

WORLD MAPS

The University of Arkansas Libraries maintain a variety of maps for all regions of the world in both paper and electronic formats. Some print maps are current government depository items and others are older map series produced by various governmental agencies. Maps are located in the Map Collection, Level 4. World atlases and travel maps of countries and cities throughout the world are found in the Reference Department on the Lobby Level. Electronic maps are available through Web sites that one can view, download, or print.

Current Worldwide Map Series (in paper)

Aeronautical charts provide the most comprehensive and current worldwide coverage. Cartographic data includes topography, waterways, land cover, surface and manmade features, roads, railroads, ports, transmission lines, airports, and international boundaries; with aeronautical overprint.

- ***Tactical Pilotage Chart, 1:500,000***. U.S. National Imagery and Mapping Agency (earlier, Defense Mapping Agency). MAP COLL- FILE CAB [D 5.354:TPC #]. Worldwide medium-scale charts.
- ***Operational Navigation Chart, 1:1,000,000***. U.S. National Imagery and Mapping Agency. REF-MAP CASES [G 3201 .P6 s1000: ONC #]. Worldwide small-scale charts.

Use the index, found in the front or top of the storage drawer to identify the chart covering the area of interest. Records for some individual charts are in InfoLinks; search by word: *TPC and country name* or *ONC and country name*.

Detailed Map Series for Regions and Countries (in paper)

The greatest variety of maps is housed in the **World Maps** section, in **MAIN-MAP CASES**, located separately west of the Map Collection in the Government Documents Department. Map coverage is provided by continents, regions, countries and states, and by subjects of topographic, transportation, geologic and other natural and manmade features. Most are government-produced map series, as earlier depository items. Although older, the maps can still be useful for details of the physical landscape, especially if used in combination with a current map.

To select a map series by continent or region area and to identify the call number, use:

- ***Map Depository Catalog***. U.S. Defense Mapping Agency and Army Map Service. Available at GOV DOC service desk or REF DESK.

Most of the map series are also accessible in the card catalog; a few are in InfoLinks.

The maps in the **MAIN-MAP CASES** are cataloged and arranged in call number order. For each map series, use the index found in the top drawer to identify individual map sheets and the holdings in the collection. Within a map series, the sheets are filed in alphabetical or numerical order as indicated on the index. Other individual maps and maps associated with books, journals, and theses are interfiled in **MAIN-MAP CASES**, in call number order.

World Atlases and Travel Maps (in paper)

Current world atlases and select thematic atlases are found in the atlas case in the Reference Department, **REF-ATLAS CASE**, on the Lobby Level. Others are shelved in the Reference collection, **REF**, as well as in **MAP COLL-SHELVES** and in **MAIN**. Maps in some of the atlases cover specific regions or countries. Thematic atlases include coverage of historical and natural resources. Examples in **REF-ATLAS CASE** are:

- ***The Book of the World***. New York: Macmillan USA, 1999.
[G 1021.K3842 1999]
- ***Atlas of World History***. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.
[G 1030 .O85 1999]
- ***Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide***. Chicago, IL: Rand McNally, 2002.
[G 1200 .R37 2002]

Travel maps for countries, regions, and cities around the world are folded and stored at the Reference Desk (vertical file). Road atlases for the United States and some European countries are also available at the Reference Desk.

World Maps Online (electronic resources)

A selection of electronic map resources are linked through the UA Libraries' Web page, as [Web Resources for Maps and Gazetteers](#). Go to [Electronic Resources & Databases – By Subject – Maps](#). Look at **Contemporary Maps** to view www sites showing current world, continental, country and city maps, including examples:

- **[National Geographic – Map Machine](#)**: Includes dynamic maps, atlas maps and flags/facts. Use *find a place* to view political /satellite images that show the terrain and international boundaries. Can print or e-mail the maps.
- **[Online Map Library](#)**: Comprehensive list of electronic maps including current maps of the world, continents, countries, counties, and cities. From the Map Collection, University of Texas Libraries.

Geographic Names and Gazetteers (paper and electronic)

Gazetteers, lists of geographic names, and geographic dictionaries provide place names. The lists are in alphabetical order and offer descriptions of individual places or features, particularly exact locations (latitude/longitude). Worldwide coverage is provided by:

- ***The Columbia Gazetteer of the World***. 3 v. Cohen, Saul B., ed. New York: University of Columbia Press, 1998. REF [G 103.5 .C65 1998]
- ***Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary***. 3rd ed. Springfield Mass.: Merriam-Webster. REF DESK [G 103.5 .W42 1997]

For a list of detailed foreign gazetteers, many of which are found in the Government Documents Department, refer to:

- ***Geographic Names & the Federal Government: a Bibliography***. Orth, Donald J. Washington, D.C.: Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, 1990. GOVREF, REF [G105 .O78 1990]

As an electronic resource, the U.S. National Imagery and Mapping Agency maintains an online database of foreign geographic feature names. It contains over 3.5 million names as approved by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names and is updated monthly:

- **[Geographic Names Database \(GNDB\): Geonames](#)**. Access through [Web Resources for Maps and Gazetteers](#).