yellowstone National Park (247)

United States (94)

National parks and reserves (59)


Geology (50)


Montana (47)


Show More


Expanded Subject List:


Subject ^


Yellowstone National Park (247) 


United States (94) 


National parks and reserves (59) 


Geology (50) 


Montana (47) 

Wyoming (38) 

Geothermal resources (25) 

Wildlife management (20) 

Grand Teton National Park (Wyo.) (19) 

Geology, Stratigraphic (18) 



Record View

- Brief Result
- Send To
- Location
- Details
- Links

The screenshot shows a library record view for a map titled "Boston." The record is from the United States National Park Service, published in 1982. It is available in the CGP: National Bibliography General (I 29.8:B 65). The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options (TOP, SEND TO, LOCATION, DETAILS, LINKS), a "Send to" section with various export and citation options (EXPORT BIBTEX, EXPORT RIS, REWORKS, ENDNOTE, EASYBIB, CITATION, PERMALINK, PRINT, E-MAIL), a "Location" section, a "LOCATION ITEMS" section listing the source, and a "Details" section with a table of metadata. A "Links" section at the bottom provides options to link to the source or display the source record.

MAP **Boston.**
United States. National Park Service. 1982
Available at CGP: National Bibliography General (I 29.8:B 65) >

TOP
SEND TO
LOCATION
DETAILS
LINKS

Send to

EXPORT BIBTEX EXPORT RIS REWORKS ENDNOTE EASYBIB CITATION PERMALINK
PRINT E-MAIL

Location

LOCATION ITEMS
CGP: National Bibliography
Available , General ; (I 29.8:B 65)

Details

Title	Boston.
Author	United States. National Park Service. >
Subjects	Boston (Mass.) >
Publisher	Washington, D.C., publisher not identified
Creation Date	1982
Format	1 map.
Language	English
Identifier	SuDoc Number : I 29.8:B 65
Source	Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)

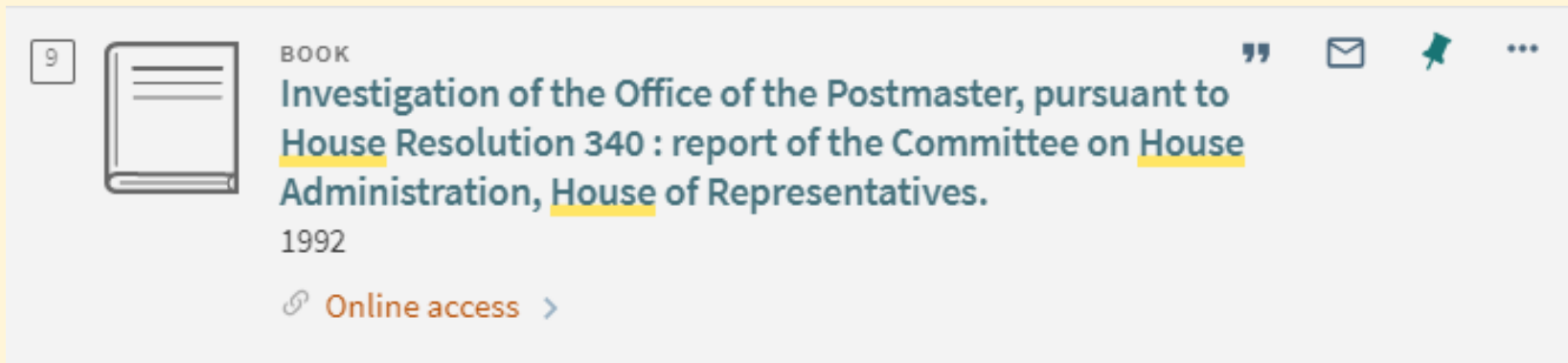
Links

Link to Source >
Display Source Record >




Brief Result

- Title
- Author
- Year
- Quick links for citation, send, and save



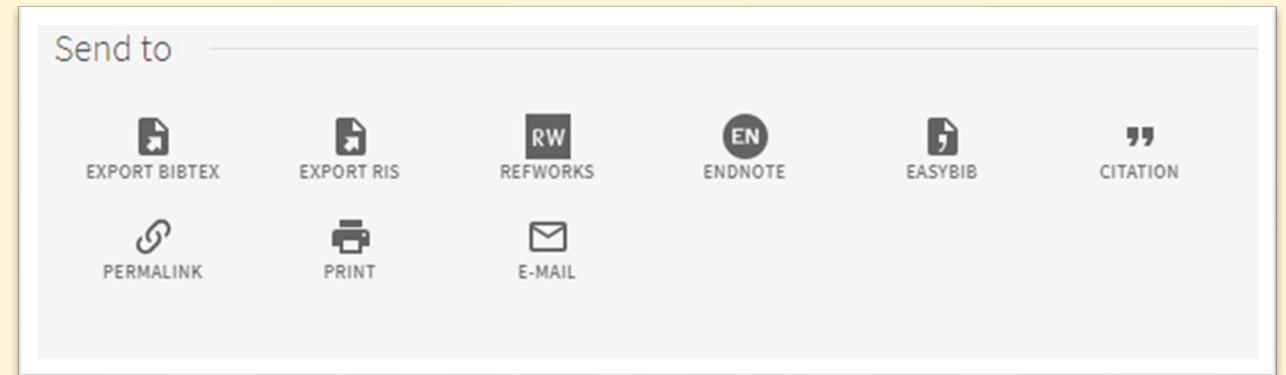
A screenshot of a library catalog entry for a book. The entry includes a small icon of a book with the number '9' in a box to its left. To the right of the icon, the word 'BOOK' is displayed in a small, uppercase font. Below this, the title of the book is shown in a larger, dark blue font: 'Investigation of the Office of the Postmaster, pursuant to House Resolution 340 : report of the Committee on House Administration, House of Representatives.' The year '1992' is listed below the title. At the bottom of the entry, there is a link labeled 'Online access >' with a small chain-link icon to its left. On the right side of the entry, there are four small icons: a quotation mark, an envelope, a pushpin, and a three-dot menu.

9  BOOK
Investigation of the Office of the Postmaster, pursuant to
House Resolution 340 : report of the Committee on House
Administration, House of Representatives.
1992
[Online access >](#)



Send To

- Exports to the major citation management systems
- Citation creator
- Permalink to the result page (CGP Search Scope results only)
- Print
- Email (CGP Search Scope results only)



Details

- Title
- Author
- Subjects
- Related Titles
- Publisher
- Creation Date
- Format
- Language
- Source

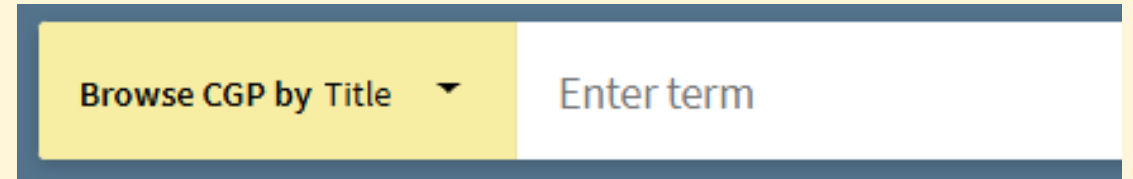
Details

Title	Audit of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's USAID-funded activities
Author	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission . Office of Inspector General, author. >
Subjects	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission -- Auditing > United States. Agency for International Development -- Auditing > Nuclear energy -- Former Soviet republics >
Related Titles	Series: Audit report (U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission . Office of Inspector General)
Publisher	Washington, D.C. : U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission , Office of the Inspector General
Creation Date	2008
Format	1 online resource (vi, 21 pages) : color illustrations, map.
Language	English
Source	Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)

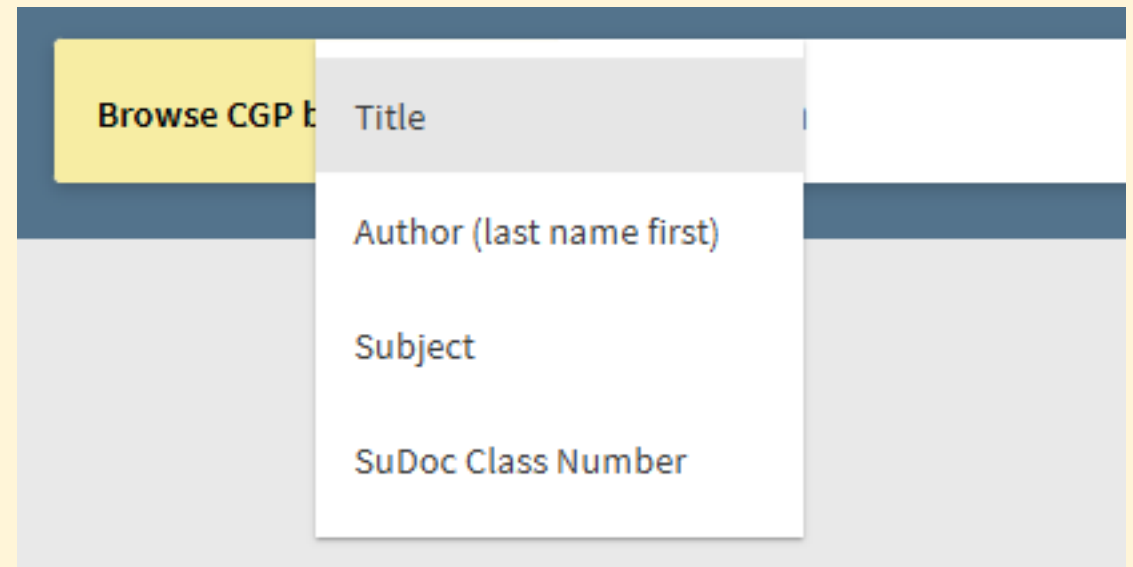


Browse Search

- Standard search bar
- Four indices
 - Title default



Browse CGP by Title ▼ Enter term



Browse CGP by Title

- Title
- Author (last name first)
- Subject
- SuDoc Class Number



SuDoc Call Numbers

- For more information about the Superintendent of Documents Classification system, please visit the [Introduction to the Classification Guidelines](#) page on FDLP.gov



Browse Results A

The screenshot shows the DiscoverGov GPO search interface. The top navigation bar includes links for BASIC SEARCH, ADVANCED SEARCH, BROWSE SEARCH, and HELP. A search bar contains the text 'alfalfa' and a search icon. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of browse results for 'alfalfa'.

Browse Result	Number of Records
Alfalfa	10 records
Alfalfa (FAST)	2 records
Alfalfa (NASAT)	6 records
Alfalfa -- Adaptation -- Periodicals	1 record
Alfalfa -- Analysis	1 record
Alfalfa as feed	5 records
Alfalfa as feed (FAST)	2 records



Browse Results B



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BASIC SEARCH ADVANCED SEARCH BROWSE SEARCH HELP ...

Browse CGP by Subject alfalfa

BACK TO SUBJECTS BROWSE LIST

Refine Results 0 selected 1-10 of 10 Results

Sort by Title

Availability [^]
Available in the Library (8)
Online Access (2)

Resource Type [^]
Books (10)

Subject [^]
Alfalfa (10)
Seeds (2)

1 BOOK
Alfalfa, or lucern
Jared G Smith (Jared Gage), 1866-1957. United States. Division of Agrostology. 1898
[Available at CGP: National Bibliography General >](#)

2 BOOK
Alfalfa, or lucern
Jared G Smith (Jared Gage), 1866-1957. United States. Division of Agrostology. 1895
[Available at CGP: National Bibliography General >](#)

3 BOOK
Effects of drying procedures, plant growth, and



DiscoverGov Help

An official website of the United States Government [Here's how you know](#)

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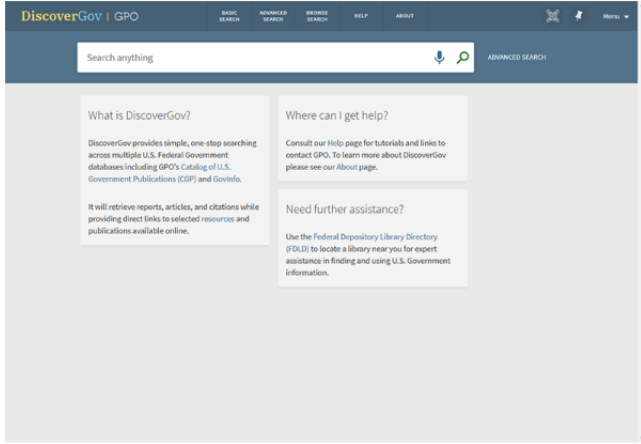
[Download as PDF](#) [Collapse All](#) [Expand All](#)

Welcome to DiscoverGov [Back to top](#)

Welcome to DiscoverGov: a new web-based search tool.

DiscoverGov searches the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP), Govinfo, and many databases and catalogs from across the Federal Government.

DiscoverGov's homepage defaults to the Basic Search – a keyword search similar to other web-based search engines.




The screenshot shows a navigation bar with links for BASIC SEARCH, POWERED SEARCH, DEEPER SEARCH, HELP, and ABOUT. Below the navigation bar is a search input field with the placeholder text "Search anything" and a microphone icon. To the right of the search field is an "ADVANCED SEARCH" link. Below the search field are three help sections: "What is DiscoverGov?", "Where can I get help?", and "Need further assistance?".

[What is DiscoverGov?](#)
DiscoverGov provides simple, one-stop searching across multiple U.S. Federal Government databases including GPO's Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) and Govinfo.
It will retrieve reports, articles, and citations while providing direct links to selected resources and publications available online.

[Where can I get help?](#)
Consult our Help page for tutorials and links to contact GPO. To learn more about DiscoverGov please see our About page.

[Need further assistance?](#)
Use the Federal Depository Library Directory (FDL迪) to locate a library near you for expert assistance in finding and using U.S. Government information.

 [Overview](#)

[Search Types](#)

[Scoping Your Search](#)



Expanding Content

- Nested content to help you navigate faster
- More mobile-friendly



The image shows a screenshot of a web application's search features menu. The menu is organized into a nested structure with blue headers and white content areas. The top-level header is "Search Types", which contains sub-items: "Scoping Your Search" and "Browse Search". Below this is another top-level header, "Other Features", which contains a paragraph of text and five sub-items: "Search by Voice", "QR Code Creator", "My Favorites Pin", "Menu", and "Session based Working".

[Search Types](#)

- [Scoping Your Search](#)
- [Browse Search](#)

[Other Features](#)

Other features of DiscoverGov are Search by Voice, the QR code creator, the My Favorites pin, and the Menu.

- [Search by Voice](#)
- [QR Code Creator](#)
- [My Favorites Pin](#)
- [Menu](#)
- [Session based Working](#)



Tutorials

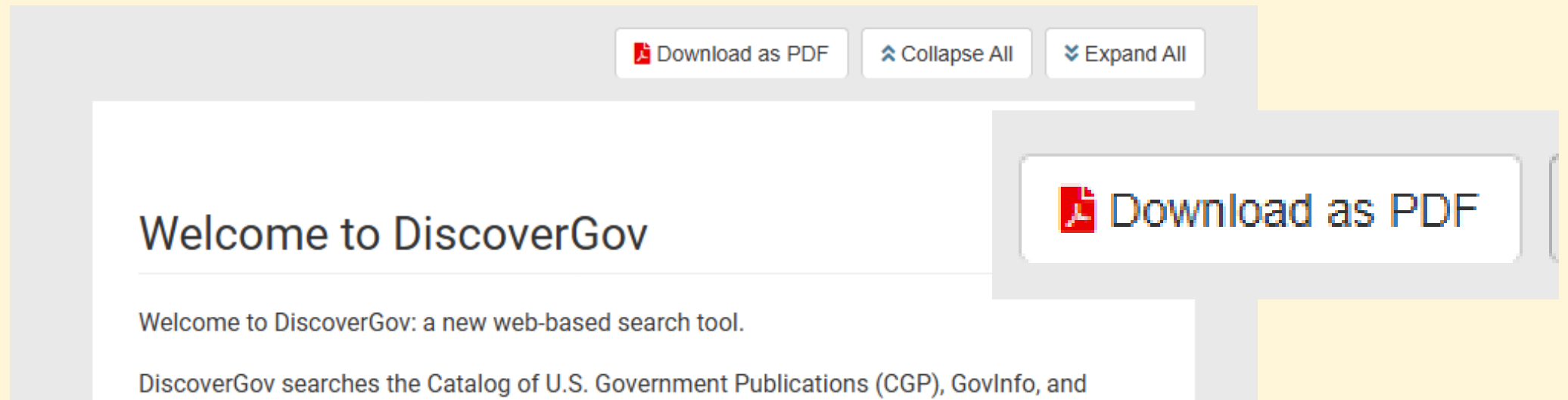
- Our web-based video tutorials mirror the content in the text-based help
- Show key actions
- Full-screen, captions, and transcripts are available

The screenshot displays a web-based video tutorial interface. On the left is a sidebar with a blue 'Overview' button and several blue underlined links: 'Searching for a Known Publication', 'Searching by Topic for Publications', 'Searching for Publications by Agency', 'Working with Your Results', and 'Refining Your Results'. The main content area features two video players. The top player, titled 'Overview Tutorial', shows a video player with the title 'DiscoverGov: Overview' and a duration of 0:00 / 4:59. Below it is a 'Transcript' link. The bottom player, titled 'Searching for a Known Publication Tutorial', shows a video player with a duration of 0:00 / 4:13 and a 'Transcript' link below it.



PDF version

- A full PDF of the text-based help for reference ease



The screenshot displays the DiscoverGov website interface. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Download as PDF', 'Collapse All', and 'Expand All'. The 'Download as PDF' button is highlighted with a grey box. Below the buttons, the main content area contains the heading 'Welcome to DiscoverGov' and the text 'Welcome to DiscoverGov: a new web-based search tool. DiscoverGov searches the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP), GovInfo, and'. A second 'Download as PDF' button is also highlighted with a grey box on the right side of the page.



Updates for Official Launch

- [Help content](#), including tutorials.
 - New and updated content and tutorials.
 - Including full-screen and caption options.
- Browse CGP by SuDoc Classification.
- CGP Record Display Details.
- Backend improvements to responsiveness of remote search resources.



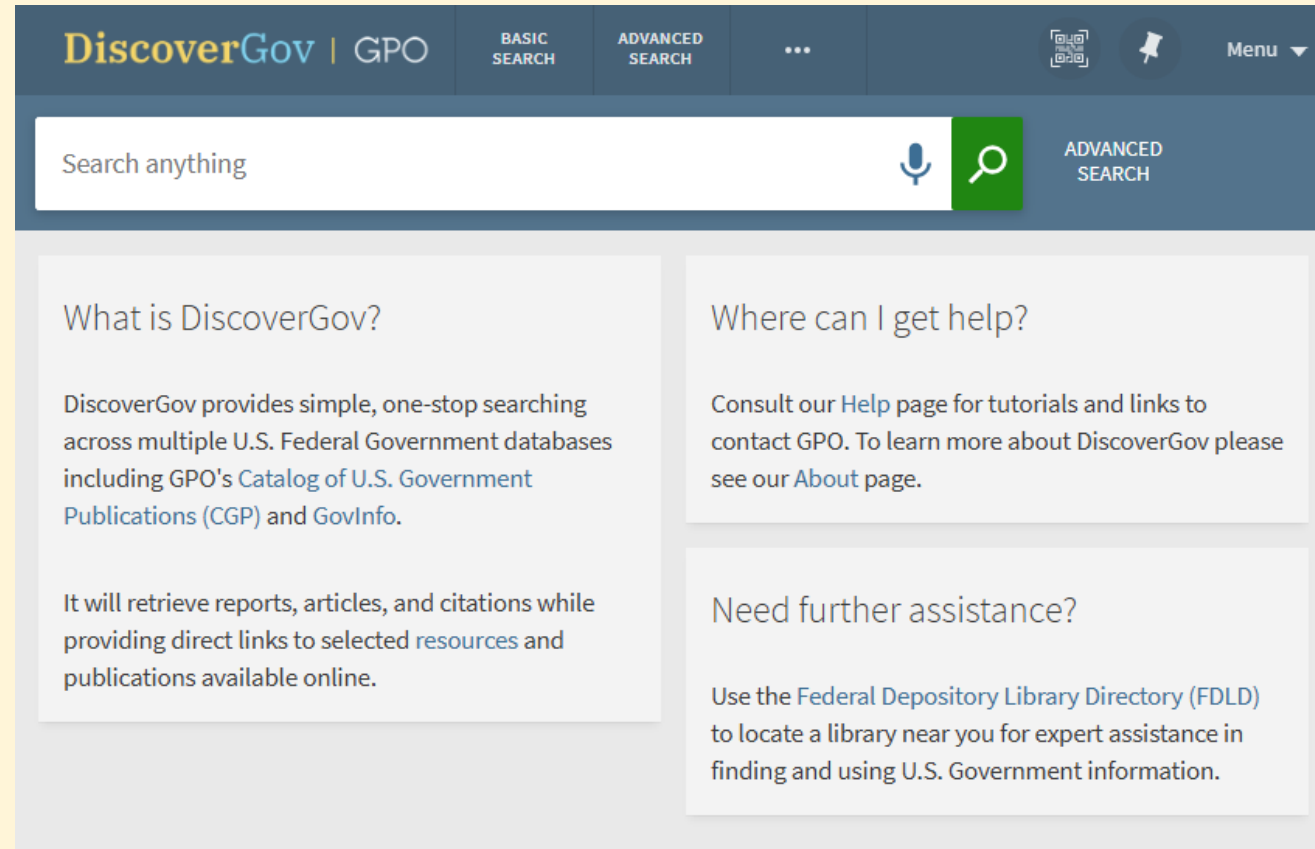
A note on GPO's Metalib

As we look toward the future, we are also announcing that we plan to sunset public access to GPO's MetaLib around mid-July/August 2025.

Stay tuned to [FDLP.gov](https://www.fdlp.gov) for future updates.



Demo



The screenshot shows the DiscoverGov website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo "DiscoverGov | GPO" on the left. To the right of the logo are links for "BASIC SEARCH" and "ADVANCED SEARCH", followed by a three-dot menu icon. Further right are icons for a QR code, a pushpin, and a "Menu" dropdown arrow. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search anything". To the right of the search bar are a microphone icon, a magnifying glass icon, and a link for "ADVANCED SEARCH". The main content area is divided into three sections:

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- Need further assistance?**

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discover.gpo.gov



Up Next:

You can also catch us at the GODORT Friday Chat
April 4, 2025 @ 1pm EDT

*Introducing DiscoverGov, Government Publishing Office's (GPO)
new web-based search tool*



Questions & Comments

Questions for GPO staff?

Contact us using [askGPO](#)

Information about the askGPO categories is available in the [DiscoverGov askGPO Help Page Section](#)

