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**Library General Information Survey (LIBGIS)**  
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DATA COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

United States Department of Education. National Center for Education Statistics

LIBRARY GENERAL INFORMATION SURVEY (LIBGIS) [UNITED STATES]: PUBLIC LIBRARY UNIVERSE, 1981 (ICPSR 2279)

SUMMARY: The primary purpose of this project was to compile a directory of all main public libraries in the United States. Significant variables include name, address, population served, and the name of the chief state library officer. Branches of the main public libraries were not included in this survey.

UNIVERSE: State library agencies.

NOTE: The codebook and data collection instrument are provided by ICPSR as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using PDF reader software, such as the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided on the ICPSR Web site.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 1 data file + machine-readable documentation (PDF) + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: REFORM.DOC/ SCAN/ CONCHK.PR/ DDEF.ICPSR/ UNDOCCHK.ICPSR

DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 8,611

Variables: 15

Record Length: 172

Records Per Case: 1





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**DATA BASE DOCUMENTATION**  
(Authority: Public Law 93-502, Section 552)

(Reserve)

**PART I - SURVEY SUMMARY**

**A. TITLE**

**LIBGIS - Public Library Universe - 1981**

**B. DESCRIPTION**

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**C. SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

See Attachment "A"

**1. UNIVERSE OR SAMPLE**

Universe of the 50 States and the District of Columbia

**2. RESPONDENTS**

State Library Agencies

**3. DATE OF COVERAGE**

1981

**4. FREQUENCY OF SURVEY** Approximately every fourth year

**5. RESPONSE RATE**

100%

**6. HIGHLIGHTS**

Each record describes one library or the Chief State Library Officer

**D. RELATED STUDIES**

**1. SURVEYS**

1977  
1974

**2. PUBLICATIONS**

Statistics of Public Libraries - 1977  
Statistics of Public Libraries - 1974

IF SPONSORING AGENCY IS NOT NCES (Specify)



**DATA BASE DOCUMENTATION**

**LEGEND  
DATA ELEMENT TYPE STANDARDS**  
 AN - Alphanumeric, left justified, space filled  
 N - Numeric display, right justified, leaving zeros

*(Reserve)*

**PART IV - DATA ELEMENT DESCRIPTION**

TITLE					FILE NAME
LIBGIS - Public Library Universe - 1981					
DATA FIELD NAME	DATA ELEMENT TYPE	RECORD POSITION <i>(from-10)</i>	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	SOURCE LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(d)</i>	<i>(e)</i>	<i>(f)</i>
STATE CODE	N	001-002	2		OE State Code 10-60. (See attachment "B")
LIBRARY CODE	N	003-006	4		Library code unique within state.
POPULATION CODE	N	007-007	1		Population Served code. (See attachment "C")
SMSA	N	008-011	4		Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area Code.
BRANCH CODE	AN	012-012	1		Branch Indicator. (See attachment "C")
CENTRAL CITY CODE	N	013-013	1		Central city place description code. (See attachment "C")
NAME	AN	014-048	35		Library or CSLO <sup>®</sup> Name.
ADDRESS	AN	049-083	35		Library or CSLO <sup>®</sup> Street Address or P.O. Box number
CITY	AN	084-108	25		Library or CSLO <sup>®</sup> City Name.
STATE	AN	109-123	15		Library or CSLO <sup>®</sup> State Name.
ZIP	N	124-128	5		Library or CSLO <sup>®</sup> Zip Code.
LIBRARY SYSTEM	AN	129-162	34		Nonconsolidated Public Library System Affiliation Name or CSLO <sup>®</sup> Location.

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**TITLE** LIBGIS - PUBLIC LIBRARY UNIVERSE - 1981 **FILE NAME**

<b>DATA FIELD NAME</b> <i>(a)</i>	<b>DATA ELEMENT TYPE</b> <i>(b)</i>	<b>RECORD POSITION</b> <i>(from-to)</i> <i>(c)</i>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b> <i>(d)</i>	<b>SOURCE LOCATION</b> <i>(e)</i>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b> <i>(f)</i>
POPULATION	N	163-169	7		Population Served.
YEAR	N	170-171	2		Survey Year.
REPORT STATUS	N	172-172	1		Report Status Flag (usually zero) * Chief State Library Officer (CSLO)

LIBGIS - Public-Library Universe - 1981

Survey Methodology

1. A computer printout of each States public libraries was sent to the Chief Officers of the respective State Library Agencies for updating by personnel of the State Library Agencies.
2. The changes indicated on the printouts were keyed onto tapes/disks.
3. Deletions and additions were transcribed to a form suitable to be keyed from, and were keyed to tapes/disks.
4. The keyed data was printed and visually verified.
5. Corrections to detected keying errors were keyed, placed on tapes/disks, printed and reviewed for accuracy.
6. The additions, changes and deletions were applied to the Universe from the previous survey.
7. The SMSA's and the Central City Place Description recode (CYCD) were updated/developed using (a) the tape version of the fourth update of the FIPS Publication 55 - (Codes for Named Populated Places, Primary County Divisions and other Locational Entities of the U.S.) and (b) a list from the Statistical Reporter entitled "Titles and Definitions of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas".
8. The updated 1981 file was compared to the 1977 Public Library Universe and the differences found in the SMSA's and CYCD were evaluated and adjusted as required.

ATTACHMENT "A"





LIBGIS - Public Library Universe - 1981

STATE CODES

OE STATE CODES

10 = ALABAMA	37 = NEBRASKA
11 = ALASKA	38 = NEVADA
12 = ARIZONA	39 = NEW HAMPSHIRE
13 = ARKANSAS	40 = NEW JERSEY
14 = CALIFORNIA	41 = NEW MEXICO
15 = COLORADO	42 = NEW YORK
16 = CONNECTICUT	43 = NORTH CAROLINA
17 = DELAWARE	44 = NORTH DAKOTA
18 = DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	45 = OHIO
19 = FLORIDA	46 = OKLAHOMA
20 = GEORGIA	47 = OREGON
21 = HAWAII	48 = PENNSYLVANIA
22 = IDAHO	49 = RHODE ISLAND
23 = ILLINOIS	50 = SOUTH CAROLINA
24 = INDIANA	51 = SOUTH DAKOTA
25 = IOWA	52 = TENNESSEE
26 = KANSAS	53 = TEXAS
27 = KENTUCKY	54 = UTAH
28 = LOUISIANA	55 = VERMONT
29 = MAINE	56 = VIRGINIA
30 = MARYLAND	57 = WASHINGTON
31 = MASSACHUSETTS	58 = WEST VIRGINIA
32 = MICHIGAN	59 = WISCONSIN
33 = MINNESOTA	60 = WYOMING
34 = MISSISSIPPI	
35 = MISSOURI	
36 = MONTANA	

ATTACHMENT "B"



LIBGIS - PUBLIC LIBRARY UNIVERSE - 1981

CODE IDENTIFICATION

Population Served Code: 1 = 1 - 9,999  
2 = 10,000 - 24,999  
3 = 25,000 - 49,999  
4 = 50,000 - 99,999  
5 = 100,000 - 249,999  
6 = 250,000 - 499,999  
7 = 500,000 - 999,999  
8 = 1,000,000 and above

Branch Indicator 0 = Main Library  
2 = Chief State Library Officer (CSLO)

Central City Place Description Code:

1 = Within SMSA, Central City  
2 = Within SMSA, Other than Central City  
3 = Other than SMSA  
(blank) = Chief State Library Officer

NOTE A: One way to select only records about the Chief State Library Officers is to use the following SAS coding: IF BRCD=2;

NOTE B: One must exclude records about the Chief State Library Officers when making counts of libraries etc. To do that use the following SAS coding: IF BRCD NE 2;

ATTACHMENT "C"



NUMBER OF LIBRARIES WITHOUT STREET ADDRESSES AND/OR LIBRARY SYSTEM NAMES, BY STATE

STATE NAME	ADDRESS	LIBRARY SYSTEM NAME	STATE NAME	ADDRESS	LIBRARY SYSTEM NAME
ALABAMA	3	124	MONTANA	81	0
ALASKA	5	52	NEBRASKA	43	248
ARIZONA	10	5	NEVADA	0	17
ARKANSAS	1	39	NEW HAMPSHIRE	78	47
CALIFORNIA	0	12	NEW JERSEY	0	1
COLORADO	9	0	NEW MEXICO	0	43
CONNECTICUT	31	26	NEW YORK	27	10
DELAWARE	2	27	NORTH CAROLINA	4	103
D. C.	0	1	NORTH DAKOTA	63	76
FLORIDA	1	143	OHIO	0	249
GEORGIA	0	50	OKLAHOMA	5	121
HAWAII	0	1	OREGON	6	71
IDAHO	31	107	PENNSYLVANIA	2	0
ILLINOIS	8	2	RHODE ISLAND	1	3
INDIANA	1	18	SOUTH CAROLINA	1	40
IOWA	343	1	SOUTH DAKOTA	36	117
KANSAS	58	12	TENNESSEE	40	3
KENTUCKY	2	0	TEXAS	2	121
LOUISIANA	0	34	UTAH	0	48
MAINE	206	223	VERMONT	97	204
MARYLAND	0	24	VIRGINIA	8	92
MASSACHUSETTS	34	2	WASHINGTON	2	76
MICHIGAN	3	365	WEST VIRGINIA	1	2
MINNESOTA	23	34	WISCONSIN	16	14
MISSISSIPPI	7	43	WYOMING	15	23
MISSOURI	16	114			
			TOTALS	*1322	**3188

NOTE \*: STREET ADDRESSES FOR THESE LIBRARIES ARE NOT REPORTED BECAUSE THEY ARE WELL KNOWN IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

NOTE \*\*: MANY LIBRARIES ARE NOT PART OF LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND CONSEQUENTLY THEY DO NOT REPORT THIS DATUM.

ATTACHMENT "D"