

# NOAO Library

## Archival Finding Aid

### Observatory Publications

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#### Introduction to the Collection

The NOAO Libraries (NOAO-Tucson and La Serena) have collections of observatory publications from around the world, including Bulletins, Communications, Contributions, Leaflets, Newsletters, Reprints, Publications, and Special Series.

#### Cataloging

Call numbers for observatory publications begin with QB4.

The second line of the call number begins with an alphabet letter that corresponds to either the observatory name or its location. For example,

QB4

.W31 = Washburn Observatory

QB4

.S284 = Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea

Barcodes for these items begin with either TOP (Tucson Observatory Publications) or LSOP (La Serena Observatory Publications), followed by a number. The observatory publications are numbered in consecutive order as they are processed.

#### Documentation

Information on NOAO Library observatory publications was recorded on Kardex cards in a catalog located just inside the NOAO Library–Tucson main entrance. In 2015/2016, the card records were transferred to the library online catalog. The Kardex cards for these publications are available from Sharon. The library catalog records are brief records, containing information on call number, institution, title, place of publication, preceding/succeeding entry, NOAO holdings, and location. They are not complete catalog records.

#### Location and Access

NOAO Library–Tucson/KPNO

- Some of the observatory publications are located on the main floor in the QB4 section; library catalog records for these publications give their location as “Nonfiction.”
- Kitt Peak National Observatory and Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory publications are located in the NOAO History and Reports section on the main floor.
- Most observatory publications are stored in a separate locked area; please see Sharon for access. Library catalog records for these publications give their location as “Observatory Publications.”

NOAO Library–La Serena/CTIO

- Contact either Sharon or the NOAO Library–La Serena directly for information on the La Serena/CTIO, collection of observatory publications.