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We urge you to make full use of the MU libraries and its resources. The Missourian library is open 8:00 - 7:00 weekdays during the school semester but 8:00 - 5:00 during the summer.

If you are working in the newsroom a key to the library is available if you need access to the clip files or our print resources when the library is not open.

The library web site's URL is: <http://library.missouri.edu/missourian/>. The library has a small reference collection, biographical and subject clip files, current bound volumes of the Missourian, current issues of The Columbia Daily Tribune and a photo collection.

We also have libguides that can help you. The Missourian library's libguide is <http://libraryguides.missouri.edu/missourian> and the Journalism Library's list of libguides is <http://libraryguides.missouri.edu/journalism>.

We urge you to ask for assistance whatever your information needs, including finding articles in the archives, fact-checking names/places, doing background research, or assistance during the pressure of breaking news.

## Print Resources

The main print book collection is housed in the Journalism Library but we have a small reference section with items widely used in the newsroom. One of these is the **Polk City Directory**, also referred to as a "criss cross" or "reverse" directory. It allows you to find people by address and telephone number as well as alphabetically. A current copy is available in the reference section of the Missourian Library.

Another source is the **Missouri Official State Manual (Blue Book)** which has general state information. It is also available online at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/BlueBook/>

Other [online Missouri Government publications](#) and an online "[Quick Reference Collection](#)"

The current [AP Stylebook](#) with **Missouri School of Journalism Stylebook and Notes** and [The Columbia Missourian 5 minute Stylebook by Maggie Walter 2014](#)

## Databases

You have access to a wide array of databases through the [MU Libraries](#). You can go to the subject databases and look at specific databases for Journalism. Searching these databases and local resources is a good start to doing background research on your stories. While you must be very careful of information taken from web sites, these databases are reliable sources of information.

You can find more News related databases and historical newspapers from the Journalism Library here: <http://library.missouri.edu/journalism/news>

Some of the databases you will find especially useful in the newsroom: [Business Source Premier](#) provides full-text for nearly 2,200 peer-reviewed and trade business journals. Also included are company profiles, industry reports, market research reports, and SWOT analysis. [\[more\]](#)

[Factiva](#) - a Dow Jones owned database provides access to current issues and an archive of over 8,000 publications from around the globe. It includes the daily Wall Street Journal, web news, news transcripts and photos.

[Newspaper Source](#) - provides cover-to-cover full text for more than 40 national (U.S.) and international newspapers and contains full text for more than 300 regional (U.S.) newspapers. In addition, full-text television and radio news transcripts are provided from CBS News, CNN, CNN International, FOX News, NPR, etc. Access provide by MOREnet. [\[more\]](#)

[NewsBank](#) - Newsbank includes Early American Newspapers, Series 1 (1690-1876); U. S. Congressional Serial Set and Serial Set Maps (1817-1980); Early American Imprints, Series I: Evans, (1639-1800); Early American Imprints, Series II: Shaw-Shoemaker, (1801-1819); American State Papers, (1789-1838); World Newspaper Archive, which includes America's Historical Newspapers and African Newspapers. [\[more\]](#)

[PressDisplay/Press Reader](#) provides access to the actual images of 3000 global newspapers from 100 countries in 60 languages. This is a rolling archive. Content is usually available for 60 days. [\[more\]](#),

[ProQuest Newsstand](#) - contains over 1169 newspapers, 134 trade journals, 62 general interest periodicals, 134 blogs, podcasts, and websites. With titles like the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, and major regionals like the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Washington Post and the Boston Globe, users can also find access to international, national, and regional news. [\[more\]](#)

[Communication and Mass Media Complete](#) (EBSCOhost). If you select the "Choose database" tab at the top, you can then retrieve a list of the titles indexed in each under "Title list."

## **Web Sites**

- [Missourian Archives](#) - Explains what is accessible online and what isn't.
- [MerlinOne](#) - Archives of the Columbia Missourian from 2002 – present are in the [MerlinOne](#) database. You may access it from the [Missourian Library web site](#) (user ID is merlin, password missourian#1). Currently only the PDFs of pages are being archived. Please come to the library for assistance in searching these, since the individual articles are not archived.

- **Missourian Libguide**  
<http://libraryguides.missouri.edu/c.php?g=28375&p=174510>
- **Missourian Library webpage** – <http://library.missouri.edu/missourian/>
- **Journalism Library 2100 libguide** <http://libraryguides.missouri.edu/j2100>
- **Web Info for Reporters** page contains beat links, links to local government and a link to the 1966-1975 *Columbia Missourians*, which were digitized under a grant from the State Library. Click on "Web Info for Reporters" and then the "Digitized Missourians" link. Full-text searching is available.
- Also from the main page of the Missourian webpage, under "[Welcome to your beat](#)," you will find a large amount of information on Columbia and Boone County.
- **Journalism Library**– <http://library.missouri.edu/journalism/> The Journalism Library web page has many resources for journalism students. Class information, Course E-Reserves, equipment available to check out and links
- **Missourian Newsroom Intranet** <https://umc.sharepoint.missouri.edu/sites/Missourian>

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