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International News Resources Assessment Project



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Hello!

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Project Overview

- Explore the kinds of news content the library is able to provide
- More effectively document the process of acquiring international news resources
- Have a better of understanding of the news landscape internationally

*In the nonstop tsunami of **global information**, librarians provide us with floaties and teach us to swim.*



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15,000

Number of 'News Sources' research guide page views in the last year





Objectives

- Become more readily able to describe the scope of the international news content provided by the library
- Better able to articulate campus needs in regard to news content
- Better documentation of the library's current practices in terms of acquiring news content from all over the world



What I Worked On

- Comparative evaluation of other university research guides
- Use case brief
- Survey
- Interviews
- News content 'watchlist'
- Executive summary



Challenges

- ◉ What kind of questions should be asked?
- ◉ What is the best method of organizing the library's international news content?
- ◉ Visualizing Survey Results
- ◉ Qualtrics



Solutions

Creativity

- ◉ Brainstorm new search and organization tools

Compare and contrast other academic library guides

- ◉ How do other institutions organize their news content?

Utilize content selectors

- ◉ Interview International and Asian Studies librarians

Research Guides
University of Michigan Library | Research Guides | News Sources | Getting Started

News Sources
Recommended resources and search tips for finding news in a variety of formats. Includes how to find international newspapers, historical newspapers, articles with a particular viewpoint, how to evaluate sources, and much more.

Getting Started

General News Databases - Highly Recommended
Recommendation current events and topics in the news
What if UM doesn't have what you need?

International News Sources
Historical News Sources
References to historical newspaper articles

Closing files
Local News Source
Beyond Print

"The New York Times" and "Washington Post"
News Content for "Real Time"
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About the News Media

About This Guide

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Need a particular item? Check the library catalog

Use Library Catalog Search to look up something like:
"Do a 'journalist name'" search for the name of the journalist

When to Find Newspapers in the Library

- The UM Library acquires recent issues (usually five last two months) of some papers in print. Older issues are kept on microfilm, available only in digital form.
- Microfilm: The Serials and Microforms Department (S&M) at the Hatcher Graduate Library has the microfilm and microfiche. Search the library catalog for the newspaper title to see what we have, regardless of format.

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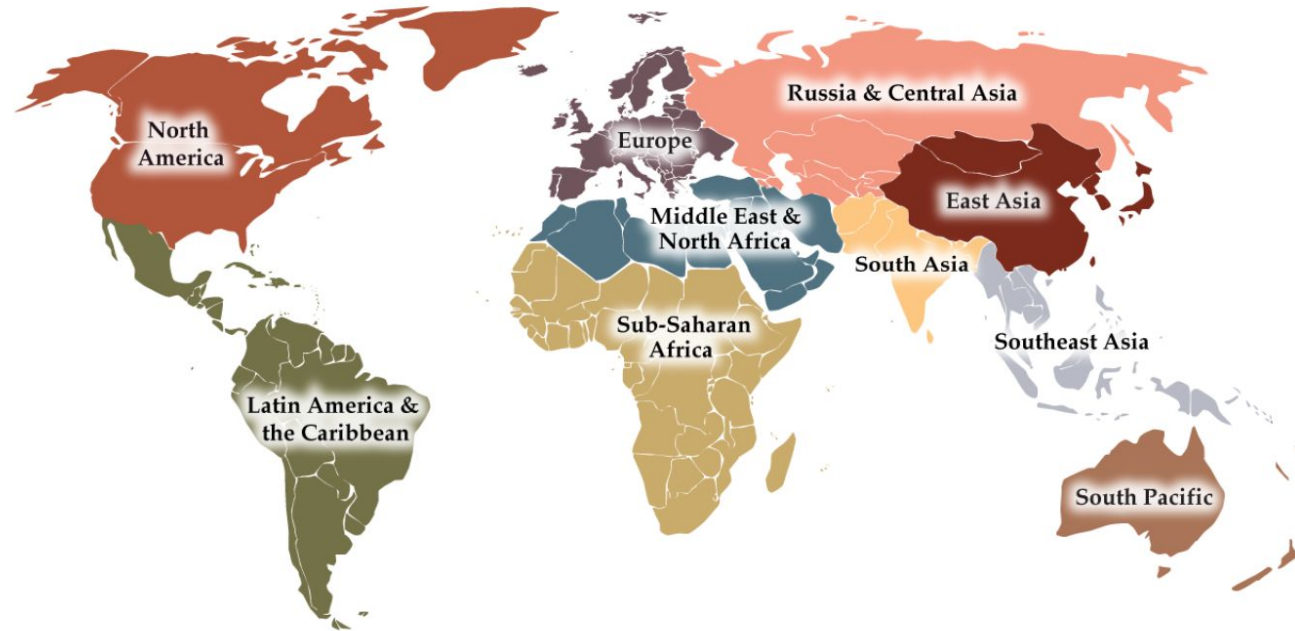
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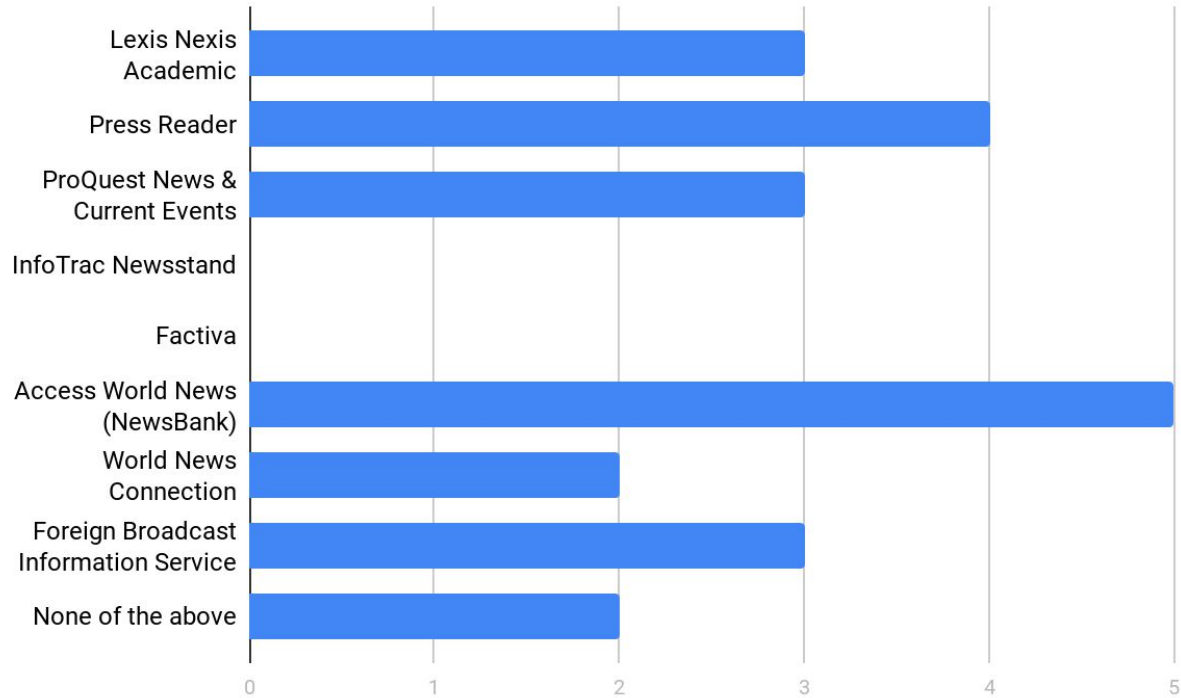
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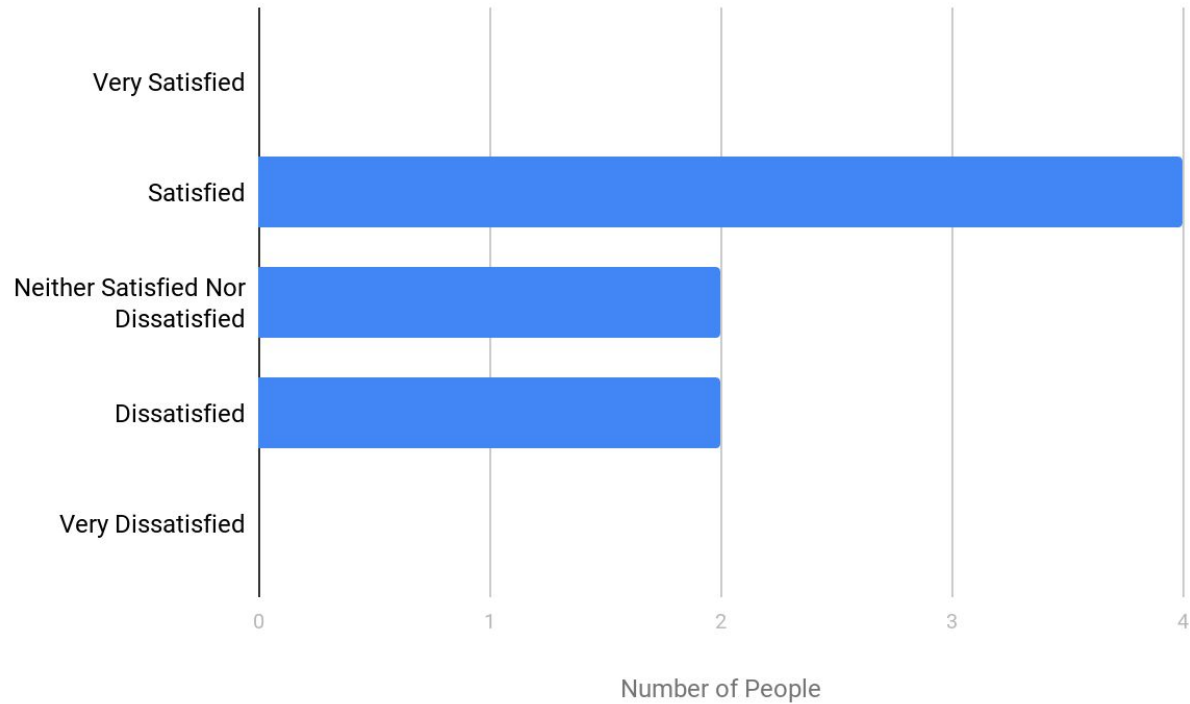
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Most Helpful News Aggregator Databases





Satisfaction with library's news content offerings (in their area)





Conclusions & Findings

- U-M Library is able to provide the most widely utilized news resources across a wide range of regions and countries
- Issues with acquiring new news content stem from third-party vendors who...
 - Prohibit their content from being distributed due to factors such as copyright claim
 - Do not offer what patrons need or censor their content
- Each academic library has its own unique organization system that suits the needs of the university's patrons.



Lessons Learned

- ◉ An understanding of the organization, scale, services, and work within itself in the U-M Library
- ◉ How International Studies and Asia Library librarians each work to acquire news content, manage their resources, and make them discoverable for patrons
- ◉ Project Management Skills
- ◉ Professional Communication



Potential Next Steps

- Continue updating the news resources guides
- Propose ideas for new search tools
- Continually update 'Watch List' with news content that could be important in the future



Thanks!

Any **questions** ?