

How to find Newspapers

Libraries

- Smaller libraries will often hold copies, in print or microfilm or digital, of their local paper
- Larger libraries, especially those with regional history collections, may have historical newspapers for the region
- University libraries often hold large collections of newspapers
- National libraries often hold repository collections of newspapers, usually for the whole country
- Historical Societies often have libraries of local materials including newspapers

Most libraries have online access to their catalogues. Some smaller libraries have regional library systems that coordinate online access. National library catalogues sometimes also provide access to a national catalogue. Just remember, even if it doesn't show up in the catalogue, it may still be worth a query.

Try searching in the catalogue for the name of the place and the subject Newspapers (for example "Calgary newspapers") using a Keyword search. This will usually pull up any variations in the subject heading.

Libraries also often hold directories of newspapers that can help to narrow down your search. For example (all are reference):

Ulrich's Periodicals Directory 050.16 ULR (4 volumes)

A Historical Directory of Manitoba Newspapers 1859-1978 071.127 LOV

Alberta Newspapers, 1880-1982 071.123 STR

New Brunswick Newspaper Directory, 1783-1988 071.151016 NEW

Inventory of Ontario Newspapers 1793-1896 011.3509713 INV

Local Newspapers 1750-1920; England, Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man 929.341 GIB 2002

Online lists

U.S. Newspaper Program <http://www.neh.gov/projects/usnp.html> Lists organizations that have received funding for the digitization of newspapers, by state.

Newspapers at Library and Archives Canada <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/newspapers-at-lac/index-e.html> (Also includes a list of indexes to Canadian newspapers)

Cyndi's List Newspapers <http://www.cyndislist.com/newspapr.htm>

Family Search – www.familysearch.org (search the library with a place name and 'newspapers')

Online Newspapers – Free Sites

E-Library at Calgary Public Library (*History and Genealogy and Newspapers*) free with library card

Chronicling American (US) Library of Congress <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> - includes images

French Canadian Newspapers: an Essential Source (Library and Archives Canada) <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/canadian-newspapers-french/index-e.html>

Our Future Our Past – Early Alberta Newspapers www.ourfutureourpast.ca/newspapr

Peel's Prairie Provinces <http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/newspapers/>

Australian Newspapers 1803-1954 <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

Google News Archive <http://news.google.com/archivesearch>

British Newspapers 1800-1900 (can limit your search to free content)
<http://newspapers.bl.uk/blcs/>

Indexes

Library catalogues

Checklist of Indexes (Library and Archives Canada) <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/newspapers-at-lac/035005-2000-e.html>

Genealogical Societies

Independent researchers (for example "The Recents" for Alberta newspapers (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~abwcobit/>))

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