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AICPA Library Guide

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The library maintains its own in-house bibliographic database of books, articles and pamphlets which can be searched by subject, author, title, or key word to locate information in the collection. The library also subscribes to other print and electronic indexes to extend and amplify its access to information.

The library's unique collection of historical and current accounting and business literature is heavily used by AICPA members and staff.

The library relocated in September 1995 to the Jersey City, NJ offices of the AICPA and is open without appointment for members who wish to do their own research.

Effective June 1, 1995, the library is open *only* to AICPA members.

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**Library Services Division
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Harborside Financial Center
201 Plaza Three
Jersey City, NJ 07311-3881**

**(800) 862-4272, Department 7
Fax: (201) 938-3955**

Hours:	Monday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
	Tuesday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
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Materials covered in these areas include--

Accountancy profession

historical information... the CPA exam... peer review... career opportunities... women in accountancy... the management, marketing, personnel administration of an accounting firm... government oversight of the profession... directories of state and foreign societies of accountants

Accounting

principles and standards for the U.S. and Canada, U.K. and other foreign countries... management accounting... financial accounting... cost accounting... government contracts accounting... accounting systems and charts of accounts for specific industries and businesses... government/not-for-profit accounting... SEC requirements

Auditing

U.S. and foreign principles and standards... financial auditing... internal auditing... management/operational auditing... EDP auditing... requirements of government agencies (e.g. GAO, OMB)

Taxation

several federal tax services... federal tax cases as far back as the Board of Tax Appeals... revenue rulings... revenue procedures... PLRs... regulations... tax services for each state and Puerto Rico... state and federal tax forms going back more than ten years... taxation in foreign countries

Other subjects included in the collection are--

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Reference assistance and book loans

A librarian will research your request for relevant information. We answer requests ranging from specific information such as stock quotes* or foreign exchange rates* to broader subject requests such as how to value a dental practice or accounting for bankruptcy. If requested, publications on specific topics will be loaned.* If the library does not have information relating to your question, we will refer you, when possible, to other sources of information. The library does not provide tax research, but can supply copies of specific tax rulings, court cases, Internal Revenue Code sections and articles on tax topics.

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The library has access to hundreds of databases which we will search for you upon request. Information retrieved may include bibliographic citations, abstracts, full text articles or court cases, financial information, statistics, or tax decisions/rulings.

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Other Resources

Accountants' Index

The *Accountants' Index*, published from 1920 to 1991, was prepared by AICPA library staff. Beginning in 1992, a new quarterly index became available from UMI/Data Courier. Entitled *Accounting & Tax Index*, it includes catalog records for books and pamphlets in the AICPA library. For more information call UMI Customer Service at (800) 521-0600, ext. 2734.

Accountants Database

The *Accountants Database*, covering 1974 to 1991, was incorporated into the UMI/Data Courier on-line file, *Accounting & Tax Database*. It became available on Dialog, on File 485, as of August 1992. AICPA library catalog records for books and pamphlets are included on an ongoing basis. This File is updated weekly, and it also contains abstracts of journal articles and some full text articles. In addition, UMI produces *Accounting & Tax Ondisc*, a CD-ROM product released in 1993. It is updated monthly. For more information call UMI at (800) 626-2823.