



COMMUNICATIONS News Writing Public Affairs Reporting

A SELECTIVE GUIDE TO LIBRARY RESOURCES

This guide contains a bibliography of titles and electronic resources that will assist students in locating materials for the Communications courses, News Writing and Public Affairs Reporting. This guide is general in its approach to finding materials and resources housed in the F. D. Bluford Library and identifying and finding resources that may be on the Internet. It is not meant to be comprehensive. This guide is meant to help students organize their research as well as to give them tips on research strategy. Please come to the Reference Desk and talk with a Reference Librarian for assistance if needed.

Using the INNOPAC

Establishing what resources F.D. Library owns on your subject should be your first priority. To do this, you must search the INNOPAC, the online public access catalog (OPAC). The INNOPAC can be searched via the original, text based interface or via the web browser interface. Both versions can be accessed from the library, any campus computer lab or from off campus via remote access. The INNOPAC can be searched by AUTHOR, TITLE, KEYWORD, JOURNAL TITLE, and SUBJECT HEADING. Do a keyword search if you do not know a specific title or a standardized subject heading.

Beginning Your Research

Use encyclopedias, handbooks, of dictionaries. Overviews or definitions of your topics are presented in concise entries or articles. More in depth analysis of your topic can be obtained from the bibliographies at the end of the articles or entries. The table of contents or index should be consulted for your topic.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Encyclopedias are also a good place to start, especially if you are unfamiliar with the topic. Articles in encyclopedias are often written by recognized authorities and tend to provide established facts and ideas about the topic, its history, basic theories, and important persons who have written related articles. Also, most encyclopedia articles close with a bibliography that may help you to establish your literature search.

Note: When using encyclopedias, first consult the index volume, usually the last volume of the set. This will tell you if your topic has an article devoted entirely to it or if it is discussed within an article on a related subject.

Encyclopedia of Associations - A&T Ref AS2.E5 1999

Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance – A&T Ref HF5381.E52 1997

Encyclopedia of Television - A&T Ref PN1992.18 .E53 1997

Encyclopedia of Television, Cable and Video – A&T Ref P87.5.R44 1991

Encyclopedia of Television News – A&T Ref PN 4888.T4 .E53 1999

History of the Mass Media in the United States: an Encyclopedia – A&T Ref P92.U5 .H55 1998

Prime Time Religion: an Encyclopedia of Religious Broadcasting – A&T Stacks BV656.M45 1997

BIOGRAPHIES, YEARBOOKS, HANDBOOKS and DICTIONARIES

Biographies, yearbooks and handbooks and dictionaries can help you throughout your research by providing quick, factual information that you may need to support your ideas. Dictionaries provide brief entries that are quick and helpful sources for the definition or identification of a term, movement, or person in political science.

American National Biography – A&T Ref CT213 A68
Biography and Genealogy Master Index – A&T Ref CT214B4995
Broadcasting and Cable Yearbook – A&T Ref HE 8689.B77 1997
Career Guide:Dun's Employment Opportunities Directory – A&T Ref HF5382.5.U5.D86
Dictionary of Communication and Media Studies – A&T Ref P87.5.W38 1997
Dictionary of Media Literacy – A&T Ref P91.3.S527 1997
Handbook on Mass Media in the United States: the Industry and Its Audiences - A&T Ref P92.U5.H361994 1994
Literary Journalism: a Biographical Dictionary of Writers and Editors – A&T Ref PN4820.A66 1996
Occupational Outlook Handbook – A&T Ref HF5382.5U5036
Who's Who Among African Americans – A&T Ref E185.96W56
Who's Who in America – A&T E176 W642

BOOKS

The Complete Idiot's Almanac of Business Letters and Memos – A&T Ref HF57518.3 G674
A Guide to Preparing Cost Effective Press Releases – A&T Stacks HD59.L64 1993
Mass Media Writing – A&T Stacks P96.A86.P37 1992
Media Writing: Preparing Information for the Mass Media – A&T Stacks PN4781.N344 1988
The More You Watch, the Less You Know: News Wars – A&T Stacks P90.S337 1997
News: Reporting and Writing – A&T Stacks PN4781.L67 1996
On Media Violence – A&T Stacks P96.V5.P68 1999
The Politics of News: the News of Politics – A&T Stacks P95.8.P655 1998
What the People Want From the Press – A&T Stacks PN4888.S6.S55 1997
When Good Journalists Do Bad Things [Videorecording] – A&T LRC PN4888.E8.W44 1994
Women in Mass Communication – A&T Stacks P94.5.W65.W67 1993

Library Resources for Finding Journal Articles and News Stories

Books, handbooks, and encyclopedias do not contain the most recent research on your topic. You should consider using the print and/or electronic indexes for this current research. To obtain a comprehensive bibliography, you may need to consult more than one index or format.

PRINT INDEXES AND NEWS SOURCES

Business Periodicals Index – A&T Ref Indexes Z7164.C81
CQ Researcher – A&T Ref H35.E35
Facts on File – A&T Ref D410.F3
Public Affairs Information Service – A&T Ref Indexes
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature – A&T Ref Indexes

ELECTRONIC INDEXES

AP Multimedia Archive
Biography Resource Center
Current Biography Illustrated
Discovering Careers and Jobs (CD-ROM)
Ethnic Newswatch
Lexis Nexis Academic
LexisNexis Current Issues
Mergent Online (formerly FIS Online)

Newsbank
PAIS International (Public Affairs Information Service)
SAGE Full-Text Collections
Wilson Omnifile
NC LIVE
Academic Search Full Text Elite (EBSCO HOST)
Communication and Mass Media Complete (EBSCO HOST)
MasterFILE Premier (EBSCOHOST)
Info Trac Custom Newspapers
Newspaper Source (EBSCO HOST)
ProQuest Newspapers (ProQuest)

CD-ROMs are located in F.D. Bluford Library and are available on the stand-alone workstations. You must reserve time on a workstation by signing the clipboard at the Reference Desk. You cannot access them from home. If you want to search databases from a remote sight, connect to F.D. Bluford Library's homepage: <http://www.library.ncat.edu>. and search its electronic databases.

JOURNALS

Broadcasting & Cable
Business Communications Review
Communication Arts
Communication Education
Communication Monographs
Communication Quarterly
Communication World
Communications
Communications News
Critical Studies in Mass Communication
CQ Weekly Report
Educational Communication and Technology
General Linguistics
International Review of Applied Linguistics
Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media
Journal of Communication
Journalism Educator
Journalism Quarterly-Surface Mail
Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts
Public Relations Journal
Public Relations Quarterly
Public Relations Review
Sightlines-(American Film & Video Association)
Southern Communication Journal
Telecommunications
Telecommunications (International Edition)
Vital Speeches of the Day
Writer-Boston

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alliance for Community Media <http://www.alliancecm.org/>
American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) <http://www.asne.org>
Asian Media Information & Communication Centre <http://www.amic.org.sg/>
Association for Progressive Communications <http://www.apc.org/english/>
Association for Women in Communications <http://www.womcom.org/>
Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom <http://keywords.dsvr.co.uk/freepress/index.html>

Center for Investigative Reporting <http://www.muckraker.org/>
Fund for Investigative Journalism <http://fij.org/>
International Association of Business Communicators <http://www.iabc.com>
International Institute of Communications <http://www.iicom.org/>
National Cable Telecommunications Association <http://www.ncta.com/>
Newspaper Association of America <http://www.naa.org/>
Women in Cable and Telecommunications <http://www.wict.org/>

Internet News Sites

Use Netscape or Internet Explorer to search any of the following search engines for news related stories

Alta Vista <http://news.altavista.com/>
Excite Headline News <http://news.excite.com/index.html>
Lycos News <http://news.lycos.com/>
Northwest Builders Network, World & National News <http://www.nwbuildnet.com/nwbn/news.html>
Yahoo News http://dir.yahoo.com/News_and_Media/

Newspapers

American Reporter <http://www.american-reporter.com/>
College Newspapers Online http://www.studyworld.com/college_newspapers_online.htm
Editor & Publisher <http://www.mediainfo.com>
Library of Congress-Newspaper and Periodical Reading Room <http://lcweb.loc.gov/global/ncp/ncp.html>
Los Angeles (CA) Times <http://www.latimes.com>
MediaFinder from Oxbridge Communications <http://www.mediafinder.com/index.cfm>
Nando Times <http://www.nandotimes.com/>
National Enquirer <http://www.nationalenquirer.com/>
Newsdirectory.com <http://www.ecola.com/>
NewsLibrary <http://www.newslibrary.com/>
Newslink <http://www.newslink.org>
Newspaper Archives on the Web <http://www.ibiblio.org/slanews/internet/archives.html>
The Pulitzer Prizes <http://www.pulitzer.org/index.html>
San Diego Daily Transcript <http://www.sddt.com/>
University Wire <http://www.uwire.com/>
USA Today <http://www.usatoday.com/>
Wall Street Journal Interactive Edition <http://wsj.com/>
WashingtonPost.com <http://washingtonpost.com/>

News Wires

7am News Free Wire <http://www.7am.com/wires/freewire.htm>
Agence France Presse (AFP) <http://www.afp.com>
AP Update_Newsday.com <http://www.newsday.com/ap/topnewsx.htm>
Associated Press News <http://customwire.ap.org/dynamic/fronts/HOME>
Athens News <http://www.athensnews.gr/>
Baltic News Service <http://www.bns.ee/>
BNS Lithuania <http://www.bns.it/>
Business Wire <http://www.businesswire.com/>
Canada News Wire Ltd. <http://www.newswire.ca/>
ClariNet <http://www.clari.net/>
Drudge Report <http://www.drudgereport.com/>
Federal News Service <http://www.fns.org/>
Global Internet News Agency (GINA) <http://www.webreference.com/headlines/gina/>
Israel News Agency <http://www.leyden.net/distortednews.html>
Infocity, Italia <http://www.infocity.it/>
International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) <http://www.ibb.gov/>

Iran Islamic Republic News Agency <http://www.irna.com>
PBS Online <http://www.pbs.org>
PR Newswire Home Page <http://www.prnewswire.com/>
Reuters <http://www.reuters.com>
TASS.NET <http://www.tass.net/>
United Nations Foundation UNWire <http://www.unfoundation.org/unwire/index.asp>
The Washington Post <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

US Newswires

AlterNet <http://www.alternet.org/>
Associated Press <http://www.ap.org/>
Scripps Howard News Service <http://www.shns.com/>
US Newswire <http://www.usnewswire.com/topnews/current.htm>
United Press International (UPI) <http://www.upi.com/>
University of California NewsWire <http://www.ucnewswire.org/>
Voice of America <http://www.voa.gov/>
Wireless Flash <http://flashnews.com>

U.S. News

ABCNEWS.com US <http://abcnews.go.com/sections/us/>
California San Diego Headline News <http://www.primenews.com/>
CNN <http://www.cnn.com>
FOX News <http://www.foxnews.com/>
MSNBC <http://www.msnbc.com/news/>
Time.com <http://www.time.com/time>
U.S. News & World Report Online <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/home.htm>
USA Today <http://www.usatoday.com/>
Voice of America <http://www.voa.gov/>
White House News/Briefing Room <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/>

World News

ABCNEWS.com International <http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/>
Africa Online <http://www.africaonline.com/>
Al-jazeera-news <http://al-jazeera-news.com/>
AllAfrica.com <http://allafrica.com/>
Arabic News <http://www.arabicnews.com/ansub/index.html>
Asia Pacific News <http://www.asiapacificnews.com/>
Asia Times <http://www.asiatimes.com/>
Australian Broadcasting Corporation News <http://www.abc.net.au/news/>
BBC News <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>
The Black World Today <http://www.tbwt.com>
CAMERA <http://www.camera.org/>
Canada.com <http://www.canada.com/>
Central Europe Online <http://www.europeaninternet.com/centraleurope/>
China News Digest <http://www.cnd.org/>
CNN World <http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/>
EIN: Russia Today <http://www.europeaninternet.com/russia/>
European Internet Network <http://www.europeaninternet.com/>
FOX News <http://www.foxnews.com/>
Inside China Today <http://www.europeaninternet.com/china/>
Interfax International <http://www.interfax-news.com/>
International Herald Tribune <http://www.iht.com/>
ITN Online <http://www.itn.co.uk>

This Is London (London Evening Standard) <http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/>
MSNBC <http://www.msnbc.com/news/>
One World Online <http://www.oneworld.net/>
Press Association NewsCentre <http://www.pa.press.net/>
Palestine-Palestine Ministry of Information <http://www.minfo.gov.ps/>
Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty <http://www.rferl.org/>
Teletext on the Web <http://www.teletext.co.uk/>
Time.com <http://www.time.com/time/world/>
Times/Sunday Times <http://www.Sunday-times.co.uk/>
Toronto Star <http://www.thestar.com/>
U.S. Department of State Press and Public Affairs <http://www.state.gov/press/>
United Arab Emirates-Khaleej Times Daily <http://www.khaleejtimes.co.ae/>
United Nations News Centre <http://www.un.org/News/>
Voice of America <http://www.voa.gov/>
Washington File <http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/products/washfile.html>
Washington Post-World <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/world/>
World Business Review <http://www.wbrtv.com/>
World Radio Network Online <http://www.wrn.org/>

Internet Sites for Mass Media

AJR: American Journalism Review <http://www.ajr.org/>
FAIR: Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting <http://www.fair.org/> contains criticism of media performance.
Foundation for American Communication: FACSNET <http://www.facsnet.org/> offers an array of services including Top Issues and summaries of the most recent decisions by the US Supreme Court
Internet Tools and Resources for Journalists <http://www.journalism.sfsu.edu/www/internet/internet.htm>
Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc. <http://www.ire.org/> is a grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of investigative reporting within the field of journalism.
Journalism Resources <http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/journalism/> offers a dozen practical categories related to journalism
National Press Club Online <http://npc.press.org/> offers categories that represent standard news values
NewsLink <http://www.newslink.org> reviews the current state of affairs in U.S. journalism
NewsWatch: A Consumer's Guide to the News <http://www.newswatch.org/> offers the news behind the news
Radio Days <http://www.otr.com/index.html> houses archives of entire shows
RobertNiles.com, Finding Data on the Internet: A Journalist's Guide <http://www.robertniles.com/> consists of "finding data" and "statistics every writer should know"; a one-stop site for journalists
Television News Archive: Vanderbilt University <http://tvnews.Vanderbilt.edu> allows user to study the history of the latter part of the 20th century
World Statesmen <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Senate/2785/>

News Services –Local

Carolina Peacemaker <http://www.carolinapeacemaker.com/>
Charlotte Observer Online <http://www.news-observer.com/>
High Point Enterprise <http://www.hpe.com/>
NC Newspapers <http://www.ncpress.com/ncnewspaperonline.html>
News & Record Online <http://www.news-record.com/>
Winston-Salem Journal <http://www.journalnow.com/>

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The Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual – A&T Ready Ref PN4783.A83 1994
Harbrace College Handbook – A&T Ready Ref PE1112.H6 1998

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