



Newsbank: Access World News

Overview

NewsBank® has several products, all available from the main Newsbank page. This library guide will help researchers navigate *Access World News*. Coverage includes full-text Kansas, national, and international newspapers and news magazines, as well as Stateline.org and Slate, two web-only American news sources.

Access

Wichita State University Library databases are all available through the Electronic Databases link on the library homepage at <http://www.library.wichita.edu/>. Under “Links to All Databases” click on the “By Title” link and locate Newsbank alphabetically on this page. Access to NewsBank is available off-campus for current students and faculty. For more help locating and using library resources, contact the Reference Desk by phone at (316) 978-3584 or instant message at [wu_knows \(yahoo\)](mailto:wu_knows@yahoo.com), [wuknows2 \(AOL\)](mailto:wuknows2@aol.com), or wu_knows@hotmail.com.

Getting Started

To search for news articles, click on either *Access World News*, one of the newspaper titles, or one of the world regions.

Fig. 1 Newspaper Choices

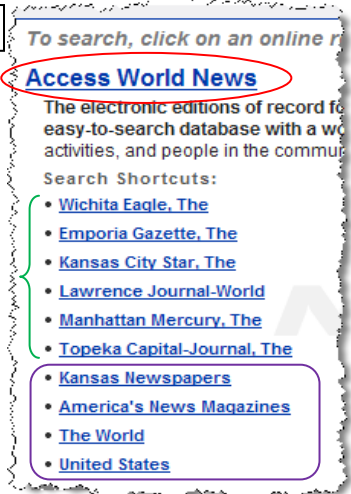
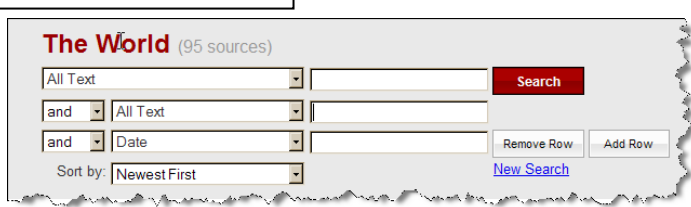


Fig. 2 Basic Search Window



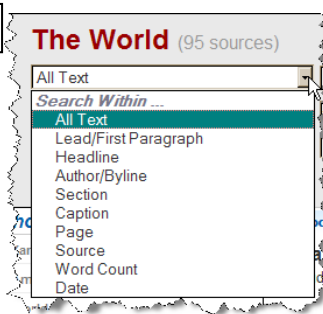
Search Features

Figure 2 is the search window when clicking on the text “*Access World News*” or “*The World*” from the screen shown in figure 1. Note there are three search boxes by default, but three more may be added if necessary. This will search all available newspapers.

Search Window

The default search is an “All Text” search. This means the terms typed in the search window may appear *anywhere* in an article. However, searches may be limited to specific sections of an article or a newspaper, which may be helpful. Here is an explanation of the different choices (also see fig.3):

Fig. 3 Search choices



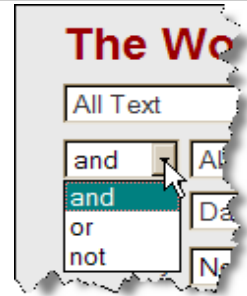
- **All Text** – entire contents and headline of the article
- **Lead/First Paragraph** - first paragraph of the article
- **Headline** - article headline
- **Author/Byline** - person who wrote the article
- **Section** - name of the newspaper section in which the article appeared, such as Sports, Entertainment, Local News, etc.
- **Caption** - text that accompanied photos or illustrations that ran with the article in the published paper
- **Page** - page the article appeared in the newspaper, such as A1, C12, G30, etc.
- **Source** - name of the source that published the article, such as *Wichita Eagle* or *The Kansas City Star*
- **Word Count** - number of words in the article (a drop-down menu will appear with this option)
- **Date** - date of publication (a drop-down menu will appear with this option, although custom dates may be entered)

Advanced Searching Techniques

Boolean Operators limit or expand the search. Access World News helps the search with a drop down menu in the search window. More information about using Boolean Operators is available in the University Libraries handout "Keyword Search Using Boolean Logic" found at <http://library.wichita.edu/reference/libraryinstruction/evalresguides.html>.

- AND specifies that both terms must be found in the article
For example, "***bald eagles***" **and** "***Wichita Kansas***"
- OR specifies that one term or the other must be found in the article
For example, ***Tylenol*** **OR** ***acetaminophen***
- NOT specifies that the first term but not the second must be found in the article
For example, "***Harry Potter and the deathly hallows***" **NOT** "***movie review***"

Fig. 4 Boolean Operators



Although Newsbank does not recognize common endings ("***bald eagle***" and "***bald eagles***" returns the same number of results) it is possible to use the question mark (?) for single character wildcarding and the asterisk (*) for multiple character wildcarding. Here are examples from the Help Page on Access World News:

- wom?n will search for items containing woman or women
- g??se will search for items containing goose or geese
- environment* will search for items containing *environment*, *environments*, *environmental*, *environmentalist*, etc.
- Petr*us will find all the items containing Petraeus or Petrus -- a great help for searching despite variations in spelling.

Proximity operator ADJ will find articles where search terms appear within *x* words of each other and in the **same** order. This is helpful when searching for proper names, which are often compromised by the appearance of middle names. For instance, ***Hillary ADJ2 Clinton*** will return results for Hillary Clinton, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Hillary R. Clinton.

Proximity operator NEAR will find articles where search term appear within *x* words of each other and in **any** order. This is helpful when searching for a subject in relation to another subject. For instance, ***Petraeus NEAR15 report*** will return results for General Petraeus' report before Congress because the terms "Petraeus" and "report" will appear within 15 words of each other.

Other Search Features

Below the search window, there are three tabs that may be use to change the location of the news sources (figure 5), change the types of sources to search (figure 6), and select a specific news title (figure 7).

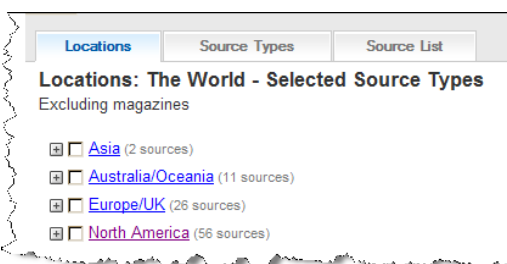


Fig.5 Locations

Fig. 7 Source List

Title	Date Range	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertiser, The	01/01/1998-Current	Australia - South Australia - Adelaide
<input type="checkbox"/> Albuquerque Journal	01/01/1995-Current	USA - NM - Albuquerque
<input type="checkbox"/> Albuquerque Tribune, The	01/01/1997-02/23/2008	USA - NM - Albuquerque
<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona Daily Star, The	01/01/1991-Current	USA - AZ - Tucson
<input type="checkbox"/> Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The	01/01/1985-Current	USA - GA - Atlanta
<input type="checkbox"/> Austin American-Statesman	01/01/1989-Current	USA - TX - Austin
<input type="checkbox"/> Australian, The/Weekend Australian/Australian Magazine, The 3 titles	01/01/1998-Current	Australia - National - Australia
<input type="checkbox"/> Birmingham Mail	11/25/2000-Current	England - West Midlands - Birmingham
<input type="checkbox"/> Birmingham Post, The	01/01/1998-Current	England - West Midlands - Birmingham
<input type="checkbox"/> Boston Herald	07/26/1991-Current	USA - MA - Boston
<input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo News, The	01/01/1989-Current	USA - NY - Buffalo
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Science Monitor, The	01/01/1987-Current	USA - National - US

Fig. 6 Source Types



Note that magazines are not available, unless the researcher makes this selection.

Sample Search

Searching for eagle sightings in Wichita is problematic because the text “The Eagle” appears in the text of many articles that refer to *The Wichita Eagle* newspaper. To avoid irrelevant articles, follow these tips.

Put quotation marks around phrases to force Newsbank to keep the words together as a phrase in the search. Note the difference between figures 8 and 9 and figures 10 and 11. The search ***bald eagles and Wichita Kansas*** came back with 447 articles. The search ***“bald eagles” and Wichita Kansas*** came back with 140 articles on July 14, 2008. These items all have the phrase ***bald eagles***, and not the words ***bald*** and ***eagles*** separately in the article.

Fig. 8 ***bald eagles and wichita kansas***

The World (95 sources)

All Text | bald eagles | Search

and | All Text | wichita kansas

and | Date

Sort by: Newest First

Shortcuts | Locations | Source Types | Source List

Fig. 9 Results of 447

Search Results for ***bald eagles*** in All Text and ***wichita kansas*** in All Text

North America - Selected Source Types

[Edit Search](#) [New Search](#)

View Results: All Results (447)

by Year

Fig. 10 ***“bald eagles” and wichita kansas***

The World (95 sources)

All Text | "bald eagles" | Search

and | All Text | wichita kansas

and | Date

Sort by: Newest First

Shortcuts | Locations | Source Types | Source List

Fig. 11 Results of 140

Search Results for ***“bald eagles”*** in All Text and ***wichita kansas*** in All Text

The World - Selected Source Types

[Edit Search](#) [New Search](#)

View Results: All Results (140)

by Year

Another tip is to limit the search to the lead paragraph as in figure 12. With the words “bald eagles” limited to this field, chances are better that the articles will be about the topic of bald eagles. When words or phrases appear lower in the text of an article, those words are not usually the main topic of the article. There were only 28 results when limiting to the lead paragraph. These articles should be more relevant to the search.

Fig. 12 ***“bald eagles”*** in lead/first paragraph

The World (95 sources)

Lead/First Paragraph | "bald eagles" | Search

and | All Text | wichita kansas

and | Date

Sort by: Newest First

Shortcuts | Locations | Source Types | Source List

The Results page will also show the number of results by year, location, and source. In other words, even though we did not limit our search to *The Wichita Eagle*, see can still see a list restricted to those 118 articles.

Fig. 13 Results by

Year

Location

Source

View Results: All Results (140)

by Year

- 2008 (7)
- 2007 (9)
- 2006 (8)
- 2005 (8)

[View 19 more](#)

by Location

- California (1)
- Kansas (128)
- Missouri (10)
- Texas (1)

by Source

- Wichita Eagle, The (KS) (118)
- Kansas City Star, The (MO) (10)
- Lawrence Journal-World (KS) (5)
- Manhattan Mercury, The (KS) (3)

[View 3 more](#)

Save

- KANSAS IS EA GROW**
Wichita Eagle, The
Length: 935 words
Kansas' newest gen...
the nest and year...
eagles have been ha...
the first Kansas ne...
think bald eagles fi...
- PROFILE**
Wichita Eagle, The
Length: 97 words (L...
BALD EAGLE Halia...
Some adult females...
mighty as they are...
in Kansas can rang...
- BALD EAGLES**
Wichita Eagle, The
Length: 74 words

Other Newsbank Features

Fig. 14 Other NewsBank Features

The screenshot shows the NewsBank interface with search results for "bald eagles" and "wichita kansas". The page includes a navigation bar with "English" and "Other NewsBank Products", search filters, and a sidebar with filters by Year, Location, and Source. The main content area displays two search results, each with a "Save" checkbox and a "View" dropdown menu. The first result is titled "KANSAS IS EAGLE COUNTRY STATE'S POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW" and the second is titled "PROFILE".

Annotations and callouts include:

- Articles are organized with the newest first, unless this is changed using these hot links.** (Points to the "View: Newest First | Best Matches First | Oldest First" dropdown menu.)
- The "Search history" hot link will show a list of all the new and edited searches performed by the researcher during the current session.** (Points to the "Search History" button.)
- The search may be edited or re-started with these hot keys. It is recommended to use these buttons instead of the "back" key in the browser.** (Points to the "Edit Search" and "New Search" buttons.)
- The check boxes by each article are used to add articles to the "Saved Articles" folder. These may be retrieved at any time during the session, regardless of the number of new searches.** (Points to the "Save" checkboxes.)
- E-mailing and printing are possible from this page by using the check boxes next to each article.** (Points to the "Email" and "Print" options in the dropdown menu.)
- Use the Bibliography (export) feature to download selected citations to a citation management tool such as EndNote, or to a word processor, text editor, Web page editor in MLA or APA style.** (Points to the "Bibliography (export)" option in the dropdown menu.)

Fig. 15 Bottom of page

The search results may be changed from viewing the first paragraph, to viewing the search terms as they appear in the article, or viewing only the headline of the article.

The screenshot shows a dropdown menu with the following options: "First Paragraph", "Keyword-in-Context", "First Paragraph", and "Headline Only". The "First Paragraph" option is currently selected. The text "Results: 1 - 10" is visible to the left of the dropdown menu.

Article Features

Many of the same features are available when viewing the article. The researcher may look at his/her search history or saved articles, the search may be edited or re-started, a check box is available to choose this article to be saved, the article may be e-mailed or printed, and the bibliography (export) feature will show the correct citation.

Figure 16

[Search History](#) [Saved Articles](#)

Search Results for **"bald eagles"** in All Text and **wichita kansas** in All Text
The World - Selected Source Types
[Edit Search](#) [New Search](#) ? Show Help ▾

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BALD EAGLES ROOSTING AT MARION RESERVOIR

Wichita Eagle, The (KS) - March 17, 2008

MARION - On the back roads of Marion County, you'll find them - about 30 or 40 roost in the trees along Marion Reservoir.

They appear as black forms in the distance, but avid bird watcher Terrill Bruton can spot one from just about anywhere.

They're eagles - **bald eagles** that found haven around the **Kansas** lake this winter. And they soon will wing their way back north when the weather begins to warm.

On this morning, Bruton of Galva spots around 30 on a trip around the lake. A week earlier, on one of his Saturday morning drives around the lake with his wife, Sandy, the couple spotted 38.

"That's got to be one of the prettiest birds there is," Bruton says, watching through his binoculars at a group of a dozen or so **bald eagles** in the trees at Marion's causeway bridge.

They also congregate in the trees at Hillsboro Campground and north of the dam around the Marion boat ramp, he said.

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This is a short list of locally popular newspapers and corresponding dates available through Newsbank:

<i>Daily Mirror/Sunday Mirror</i>	London	02/01/2000-Current
<i>Houston Chronicle</i>	Texas	01/01/1985-Current
<i>Kansas City Star, The Sun, The</i>	Missouri	01/01/1991-Current
<i>Standard, The</i>	London	01/01/1996-Current
<i>Topeka Capital-Journal</i>	Hong Kong	12/24/2002-Current
<i>Washington Times</i>	Kansas	10/01/2001-Current
<i>Wichita Eagle</i>	Washington DC	01/01/1990-Current
	Kansas	10/01/1984-Current

The Wichita Eagle daily and Sunday issues are available in hardcopy and on microfilm at Ablah Library beginning with April 1872. *Topeka Capital Journal*, *The Kansas City Star*, and other current newspaper issues are also located in Ablah Library.