Digital Collections

Our Digital Collections provide online access to current and historical North Carolina state government information and North Caroliniana. First made available in the spring of 2008, the collections support researchers of the history and culture of North Carolina by making unique and valuable holdings of the Government & Heritage Library freely and easily accessible online.

Government & Heritage Library

The GHL’s mission is to preserve and facilitate public access to state government information; advance the study, understanding, and appreciation of North Carolina’s cultural heritage; and provide library resources and services that support the operational needs of state government agencies.

The GHL is part of the State Library of North Carolina, the principal library of state government; we build the capacity of all libraries and develop and support access to specialized collections for the people of North Carolina.

Additional Digital Resources

NCpedia provides an overview of North Carolina’s people, culture, government, history, and resources. Created and maintained by the GHL, it is hosted by NC LIVE:
http://NCpedia.org

NC State Government Web Site Archives is a joint project of the State Library and State Archives, which enables users to view North Carolina state agency web sites from 1996 to today. It allows free and open access to this information long after the sites have changed on the live web:
http://webarchives.ncdcr.gov

NC LIVE Electronic Research Databases provide North Carolina residents and students with access to high quality information - searchable collections of magazine, newspaper, and journal articles, electronic books, historical materials, maps, and much more - covering a wide range of topics:
http://nclive.org

Personal Economic Aid Resource Links (PEARL NC) provides links to state government health, financial, career, and transportation services assisting North Carolina residents struggling to make ends meet:
http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lss/pearl.html

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Our digital collections have quickly grown to include both current and historic state publications, 20th Century census data, an archive of state agency websites dating back to 1996, and a portal to government information in collections around North Carolina. These digital collections aid in preserving some of North Carolina's most valuable and enduring resources.

Themed Collections

Using popular themes, we have paired state publications with related materials from partner institutions to create digital collections that support our most sought after subject areas: genealogy, history, and culture.

State Government Collections

One of the Government & Heritage Library's (GHL) collecting strengths is state government resources. This collection, along with our knowledgeable staff and physical proximity to government agencies, makes the GHL a destination for those in search of government publications and data.

Since 2008, the GHL has focused on providing greater access to government information by making it freely available online.

State Government Collections

Find what you’re looking for

Genealogy

The online collections dedicated to family history, include an ongoing partnership with the State Archives to make family Bible records and related documents freely searchable. They complement our nationally known genealogy research library and enable us to reach out to genealogists around the world.

Our goal is to provide greater access to uniquely documented family history resources, such as those for African Americans and other underrepresented populations.

History and Culture

The GHL’s online collections provide a jumping-off point for the armchair enthusiast and the scholarly researcher pursuing North Carolina’s diverse and rich history.

Collections include:

- Biographical information about prominent North Carolinians
- North Carolina historical vignettes for audiences from 9 to 99
- Historic photographs, postcards, maps, and other images
- Materials related to Raleigh’s founding as the state’s capital
- Historical information about African Americans in North Carolina and throughout the U.S.
- A celebration of the impact of North Carolina public libraries
- Public health collections including information on eugenics, malaria, and influenza

http://digital.ncdcr.gov