



NASA GISS Library

- **Mission: Provide information to GISS patrons**
- **Open to all GISS staff**



GISS Library Collection

- **8,000 books, technical reports, dissertations**
- **70 current journal subscriptions print and/or online**
- **Reference tools such as online databases, indexes, abstracts, atlases...etc.**



Ask...and ye shall receive???

**If item is not available in GISS Library,
library staff can:**

- **Borrow books, obtain copies of articles, documents...etc. via Interlibrary Loan**
- **Purchase books or documents**



If you can't find it, ask!

- **Advantages of a real live person...**

- Reference interview
- Direct patrons to relevant resource
- Help locate an item in library

- **Perform bibliographic searches**

- Find books, articles by author, subject...etc.
- Locate a specific book, article...etc.

Clarifying citations/references

Given source:

- **Philosophical Magazine**, 5 (31) 835-848
- Date: 1928 May

Actual source:

- **The London, Edinburgh and Dublin Philosophical Magazine and Journal of Science**. 7th Series, Vol. 5 no. 31 (May 1928) pp. 835-848.

**Just because you can't find it in
Google...**

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...that doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

- **Older and/or foreign documents not online**
- **Access vs. availability**

Online Databases



- **NASA GALAXIE** – online library catalog
- **NASA Aeronautics & Space Database**
 - **Technical reports, conference papers, and journal articles.** Full text is available as a searchable PDF image for most NASA documents and other publicly available items.
 - Subject areas include aeronautics, astronautics, chemistry and materials, engineering, **geosciences, life sciences, mathematical and computer sciences, physics, social sciences, and space sciences.**
 - Some documents require payment.
- **NASA Technical Report Server**
 - Conference papers, images, journal articles, photos, meeting papers, movies, patents, research reports, and technical videos



Other databases/search tools

- **ArXiv.org** (Pre-prints)
- **SAO/NASA Astrophysics Data System**