The NOAA Central Library

Mission
To efficiently and effectively provide NOAA staff with current and historical information resources needed to accomplish their goals and objectives. To serve the public with comprehensive access to NOAA history and science where and when possible.

Vision
NOAA Central Library’s vision is to serve as the center in NOAA for providing NOAA staff with needed information and knowledge management resources when and where they are needed, and to provide access for the public to NOAA science and history. To achieve the vision, NOAA Central Library staff provides the following online services:

- Access to licensed electronic journals, databases, and ebooks to provide NOAA staff with needed resources.
- Training on time-saving knowledge management and library resources to make research more efficient
- Bibliographies and other finding aids to enhance researchers’ access to subject-specific literature
- A NOAA Institutional Repository of NOAA documents, data and multimedia to include all of NOAA intellectual output.
- A NOAA Virtual Reference service allowing staff and the public to chat with a NOAA librarian to get access to needed information and resources.
- Identification and analysis of all peer-reviewed publications written by NOAA authors and supported by grants from NOAA to provide performance measures and trends for the agency.
- Interlibrary Loan service that provides resources to NOAA staff not available through NOAA Central Library.
- A NOAA libraries catalog that provides access to all of the holdings of NOAA libraries in one interface.
- A NOAA Photo Library that provides NOAA staff, other government agencies, teachers, and the general public with freely-available images, and that showcases NOAA Science and History to the world.
- Brown Bag Seminars to enable NOAA staff and invited scientists and researchers to share science with everyone in NOAA. Enables field staff to stay engaged with headquarters and generates new contacts and cooperation among scientists engaged in similar work.
- Access, preservation, and permanent storage of NOAA and other video via the Library’s Video Data Management System.
NOAA Central Library (NCL) Websites

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www.wrclib.noaa.gov/

Miami Regional Library
www.aoml.noaa.gov/general/lib/

Online Chat Reference Service
www.lib.noaa.gov/askref.html

NOAA Photo Library
www.photolib.noaa.gov/

Brown Bag Seminars
www.lib.noaa.gov/about/news/brownbagseminars.html

Deepwater Horizon Institutional Repository
noaa.ntis.gov/site/home.php

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