FACT SHEET: THE WASHINGTON GEOLOGY LIBRARY

SEARCH THE LIBRARY CATALOG
- Scan the QR code to access the catalog
- Many materials available online
- Patrons can visit in person or request paper or digital copies (within copyright compliance)

THE LIBRARY AT A GLANCE
- There are more than 55,000 items related to the geology of Washington
- The library has an online catalog
- Many items are available in print or digitally
- Educational packets are available for kids and teachers
- We provide help using online geologic tools and mapping services
- Open 8am–4:30pm, Monday–Thursday
- Located in room 173 on the first floor of the Natural Resources Building in Olympia

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WASHINGTON DIVISION OF GEOLOGY AND EARTH RESOURCES

The Washington Geology Library

HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY
The Washington Geology Library was created in 1935, and was mandated to collect, archive, and provide access to materials on the geology of Washington State. In addition, publications on tsunamis and emergency management are collected on behalf of the NOAA National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program. The library has more than 55,000 items in its collection.

THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS:
- Maps—topographic, geologic, historic, coastal, etc.
- Theses and dissertations
- Environmental impact statements
- Watershed analyses
- Soil surveys
- Journal articles
- Reference materials and textbooks
- Popular geology books

PUBLISHERS:
- Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources
- US Geological Survey (USGS)
- Various government agencies (local, state, and federal)
- Academic journals such as Geology, GSA Bulletin, AAPG Bulletin, Natural Hazards Review, and others
- Geotechnical consultants
- Universities

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The Washington Geology Library hosts an open house and rock auction during Earth Science Week each year in October.

Chief Hazard Geologist Tim Walsh and librarian Stephanie Earls discuss an archived publication.

Ms. Earls helps the public and state employees find materials at the Washington Geology Library.
WHO WE SERVE

The library serves the public, geotechnical consultants, geology professors and students, and employees of all branches and agencies of government (federal, state, and local).

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- We help people perform basic geologic research and reference searches for topics such as:
  - geologic hazards
  - mineral resources
  - Washington's geology
  - rock hounding
  - gold panning
  - geophysics
  - water resources
  - environmental geology
  - and many others

- We provide help with online geologic tools such as our own Interactive Map Portal and library catalog. We also assist people with the USGS National Geologic Map Database, and help them find soil surveys and other information from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

- We can help people scan relevant maps and (or) documents into digital format (time permitting).

- We check out library materials (DNR employees only).

- We provide access to geology-specific databases such as GeoRef to help people find the most up-to-date geologic information.

- We also provide educational packets for kids and teachers, including rock samples upon request.

LIBRARY CATALOG

- Search the library catalog: http://d92019.eos-intl.net/D92019/OPAC/Index.aspx
- Many materials are available online (links are provided in the catalog)
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A subduction zone cake made for Earth Science Week shows how the oceanic plate off the Washington coast subducts beneath the continent and makes volcanoes. The Washington Geology Library helps people of all ages and appetites understand the dynamic geology of our state.

LIBRARY HOURS AND LOCATION

8am–4:30pm Monday–Thursday
Closed Fridays and state holidays

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Map of Washington State showing Olympia and surrounding areas.