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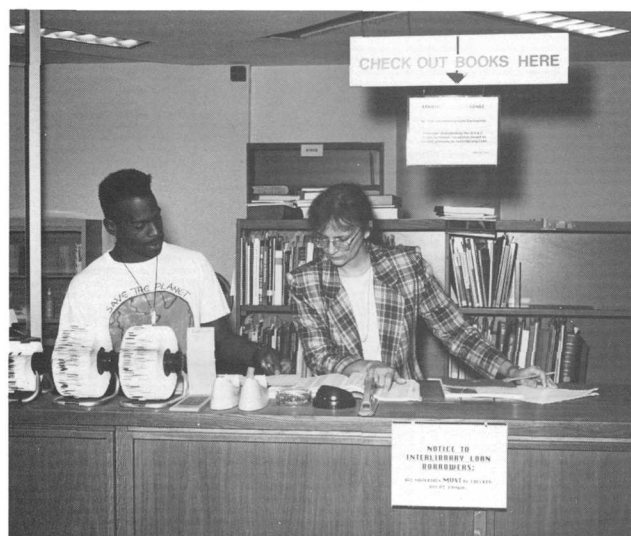
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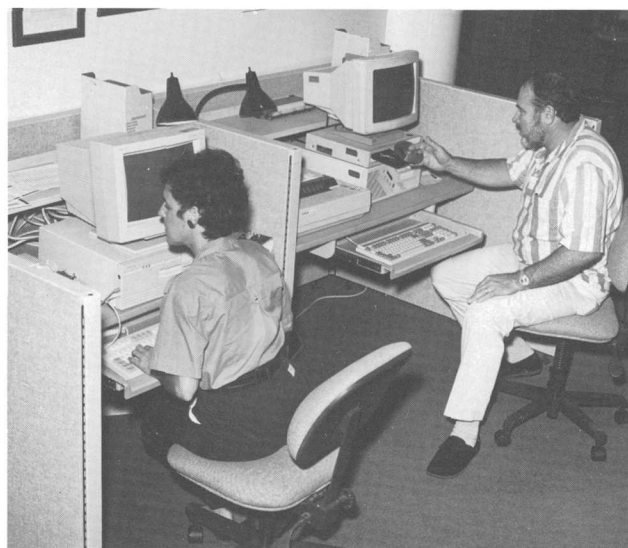
## The U.S. Geological Survey Library System

The U.S. Geological Survey Library, established in 1882, is one of the largest earth science libraries in the world. The Library System consists of the headquarters library in Reston, Virginia, and three branch libraries in Denver, Colorado; Flagstaff, Arizona; and Menlo Park, California.



### Access

Libraries are open to the public Monday through Friday. Reference service is provided at all library locations. Certain materials are available to other libraries through interlibrary loan. The USGS Library System contributes to several international bibliographic databases and provides USGS publications to other scientific libraries and organizations through exchange agreements.



### Holdings

The Library System contains more than 1 million books and journals and more than 450,000 maps covering all aspects of the earth sciences and related subjects. Subjects collected extensively include

Cartography	Oil and gas resources
Earthquakes and seismology	Paleontology
Geochemistry	Physical geography
Geology	Remote sensing
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Mineralogy	

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## Special Collections

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The *Cartographic Information Center* contains more than 290,000 map sheets and their accompanying texts, from all parts of the world. The center also provides information about maps, mapping, and related subjects focusing on earth science topics.

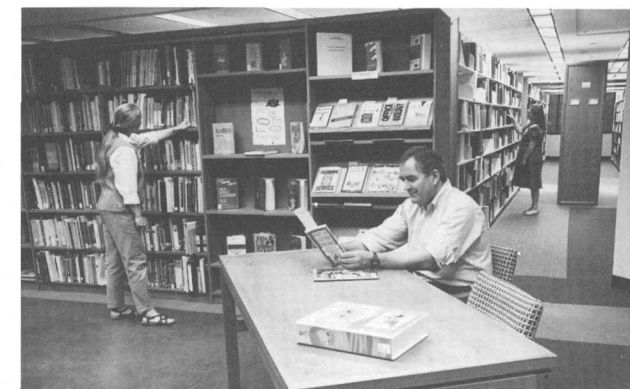
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The *Photographic Library* consists of about 300,000 photographs taken during geologic studies of the United States and its territories by the USGS and its predecessor surveys from 1869 to the present. Reproductions of photographs are available for purchase.

### Menlo Park

The *Aerial Photography Collection* includes more than 250,000 aerial photographs, primarily of California during the early 1960's and 1970's. The collection also contains still photographs and about 25,000 slides on earth science subjects, plus a large number of videotapes.



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