Welcome to the Pitt Libraries “Ask Us” series. In this video, you will learn how to access newspaper articles and other sources from news media outlets.

Through the library’s subscriptions to news sources from around the world, you have the option to search for content from specific time periods or geographic locations. There are two ways to approach finding newspaper articles: through a specific title, or through browsing for a broader topic.

If there is a specific newspaper you’re interested in searching, the Journal Finder tool within PittCat is still the best starting point. The Pitt Libraries have an Ask Us video that fully outlines using the Journal Finder tool if your inquiry is centered around a particular publication.

If you are approaching the process of finding newspaper articles based more broadly on a topic, well let’s get into it! We have prepared a “Newspapers @ Pitt” research guide as a starting point for you. The guide is organized with helpful tabs that feature different points of access to our newspaper subscriptions, based on the types of sources you’re seeking. To begin, you’ll need to make some basic decisions to narrow your focus.

For your first decision-point, take a moment and consider if you are interested in newspapers from a specific geographic area, whether local, national, or international.

For example, if you want to find information focused on local people, news, or events, you might select the “Pittsburgh & Regional Newspapers” tab and then choose the link to one of the newspapers listed.

“Search:

- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
  - ProQuest Database Access (1786-2003)
  - PressReader Database Access (most recent 3 months)
  - Post-Gazette Website (visitors can read up to 10 free articles)
  - Microfilm Holdings
    - August 2, 1927 - April 24, 1960, January 1, 1978 - 2016

- Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Sign-in through Pitt Passport in order to search for your topic.

Browse articles and set limits in order to focus-in on what you need, then download specific article PDFs that will inform your research.

You can apply that same thought process by considering whether you need content generated from certain countries, focused on particular communities, or historical time periods.
There are multiple entry points to the library’s newspaper subscriptions. The tabs on the “Newspapers @ Pitt” guide provide opportunities for you to access newspaper content based on what you need.

You now have a starting point for considering the types of news sources you need to access and how to tap into the library subscriptions that will fulfill those needs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via chat, text, or email as you’re exploring news sources and we would be happy to assist you.