

About the Library

EPA Region 6 Library is part of the EPA Library Network. Established in 1971, the EPA Library Network includes libraries in the Agency's headquarters, regional offices, and specialized laboratories located throughout the United States. Region 6 includes: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and 66 Indian Tribes.

The library was dedicated in honor of Sunder Ram, a former EPA Library Manager.

Location

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Web site

www.epa.gov/natlibra/region6.html

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday

9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The library is closed on Federal Holidays.

EPA staff, grantees, interns, and contractors: Enter the door access code provided by EPA for entry to the facility.

Public clients are required to register as a visitor at the EPA Reception Desk located on the 7th floor prior to visiting the library. Public visitors are escorted to and from the library during their visit to the EPA.

EPA Library Network

The EPA National Library Network provides access to information about the environment and related scientific, technical, management, and policy information. This information is used by agency staff to support decision making and enhance environmental awareness for the protection of human health and the environment.

As an essential information partner with EPA staff and the public, the EPA National Library Network facilitates and supports the Agency's mission through resource sharing among its member libraries, and provides public access to the Library Network's Online Library System (OLS) catalog.

OLS is a web-based catalog that allows author, title, document number, and keyword searching of materials owned by all EPA Network Libraries. The OLS catalog is available online: www.epa.gov/libraries/ols.htm

The Core List is a publication of the EPA Library Network that identifies key information resources in the areas of environmental protection, management and science. The Region 6 Library provides access to select materials from the list. The core list is available online at: www.epa.gov/libraries/core/coretoc.htm

The EPA National Library Network Strategic Plan outlines a three-year strategy (Fiscal Years 2012-2014) for building on the Library Network's successes and accomplishments to provide EPA employees and the public with convenient and timely access to environmental information. The strategic plan is available online at: www.epa.gov/libraries/strategic_plan.html

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Online Resources

The Region 6 Library web site is available online at: www.epa.gov/natlibra/region6.html

Internal clients may also access additional online resources available via the Desktop Library and vendor websites. Available databases include: AOAC, ASTM, Dun & Bradstreet, Knovel, Lexis, Nexis, OnePetro, and Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater.

Please contact the library staff for additional information.



National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP)

National Environmental Publications Internet Site (NEPIS) provides free access to more than 48,000 digital versions and 7,000 print titles of environmental publications. Print documents can be shipped postage free to you within two to three weeks. Available online at: www.epa.gov/nscep

National Technical Information Center

Documents produced by the United States Government, including the EPA, are included in the listings of NTIS. Some items are available at no cost while others have fees for access and delivery based on format. The National Technical Research Library from NTIS is available online from the library's public access workstation.

Client Services

Library clients include the Region 6 office and satellite offices, other EPA Libraries, state partners, tribal partners and the public.

Alerts and Research Requests

Clients may submit requests for delivery of custom search results on specified topics as needed, or for ongoing research needs clients may request daily, weekly or monthly delivery of search results.

Public client search results may be limited by vendor license agreements.

Borrowing

The check out period for library materials, with the exception of microfiche, by internal clients is thirty days.

Clients may review and make copies of library materials for personal use at no additional cost during their visit to the library.

Public clients may also contact their local public or university library to process their requests through Interlibrary Loan.

Interlibrary Loan

The Region 6 Library shares information resources with other EPA libraries, local, state, national and international communities and libraries in an attempt to anticipate and respond to trends and legislation on environmental protection, and delivery of information as these affect the Library and the Region.

Internal clients may request items not available from their local regional library. Library staff will attempt to locate the requested items and have them delivered to the library. Contact the library staff for additional information.

Public clients should contact their local public or university library to process their requests for Interlibrary Loan materials.



Reference & Document Requests



Clients may submit reference and document requests in person, by

telephone, fax, email, and mail. Every effort will be made to deliver requested documents in the recipient's preferred format.

Research

Internal clients may also submit research requests in person, by telephone, fax, email, and mail. Every effort will be made to deliver requested search results within the desired timeframe.

The Ask a Librarian reference chat service is available for internal clients each weekday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM CST.

Training

Clients may request training on search techniques and how to access and use library databases. Scheduled training events are listed on the Region 6 event calendar.

Vendor training may also be available.

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