



## Grand Canyon National Park Library

Open Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
(Closed for lunch, meetings, and federal holidays)

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### Use of the Library

The library contains a comprehensive collection that represents the body of knowledge created about Grand Canyon and related subjects, including books, periodicals, government documents, reports, pamphlets, CD-ROMs, and videos. The library maintains branches at the North Rim, Desert View, and Phantom Ranch.

The library is open to everyone, free of charge. To visit the Grand Canyon National Park Library walk through the glass doors on the north side of the Park Headquarters lobby. Continue across the courtyard to the northwest corner. Items circulate to National Park Service employees and interns, Volunteers-in-the-Parks, Albright Training Center staff and students, Grand Canyon Semester students, Grand Canyon Unified School District faculty and students, and Grand Canyon Association members. All others may use the library as a reference library or receive its materials through interlibrary loan.

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### Collections

#### Books

The main library and branches house more than 12,000 books on Grand Canyon and related topics.

#### Subjects include:

- General books on Grand Canyon
- Biology and geology of Grand Canyon
- Astronomy
- Grand Canyon history
- Archaeology of Grand Canyon including ancestral cultures
- Native peoples of Grand Canyon—Hopi, Navajo, Zuni, Paiute, Havasupai, and Hualapai
- Hiking at Grand Canyon and surrounding areas
- Grand Canyon and surrounding areas government reports and studies
- Environmental education and interpretation methodology
- General natural history
- National Park Service history and management
- Arizona and Utah history

#### Periodicals

The collection includes nearly 60 current magazine subscriptions, as well as many non-current titles.

#### Additional Collections

- **Vertical File:** A variety of pamphlets including historical materials are arranged using the Dewey Decimal Classification System.
- **Children's Collection:** A children's collection is being assembled similar in scope to the rest of the library.
- **Audio-visual Materials:** More than 500 videos include many exclusively on Grand Canyon. The collection also contains CD-ROMs and phonograph records.
- **Microfiche Collection:** This collection contains archival material covering the administrative history of the park.
- **Rare Book Collection:** This collection contains early works on Grand Canyon. Rare book items may be viewed by appointment.

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## Library Services

### Online Catalog: [www.library.nps.gov](http://www.library.nps.gov)

This unified catalog for all National Park Service libraries serves as the catalog for the Grand Canyon National Park Library. Use the *Limit Field* to specify “Grand Canyon National Park.” The online catalog contains about 80% of the library’s collection. The library also has access to OCLC’s *FirstSearch* which contains an 880 million item catalog and multiple periodical indexes.

**Interlibrary Loan:** The library cooperates with other libraries. We can request and provide materials on a world- wide basis.

**Orientations:** Orientation tours of the library and its services can be arranged by appointment for groups and individuals.

**Teachers and Educators:** You may request materials through interlibrary loan and use the library’s reference services to supplement your resources when preparing to teach your students about Grand Canyon. Your students can also use this service when

researching Grand Canyon for reports.

### Circulation Policy for those with Circulation Privileges (see above)

**Books, videos, CD- ROMs:** The circulation period is 3 weeks. Items can be renewed twice, if no hold exists. Items may be renewed in- person, by e- mail to [Susan\\_Eubank@nps.gov](mailto:Susan_Eubank@nps.gov), or by telephone at 1- 928- 668- 7768.

**Periodicals:** All non- rare periodicals, including bound volumes, will circulate for 2 days.

**Vertical file items, rare book collection items and reference books:** Do not circulate. A copy machine is available for public use.

### Grand Canyon Association Members

**Circulation Policy:** Books, videos, and CD- ROMs circulate for 4 weeks. Periodicals, vertical file items, rare books and reference books do not circulate.

If an item is lost, the patron will be charged the replacement cost of the item plus a \$30.00 service charge.

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## Supporting the Library

- **Volunteer.** Work with staff, patrons, and the collections in preservation, reference, or library support areas. For more information, contact the librarian, or Jon Sudar, Grand Canyon National Park Volunteer Coordinator (1- 928- 638- 7616 or [Jon\\_Sudar@nps.gov](mailto:Jon_Sudar@nps.gov)), to learn about volunteer opportunities.
- **Donate.** The park is always seeking donations to enhance the historic collection. Contact the librarian for information about donating photographs, documents, or other materials.
- **Join the Grand Canyon Association,** a non- profit entity cooperating with the National Park Service to advance educational programs, including the library, to promote understanding and appreciation of the park. For more information contact the GCA at 1- 800- 858- 2808 or their website [www.grandcanyon.org](http://www.grandcanyon.org).
- **Internship.** The librarian would be happy to discuss internship or practicum ideas and opportunities with students enrolled in Library Studies programs.

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## Library History

“Plans were made late in the spring of 1922 to accumulate a Reference Library of literature relating to this Park and the locality. A further development of the library in the shape of a circulating library for the use of permanent forces of the Park and the residents of Grand Canyon was considered possible. A contribution of fifty reference books has been loaned by the Arizona State University Library and individual contributions have been made by Ellsworth L. Kolb of Grand Canyon, Miss H.H. Maddux and Miss Booram of Washington, D.C., Miss Grace Weekly of Marshall, Illinois, and others.”  
*Superintendent’s Annual Report*, Grand Canyon National Park, 1922

By May of 1927, Glenn Sturdevant, the first park naturalist, managed the Reference Library. Edwin D. McKee, his successor, cultivated the library from 1927 until 1951, when Louise Hinchliffe was employed as the clerk/stenographer. One of her duties included managing the library, which she ably accomplished. By the time she retired in 1985, she was officially the “park librarian.” More recently a series of library managers have increased the collection to its current scope.

The library has been housed in different buildings including the school house still standing south of the Xanterra Auto Garage. When Park Headquarters opened in 1957, the library moved there and has resided in several different locations within the building.