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In 1829, a British scientist, James Smithson, left his estate, including $500,000 in gold, a collection of minerals, and his scientific library to the United States to promote the “increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.” Established in 1846, the Smithsonian Institution supports scientific research, maintains numerous museums, research, and publication facilities. The Smithsonian publishes books, magazines, and catalogs related to the collections. The monthly *Smithsonian* magazine contains articles on science, the arts, history, and the results of special research studies. The Smithsonian museums offer numerous programs for children and families to cultivate curiosity and foster learning.
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**Government Documents:**

- **Handbook of North American Indians:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 1.20
- **Handbook of South American Indians:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 2.3
- **Smithsonian Contributions To Anthropology:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 1.33
- **Smithsonian Contributions To Paleobiology:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 1.30
- **Smithsonian Contributions To The Earth Sciences:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 1.26
- **Smithsonian Contributions To Zoology:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 1.27
- **Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 1.7
- **Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 2.3
- **Annual Report of the American Historical Association:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 4.1
- **Annual Report of the U.S. National Museum:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 3.1
- **Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution:** U.S.DOCUMENT; SI 1.1

**Websites:**

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