

pository Libraries were unrealistic for the demands of electronic spatial data. CUAC's recommendations, compiled by members Donna Koepp and Melissa Lamont, were sent to Gil Baldwin, Chief, Library Division, U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) and have since been published in the *Administrative Notes*, the Federal Depository Library Program's newsletter, as "Spatial Data Supplement to Recommended Minimum Specifications for Public Access Work Stations in Federal Depository Libraries." (*Administrative Notes*, v.17-#08-06/15/96, p.14-15. □

FREE LIBRARY of PHILADELPHIA MAP COLLECTION

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The Map Collection of the Free Library of Philadelphia houses the most comprehensive collection of maps and geographically related reference sources in the Philadelphia area. Within the collection can be found over 130,000 current and historical maps covering every area of the world, hundreds of reference sources in the fields of cartography, cartobibliography, geography, history, place names and map librarianship, and a collection of city plans worldwide.

Because the Map Collection is contained within a large public library, our patrons constitute a diverse group of users. Over the course of a year, the collection is used by students (mostly undergraduate and graduate), architects, city planners, urban historians, genealogists, hikers, travelers, businesses of various types, lawyers and others. One particular group,

environmental consultants, has made increasing use of the collection over the past few years.

Current regulations place responsibility for environmental violations with the property owner of record. Because of this designated responsibility, current and potential property owners must demonstrate that they have performed "due diligence" in investigating past use of their property for potential environmental hazards (the vast majority of these investigations involve commercial property). Because most commercial property transactions involve a lending institution, they are often the agent for the investigation. Banks typically contract the site analysis to a local environmental consulting firm.

The Map Collection, over the past few years, has made a deliberate effort to provide a wide variety of cartographic resources for those firms performing the site surveys. Much of the material used has been acquired over the years while additional resources have been purchased to further expand our holdings in this area. At this point in time, the Free Library has become known as the cartographic resource location for environmental consultants performing site surveys in the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

A typical historical site survey may involve a variety of materials. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps are almost always consulted (both current and older editions). Even earlier city, county and regional real estate atlases may also be searched. Historical industrial site plans and land use maps have also proven to be very useful. Contemporary and back-date aerial photographs have become an integral part of site investigations and our coverage is expanding as the need grows. To round out the site analysis, flood, wetlands, geology and hydrology maps are often viewed.

In the future, the Map Collection hopes to expand its geographic coverage for these resources as the need arises. We also hope to work with this constituency to obtain new reproduction equipment which in turn will enable us to serve them even better. The collection is open 9:00 A. M.-5:00 P. M., Monday through Friday. □

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY MAP COLLECTION

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When you live in a town called Normal, people just cannot resist making jokes or asking silly questions. Is Normal a real place? Are the people there really normal? Is anything there abnormal? Must be a dull place — everything is normal! One thing in Normal, however, that is definitely not normal is the Illinois State University Map Collection.

Illinois State University is a campus of about 19,300 students; approximately 85% are undergraduates and 15% are graduate students. The university is served by one main library; the current library facility was built in 1976. Milner Library's public service areas include the General Reference and Documents division along with four subject divisions, Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences, and Education.

The Map Collection is housed in the Social Sciences division on the fourth floor of the library. Reference service for the collection is provided at the Social Science reference desk, adjacent to the collection. Additional maps in microform and on compact disk are held in the government documents collection on the second floor of