

Chambers Library Map Collection

The UCO Library Map Collection is located on the northeast corner of the 3rd floor and has over 60,000 maps as well as atlases, gazeteers and other finding guides. The Reference area on 1st floor maintains a collection of historical, political and geographical maps for general use.

Finding Maps

From the library website (<http://library.ucok.edu>), choose the "All Search Limits" button. On "Item Type," choose "Map." Return to the search screen. Type keywords to find maps, for instance:

argentina and maps
lakes and ohio and maps
lake? and utah and maps not city

If you cannot find a map you need, contact a Reference Librarian.

Finding Map Call Numbers

4020t 24 - the "t" refers to topographic maps (vegetation, township grids and some cultural details). These maps are in cabinets with green labels. This map is in the cabinet labeled 4020, and is the 24th map in that cabinet.

4432 18 .E8 1947 - all non-topographic maps are in the cabinets with blue labels. This map is in the cabinet labeled 4432, number 18.

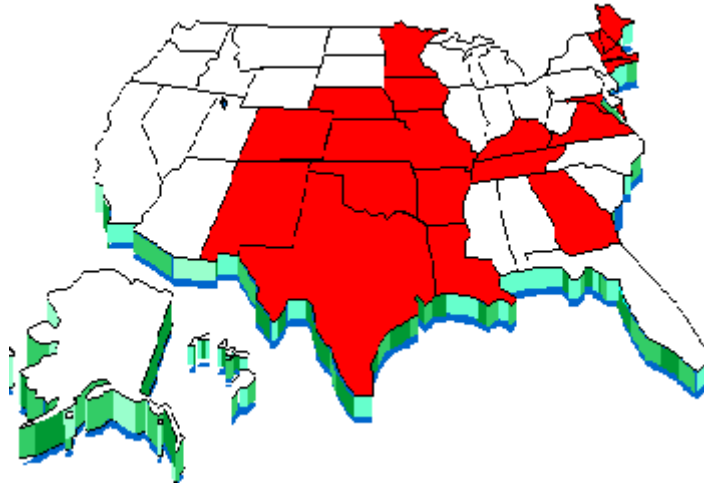
SPECIAL SETS

The library also has several sets of maps with a large numbers of maps which are not listed individually in the catalogs.

Currently the library receives the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 1:250,000, 1:100,000, and 1:50,000 series for the entire USA on a depository basis along with the more detailed 1:24,000 series for 23 states.

The USGS also produces sets of topographic maps by county at varying scales; the library receives this series for 14 states. In all, the Map Room has topographic sets for the USA, 26 states, over 75 foreign countries, and two planets. In all cases the holdings for the set are marked on the index map stored on top of each set.

The following map shows the states for which the library holds some USGS 7.5" topographic quadrangles.



Often a map which is not held in the more detailed series can be found in a series for a larger area. For instance, when looking for a topographic map of the area around Taloga, Okla., the Oklahoma index indicates that we do not have a map. In that case look at the United States Index for the 1:250,000 or 1:100,000 series and you will find the map which covers that area. Similarly, when looking for a topographic map of Zinder, Niger, which is not held in our Niger series, checking the world topographic indexes reveals that we have a map covering the area in those series.

LAND USE: The Map Room receives the USA land use series published in two scales by the USGS. These maps are kept by call number in the main drawers, but are indexed similarly to the topographic sets.

CITY PLANS: In addition to single maps of individual cities, we hold sets of maps for 15 U.S. states, including Oklahoma, which cover all incorporated cities within the state. To locate these sets, key in the following subject heading: s=cities and towns--(state)

COUNTY SETS: Similarly, the Map Room has sets of county highway maps for 33 U.S. states, including Oklahoma. These maps do not show topography or vegetation, but display more cultural detail than topographic maps, and thus are useful in many cases when used in place of or in conjunction with topographic maps. Again, there is not a catalog entry for each individual county, merely one entry under the state.

AXIS POWERS TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING : The UCO library has special collection of topographic maps used by Axis powers forces during World War II. The collection contains approximately 10,000 maps. Many of the maps provide a unique coverage of Eastern Europe; Africa, East Asia, Scandinavia, and the Mediterranean are also represented.

The library also owns several hundred maps of European cities produced during the war by the U.S. Office of Strategic Services. Together, these collections provide an important resource for study of World War II as well as offering topographic mapping for areas not often represented in American map libraries.