

# International News Resources Assessment Project



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# Hello!

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## Project Overview

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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### **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**  
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**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 Sources**

**Beyond Print**

**"The Insider" and Web Mining**

**News Content for Text Mining**

**"Specialized" News Databases**

**About the News Media**

**About This Guide**

**Shannon's Profile**



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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 articles recent issues (usually the last few months) of some papers in print. Older issues are kept on microfilm, available only in digital form. The Services and Materials Request (SMR) the Hatcher Graduate Library for microfilm and microfiche. Search the library catalog for the newspaper title to see what we have, regardless of format.

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**News Aggregators**

**Nexis Uni (Harvard Login)**

Nexis Uni features more than 15,000 news, business and legal sources from LexisNexis—including U.S. Supreme Court decisions dating back to 1790—with an interface that offers quick discovery across all content types, personalization features such as Alerts and saved searches and a collaborative workspace with shared folders and annotated documents.

**Factiva (Harvard Login)**

Database of business and news publications including the *Wall Street Journal*. To browse recent issues of popular publications like the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *Barron's* select **News Pages** at the top of the screen, **Favorite Pages**, and then browse titles by date and section.

**All-Press Watch (Harvard Login)**

Full-text collection of the newspapers, magazines, and journals of the alternative and independent press.  
**Ethnic NewsWatch (Harvard Login)**  
Full-text collection of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the ethnic, minority and native press from 1900 to present.

**Holdings at Harvard**

**HOLLIS**

Search the catalog of the Harvard Library for online and print holdings of newspapers.  
**E-Journals**  
Search for online newspaper holdings in Harvard subscription databases.  
**Newspapers on Microfilm**  
Search the collection of the Newspaper Microfilm Reading Room in Widener Library.

**Historic Newspapers**

**20th Century American Newspapers (Harvard Login)**

Full-text database of newspapers published in the United States. Includes titles from all 50 states from 1900-1993. Also includes Ethnic American Newspapers from 1799-1977 and Historic American Newspapers from 1908-1980.  
**Access Newspaper Archive (Harvard Login)**  
This database of historical newspapers includes many titles from small town newspapers in the United States as well as some titles from other countries.  
**Proquest Historical Newspapers Online (Harvard Login)**  
Digital archives of major newspapers. Search specific newspapers or search them all at once. Coverage varies by newspaper beginning in the 1840s.  
**World Newspaper Archive (Harvard Login)**  
Archive of newspapers dating from the 19th to the early 20th century. Coverage currently includes publications from Africa, Latin America, South Asia, and the United States.

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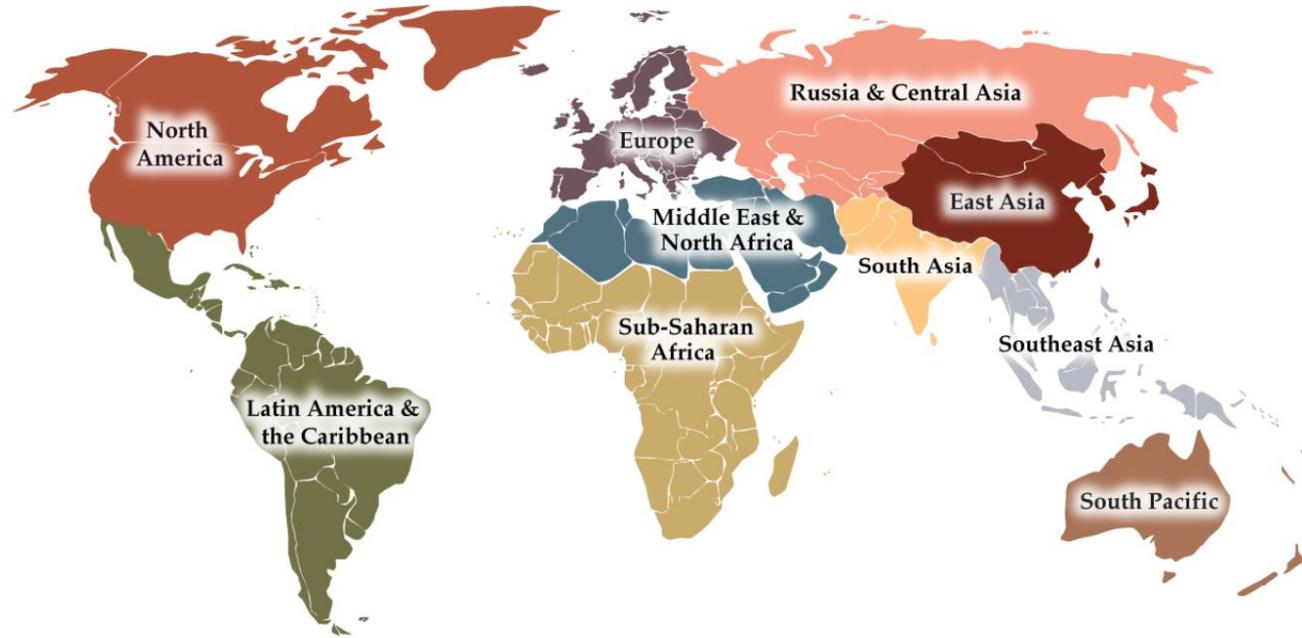
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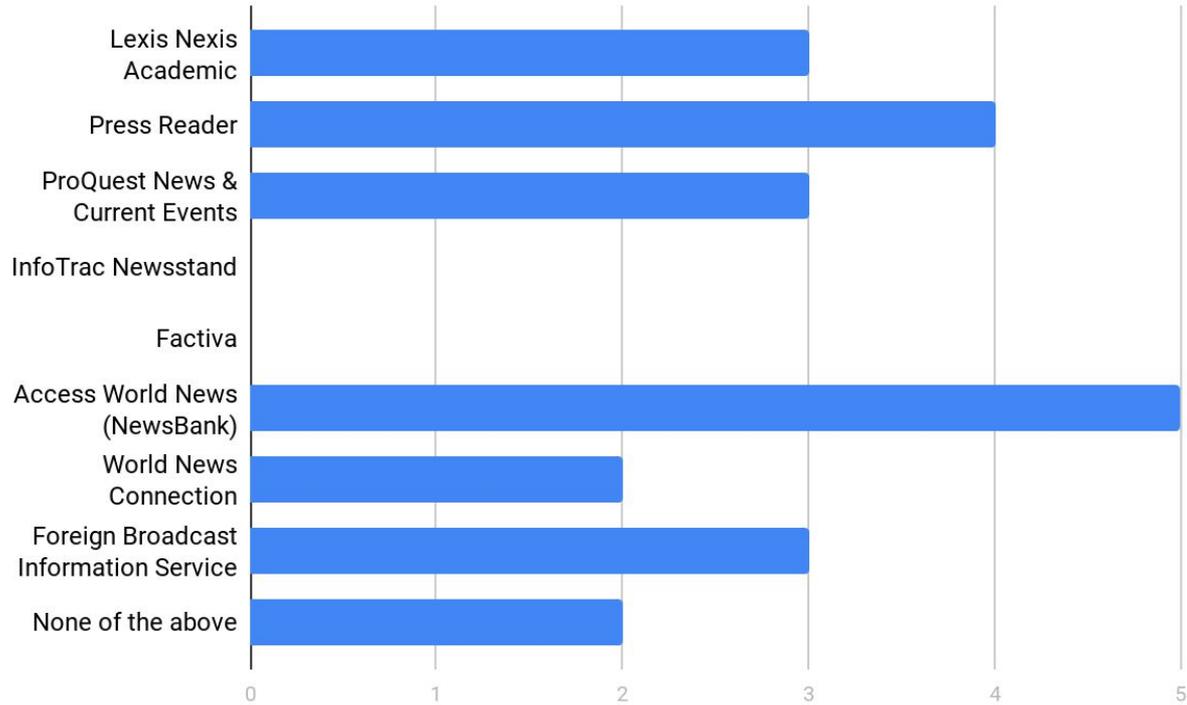
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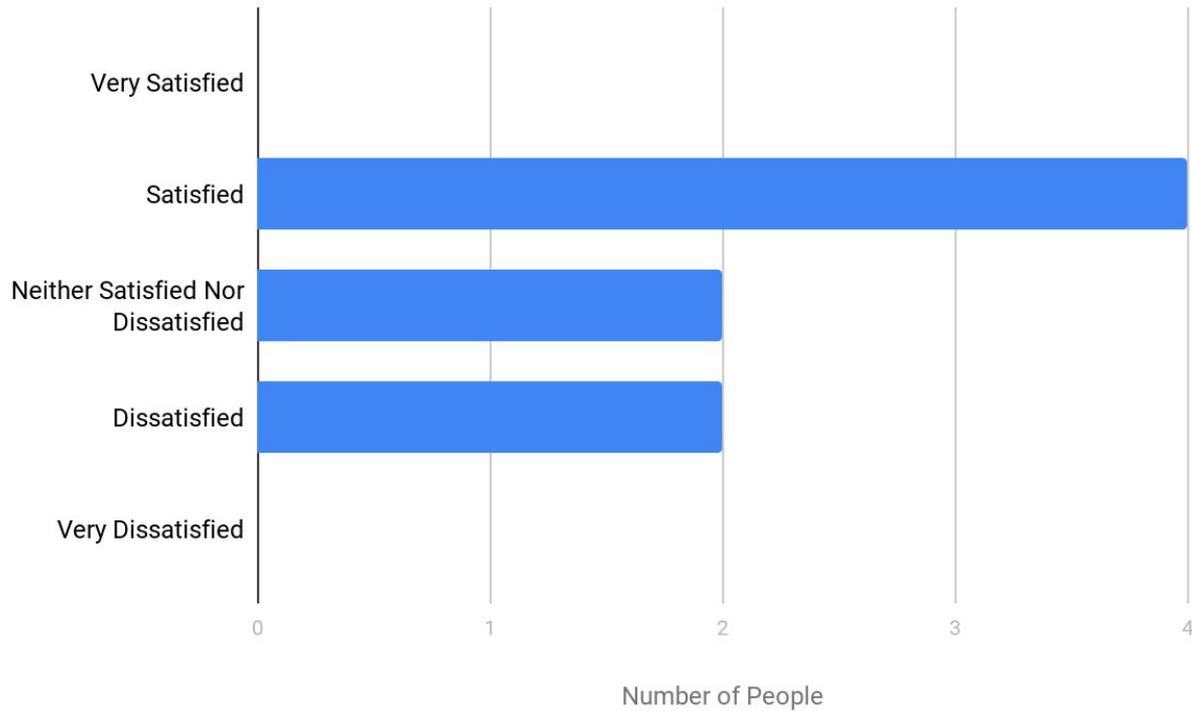
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**Most Helpful News Aggregator Databases**





***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

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- ◉ 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

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- 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



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# Thanks!

*Any* **questions** ?