

FINDING INFORMATION IN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS DIGESTS*

When doing research, you will often need up-to-date information or first-hand reports on either past or present events. Newspapers are the best sources for:

1. **current events and historical events**
2. **public reaction**
3. **trends of present or past opinion**

Material published in newspapers is found by using **newspaper indexes** in either print or electronic format. The newspaper indexes in paper format are organized alphabetically in the Abstracts and Indexes section of the Reference Department. The electronic indexes, including **Lexis-Nexis Academic** and the **Historical New York Times**, may be accessed through the database section of the library web site. **News digests** are useful for locating summaries or determining the dates of particular events. They can be found by their call numbers in the Reference Department.

NEWSPAPER INDEXES

Print **New York Times Index**. 1851 to date.

The *New York Times*, published since 1851, is known as the "newspaper of record" for the United States. This index provides detailed subject access to all articles of significant news, editorial matter, and special features published in the newspaper. Subject headings are arranged alphabetically, and individual entries are grouped chronologically under each subject. Because the citations are arranged chronologically under topics, the index can also serve as a day-by-day record of the development of a particular event. The index is issued biweekly, quarterly and an annual accumulation. Obituaries are listed under DEATHS and movie reviews under MOTION PICTURES – REVIEWS.

SAMPLE ENTRY

Subject Heading	_____	AKSO Salt
		Akzo Salt Inc. appoints Harry A. Burns executive vice president and chief operations officer (S) S 25, D, 4:5 _____ Column
Indicates length of the article		Date Section Page
		AL. Use American League _____ use this heading AL-AKSA Mosque (Jerusalem) See Also Middle East, JI 19, 22
		_____ look under this subject for these dates

Database **Historical New York Times**. 1851 - 2005.

The Historical New York Times provides indexing, citations, and full text articles from all issues of the New York Times since its beginning in 1851. All of the original articles, advertisements, and illustrations are included. The database is available through ProQuest.

Print **The Christian Science Monitor Index**. 1970 - 2006.

The Christian Science Monitor is noted for its objectivity in covering topics of national and international interest. This index provides indexing to all articles in the newspaper. It is issued in monthly, quarterly, and an annual cumulation. Indexed material includes news items, feature articles, editorials, commentaries, sports articles, business and financial news, and reviews of books, theater, and movies. The daily religious column is not indexed.

Database **Lexis-Nexis Academic**. Mid-1970s to date.

Lexis-Nexis Academic is an online database of over 5000 titles covering the areas of news, business and finance, law, politics and government, and biographical information. Included are full text newspapers, journals, magazines, SEC filings and other corporate information, legal sources such as federal and state laws, and industry and market news.

Print **The Los Angeles Times Index**. 1988 - 2006.

The Los Angeles Times provides news from the West Coast and international events in the Pacific Rim. This index provides abstracts and indexing of all significant articles in the newspaper. It is issued in monthly, quarterly, and an annual cumulation. Indexed material includes news items, feature articles, editorials, obituaries, sports articles, commentaries, business and financial news, and reviews of books, movies, music, and theater.

Database **Newspaper Source**. (Years of coverage vary by title.)

Newspaper Source provides cover-to-cover full text for 20 national (U.S.) & international newspapers and selected full text for more than 230 regional (U.S.) newspapers. The database also contains full text television & radio news transcripts from CBS, FOX News, NPR, etc.

Print **The Wall Street Journal Index**. 1958 to date.

This index provides abstracts and comprehensive indexing of all articles in the 3-Star Eastern Edition. It is issued in monthly, quarterly, and an annual cumulative volume. The index is divided into two parts -- **Corporate News** and **General News**. Corporate News includes abstracts of all articles about companies. In corporate earnings reports, per share profits are shown in parentheses immediately following the net income figure. Personal names, organizational names (non-corporate), product names, and geographical headings are all treated as subject headings in the General News section. Material concerning foreign countries is indexed by country name and under appropriate topical, personal, organizational and corporate subject headings. An index to Barron's National Business and Financial Weekly is included in the back on green pages.

Print **The Washington Post Index**. 1988 to date.

The Washington Post is considered the "Capitol Newspaper" because it contains reports of events in Congress, on Capitol Hill, and in politics generally. This index provides abstracts and comprehensive indexing of all significant articles in the newspaper. It is issued in monthly, quarterly, and an annual cumulation. Indexed material includes news and feature articles, editorials, obituaries, commentaries, sports articles, business and financial news, and reviews of books, movies, and theater. Names of prominent staff writers and columnists are indexed.

WHERE TO FIND NEWSPAPERS

Current newspapers are located on the rotating rack on the main floor of the library. Back issues are on shelves located on the Court Level near the microfilm readers. The newspapers on microfilm are located on the Court Level at the beginning of the periodicals collection. They are arranged alphabetically by title.

NEWS DIGESTS

R **Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report.** 1971 to date.

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This publication describes congressional and political activities and developments of the previous week. Use it to identify how particular House and Senate members voted, the status of a bill, and for information on committees and lobbies. Check the table of contents on the back of each issue or the index (yellow pages), which appears every three months.

R **CQ Researcher.** 1990 to date. (Formerly **Editorial Research Reports.** 1964-1990)

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This research service reports and analyzes current issues of national significance. Each weekly report contains a brief summary on the front cover, a several page report, thorough footnotes, and a supplementary reading list. Each year, the reports are bound as a hardcover volume with a cumulative index for the decade.

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