Demystifying Government Publications

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  - LexisNexis Congressional ([http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp](http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp)) This database indexes publications from the legislative branch from 1789-present.
  - NTIS ([http://www.engineeringvillage2.com/controller/servlet/Controller?CID=quickSearch&database=4](http://www.engineeringvillage2.com/controller/servlet/Controller?CID=quickSearch&database=4)) This database indexes government-funded technical reports (1964-present) collected by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). The library has the majority of the items in this collection, but most of them are not in Chinook.