



NOAA Seattle Regional Library

An Introduction to the Library's Services

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Welcome to the NOAA Seattle Regional Library!

Library Hours

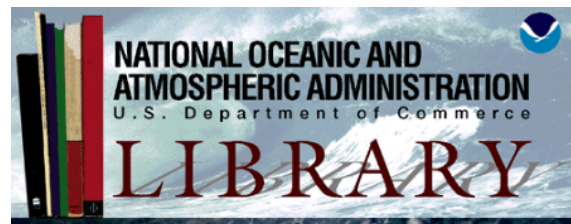
The library is never closed to NOAA employees. Library staff members are available to answer questions and provide assistance from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Who May Use the Library

The NOAA Seattle Regional Library is designed to support the research activities of NOAA or JISAO employees and contractors. Service may be requested by mail, phone, e-mail or web-based forms. The public may use the Library for reference during regular staff hours (8:00 am - 4:30 pm PST). However, previous arrangements are required to allow access to the NOAA WRC campus. Please notify the library in advance of your visit.

New Employees

Be sure to visit the library for a tour! Librarians will show you how to register as a new user in the online library catalog.



NOAA Seattle Regional Library
<http://www.wrclib.noaa.gov>



About the Library

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Seattle Regional Library provides library services to approximately 1,200 NOAA employees and contractors in the Western region. The library supports research in the areas of meteorology, physical and chemical oceanography, geochemistry, atmospheric physics, ocean engineering, mathematics, statistics and computer science.

The collection includes over 12,000 books and reports, over 250 journal subscriptions, maps, charts and reference materials. Library facilities include comfortable seating areas with views of Lake Washington, a photocopy machine, a microfilm reader-printer and two public access PCs with a high-speed Internet connection.

The NOAA Seattle Library is located in Building 3 of the NOAA facility in Sand Point. Other local libraries that complement the Seattle Regional Library's collection include the NMML Library and the NWAFC Library. The National Marine Mammals Laboratory (NMML) Library, located in Building 4, has a unique collection of literature on marine mammals. The Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Science Centers (NWAFC) Library, located in Montlake, specializes in literature on living marine resources (e.g., salmon, groundfish, and killer whales) and their habitats in the Pacific Northwest.

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Online Databases and Citation Indexes

The NOAA Seattle Regional Library provides access to a number of subscription and free databases to assist in searching for journal articles. Subscription databases are available for NOAA employees only. The most popular databases are listed below; others are available on the library's website.



The ISI Web of Knowledge is the gateway to the Web of Science and Current Contents databases as well as several freely accessible literature databases such as PubMed and Agricola. ISI allows you to search a number of indexes at the same time. Personalization features include alerting and saved searches.



The Science Citation Index Expanded, or Web of Science, is a multidisciplinary index with searchable author abstracts covering the journal literature of the sciences. It indexes more than 5,700 major journals across 164 scientific disciplines from 1965 to the present. The cited reference search feature enables you to “navigate forward in time” by dynamically tracking how many times an article has been cited and to “navigate backwards in time” by reviewing cited references at the end of each article. This allows you to expand your search capability by locating items in the database that share cited references.

Journal Citation Reports®

Journal Citation Reports (Science Edition) aggregates and tabulates citation and article counts as indicators of how frequently current researchers are using individual journals. It contains data from over 5,900 journals in science and technology allowing one to evaluate and compare journals. Help includes [Using Journal Citation Reports Wisely](#) as well as a table of contents for more specific questions. Pre-recorded training sessions are also available.



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Online Databases and Citation Indexes... *continued*



Aquatic Science & Fisheries Abstracts

The ASFA series is the premier reference in the field of aquatic resources. Major areas of coverage include aquaculture, aquatic organisms, aquatic pollution, brackish water environments, conservation, environmental quality, fisheries, freshwater environments, limnology, marine biotechnology, marine environments, meteorology and oceanography. ASFA monitors over 5,000 serial publications, books, reports and conference proceedings and covers the years 1971 to the present.



Meteorological & Geostrophysical Abstracts

Meteorological and Geostrophysical Abstracts provides citations for the most important meteorological and geostrophysical research published from 1974 to the present. Major areas of coverage include meteorology, climatology, atmospheric chemistry and physics, astrophysics, hydrology, glaciology, physical oceanography and environmental sciences. Summaries from over 600 journal titles, as well as conference proceedings, books and technical reports, are also included.

Journals Database

>> <http://161.55.144.17/search.htm>

The Seattle Journals/ Serials Database includes the holdings of the NOAA Seattle Regional Library, the National Marine Mammals Laboratory Library (NMML) in Building 3 and the Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Science Center Library (NWAFFSC) at Montlake. It allows you to search for either paper or online journal titles held by any of these Seattle libraries or to browse a list of online journals accessible to NOAA West Network users. The Journals Database includes the most up-to-date holdings information for journals held by the NOAA Seattle Regional Library.



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NOAA Libraries Catalog (NOAALINC)

>> <http://www.lib.noaa.gov/uhtbin/webcat>

The NOAA Library & Information Network Catalog, or NOAALINC, includes the holdings of all NOAA Seattle libraries and many other libraries throughout NOAA. Libraries incorporated in the catalog include the NOAA Central Library in Silver Spring, MD, the NOAA Miami Regional Library and numerous NOAA Fisheries libraries across the U.S. NOAALINC allows you to search the holdings of libraries throughout NOAA simultaneously, to search for items at NOAA libraries in a particular city (such as Seattle) or to search for items in a specific library.

Current Awareness Services

The NOAA Seattle Regional Library subscribes to electronic e-mail alert services so you can keep up-to-date with the latest developments in your field of research. The services offer table of contents information for newly published journals and can alert you to new articles on topics of interest via saved keyword searches. To register for these services, fill out the paper form “Register for E-Mail Delivery of Current Article Literature,” which is available in the library or register yourself online.



The Ingenta database includes millions of articles from over 28,000 publications covering 1988 to present. Ingenta's suite of Research Alerting Services includes both Table of Contents (TOC) Alerting and Saved Search Alerting. To sign up for alerts, go to <http://www.ingentaconnect.com> and register (or log in). Then select “manage my ingenta” and choose “my TOC alerts” or “my search alerts.”

Consultations

Need help finding information on a particular topic? Librarians are available during regular staff hours (8:00 am - 4:30 pm PST) to consult with patrons on literature searches and to answer questions.



Library Collections

Circulation Policy & Borrowing Procedures

Borrowing privileges are available to NOAA employees and contractors only. Books are available on an as-needed basis; journals, reference books, and oversize atlases are not available for checkout without consulting library staff. To check out books, once a user account is created, use the self-checkout station or write the barcode numbers for each book on the Non-Electronic Checkout Form at the circulation desk. Circulating items do not have enforced due dates but are subject to recall at any time.

Photocopy Service

The Library Copy Service provides photocopies of articles from the library's print journal collection to NOAA employees free of charge. WRC Copy Center request forms and bookmarks are available at the copy center station. To use the service, place a bookmark at the beginning of each article and fill in the number of pages to be copied on the bookmark. Then, simply fill out a WRC Copy Center request form and rubber band it to the items to be copied in the WRC Pick-Up Box.

Interlibrary Loans

>> <http://www.wrclib.noaa.gov/lib/docdeliv/docdeliv.html>

The interlibrary loan service fills gaps in the collection by providing copies of articles, books and reports to NOAA employees that are not available at the NOAA Seattle Library. To use the service, use the request form on the library's website (paper forms are also available). If the request is for an item held by another NOAA library in Seattle, check the appropriate button when filling out the request. Otherwise, check the button noting that your main library service is from the Seattle Regional Library.



Library Collections

Journals & Newspapers



The Library subscribes to about 250 online and print journals and newsletters, as well as the *New York Times*. Journal subscriptions cover the subjects of the marine and atmospheric sciences and related fields of mathematics, chemistry and geophysics. New issues are shelved in the journal display area at the northeast corner of the library, which offers magnificent views of Lake Washington. Online journals are available through the Journals Database (see page 4) and back issues of print journals are shelved in the stacks in the southwest corner of the library. Print journals may not be checked out; however NOAA employees may select articles to be copied for them by the WRC Copy Center (see page 6).

Scientific Books, Conference Proceedings & Reports

The NOAA Seattle Regional Library owns approximately 12,000 books and technical reports primarily on the subjects of atmospheric sciences, oceanography, and marine pollution. Special collections in the Library include the Rudolph W. Preisendorfer Memorial Collection—an 800 volume library of classic works in mathematics and statistics—and comprehensive holdings on Puget Sound/Northwest Straits. The Library also has a complete collection from the National Science Foundation Israel Program for Scientific Translations. Books are shelved in the stacks near the southern wall.

Reference Collection

The Library's reference collection includes resources such as almanacs, directories, telephone books, encyclopedias, manuals and atlases. Reference books are located on the shelves behind the circulation desk with the exception of atlases, which are located on the wall next to the east entrance. Reference resources are for library use only. Online reference sources such as almanacs, dictionaries and encyclopedias are available by linking to the "Reference & Information Desk" <<http://www.wrclib.noaa.gov/lib/reference/>> page on the website.



Library Collections

Maps & Charts



The NOAA Seattle Regional Library keeps a substantial collection of maps and nautical charts in the area behind the circulation desk. USGS topographic maps covering the Western states are in located the northwest corner of the library. The free-standing map cases in the center area include nautical charts from around the world, bathymetric maps and hydrographic charts. The library also owns a historic collection of hydrographic charts dating from the 1880s to 1980 on microfilm covering the entire United States. Other maps accessible at the Library include road atlases, road maps and green trails maps.

Popular Materials

Need a break from technical reports and articles? Leisure reading materials are also available at the NOAA Seattle Regional Library. The library owns a collection of the one hundred best novels of the twentieth century featuring authors such as Virginia Woolf, George Orwell and D.H. Lawrence. A small collection of short stories on audio tape, West coast travel guides, birding guides, Green Trails hiking maps, and regional cycling maps and guides are also available.



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