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Reference Spotlight - March, 2006

Government Links

Each month, the Atlantic County Library Reference staff prepares this BookNews newsletter to familiarize our patrons with the [Library's WWW LINKS](#) pages. This issue of the monthly Web Links will highlight some of the government links.

All of us will be spending a good deal of time this month on the IRS website locating forms for taxpayers. Since we are in a government "frame of mind" we thought we'd examine some different government sites that you will find under the [Government](#) web links category.

For questions about using the links featured in this e-Newsletter, please call the Reference Center at (609) 625-2776, ext. 6310.

On the Government Page - Federal Category



FirstGov.gov

On FirstGov. Gov, you can search millions of web pages from federal and state governments, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories. Most of these pages are not available on commercial websites. First Gov has the most comprehensive search of the government anywhere. You can search by keyword and not have to know the agency's name. An example, I had a patron wanting a fax number for the "Federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration." I couldn't find it looking in our United States Government Manual, but by asking in the search phrase section of FirstGov, I was able to find that this agency's name had been changed to the Federal Transit Administration. Our Spanish customers may be happy to know that there is a Spanish language web portal, [FirstGov.en Espanol](#).

[Link to the FirstGov.gov](#)

On the Government Page - Federal Category



Reference staff are getting questions from senior citizens asking about the new Medicare Prescription drug coverage. On the Medicare link, your patrons can compare drug plans and enroll in a drug plan.

[Link to Medicare.](#)

On the Government Page - Federal Category

USPTO PATENT FULL-TEXT AND IMAGE DATABASE

US Patents Database

The last site that we'll look at in the category is one we use often - the **Patents** database. It is full text from 1976, and offers full page images for patents issued from 1790. You can search by patent number or by subject. Published applications for patents are available from March 15, 2001 and can be searched the same way. Students who are doing reports on American inventors may find it helpful to look up patent information.

[Link to US Patents Database.](#)

Links to Local Government



The [Atlantic County Government web site](#) has many links of local interest. Local government offices, Atlantic County tourism, and more.

The Atlantic County Government page links to the Atlantic County Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office page contains info on help with applying for a passport. You can also get passport information by going to **Passports/Embassies**. This is the U.S. State Department's website and they provide information and services to American citizens on obtaining, replacing and changing passports. In addition, you can find information about international travel here, and find out about any countries with travel warnings.

[Link to Atlantic County Clerk's web site.](#)

[Link to Atlantic County Government web site.](#)

[Link to US State Department - Passports/Embassies Page.](#)

State Government Sites



The first one, we will examine is [New Jersey Government Publications](#). While the Reference Center in Mays Landing is a partial depository for Federal and State documents, you may be able to find what documents you need by searching this site. The [New Jersey State Library](#) allows you to read government publications on their website by sorting through agencies or departments. For example, if you would want the statistics of prostate cancer cases in New Jersey compared to those in the United States, you would go to Cancer Epidemiology Services (N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services) on the right side of the page. At the bottom of the page, you will find a report on Prostate Cancer in New Jersey from 1979-1996. By clicking on [Prostate Cancer in NJ Compared with the United States](#) (half way down the page) you can find some very nice graphs for a comparison.

[Link to NJ State Library.](#)

new jersey motor vehicle commission

The [New Jersey Motor Vehicle](#) office for our area has left Cardiff Circle and is now located at Shore Mall, Egg Harbor Township. You can find this plus other information about the 6 point identification verification at the link for the NJ Motor Vehicles right above the New Jersey Government Publications. The MVC offers a multitude of online services via the Web allowing motorists to bypass in-person visits. You can pay your parking ticket surcharges, request your driving history record, order personalized plates, renew your vehicle's registration (all these include fees) or change your address, or find licensed driving schools, and auto body facilities.

[Link to NJ Motor Vehicle Commission.](#)

Other Government Sites



Other Government Sites

[Embassy World](#) lists embassy and map searches. You can convert liters to gallons, and kilometers to miles here. If you are traveling, you may want to check out the maps of the world (bottom right corner) to help find your way around. This site also offers a quick way to know zip or postal codes worldwide.

Another website is the [New Jersey Association of Counties](#). This agency serves as an advocacy group for county governments and their taxpayers. They foster cooperation and coordination among New Jersey's 21 counties, and promote federal and state legislative initiatives. For example, you can find information on the Transportation Trust Fund and other issues facing the state.

State and Local Government on the Net

A directory of official state, county, and city government websites  www.stateandlocalgov.net

The final website to look at is [State and Local Governments on the Net](#). Here you have a convenient one stop access to the websites of state agencies, city and county governments. Searches can be done three ways -by state, topic or local government.

Try and see what you find!

[Last Month's eNews: Great New Links.](#)

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