

U.S. Fire Administration Library

About the Library

The library has one of the most comprehensive collections of materials in the United States relating to the fire service and emergency management. Our print collections include some 18,000 books and another nearly 6,000 reports, proceedings and government documents. Students from the Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP) write major papers during each of their four years in the program, and the library has over 6,000 of their published papers. We also have a large collection of DVD/VHS titles currently numbering more than 5,700 items.

The library subscribes to several hundred professional journals and magazines and has, over the past three decades, indexed over 120,000 individual journal articles. This effort has made the library online catalog a unique guide to periodical literature, with citations on fire, emergency response, natural disaster and homeland security topics going back to the early 1970s and beyond.

Library Resources

First Floor

- Reference collection.
- Current magazines and newspapers.
- Personal computers (PCs) for searching library catalog and the Web.
- Photocopiers/Printers/Digital scanner.
- Main book collection.

Second Floor

- Audiovisual collections (DVD, VHS, etc.).
- Reports/Documents collection.
- Magazine/Journal collection.
- PCs for searching library catalog and the Web.
- Photocopier/Printer.

Library Services

Reference

Need help researching a topic? Our librarians can help. If you're off-campus, you can call or email us your question(s), and we'll respond right away.

Online Catalog

You can search our online catalog 24/7 on the Internet by visiting our home page and clicking on the Search Library Catalog link.

Interlibrary Loan

Only National Emergency Training Center (NETC) personnel and students may borrow materials directly from the library. Anyone, though, can borrow our circulating books, reports or other materials through Interlibrary Loan (ILL). You simply need to provide staff at your local library with a printout of the item record from our online catalog. This will include the title, author, and other identifying information, such as an International Standard Book Number or Online Computer Library Catalog number. For more information, visit <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/library/about/ill.html>.



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Borrowing Periods

	Library Materials
NETC Staff	One month
National Fire Academy (NFA)/ Emergency Management Institute (EMI) adjunct faculty	Length of course minus one day
Students	Length of course minus one day
Outside contractor	One month
ILL (off-campus)	One month

Hours of Operation

While classes are in session, the schedule of hours for the library is as follows:

Monday to Thursday..... 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Friday.....noon to 4 p.m.
 Saturday 4 to 8 p.m.
 Sundaynoon to 4 p.m.

Please refer to our home page to see the library weekend and special hours schedule, which we update monthly based upon the class schedule. You'll find the current month's schedule under Links of Interest. Be sure to note that our regular business hours typically change around the holidays.

Our Mission:

- Support NFA's and EMI's instructional and research programs through ownership of or access to appropriate print and other resources.
- Provide assistance to Federal Emergency Management Agency and other Department of Homeland Security offices, as well as to the general public, in their search for useful information resources.
- Promote better understanding of effective ways for NETC students and faculty, and the first responder community across the U.S., to use these resources.

Library Featured Resources

- Prevention and Public Education Exchange.
- EFOP Applied Research Projects.
- First Responder Dissertation/ Thesis Search.
- Fire, Emergency Medical Services and All-Hazards Subject Guides.

Visit our home page at www.usfa.fema.gov/data/library/.