

How to Find Pre-1950 Periodical Articles

In addition to research in current or recent periodicals, some researchers find that they need to use older sources. Often, early magazines, journals, or newspapers are excellent primary sources. They may present the original thoughts on a topic; may serve as documentation of prevailing views in a particular time period; or may offer visual evidence of popular culture.

I. GENERAL AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY INDEXES (Link from Library homepage under “Find...Articles/Databases/Subjects”)

a. Humanities and Social Sciences Retrospective (1907-1984)

Coverage includes a wide range of interdisciplinary fields covering a broad array of humanities and social sciences journals.

b. Reader’s Guide Retrospective (1890-1982)

The most popular general-interest periodicals published in the United States. (See list on page 2.)

c. Book Review Digest (1905-present)

Database includes excerpts from, and citations to, reviews of adult and juvenile fiction and non-fiction.

d. JSTOR (Early 19th-present)

Complete back runs of core scholarly journals beginning with the first issues and continuing to within 3-5 years of the present.

II. SUBJECT-SPECIFIC INDEXES

a. PsycInfo (1887-present)

Covers psychology and related fields; includes journal articles, technical reports, monographs, dissertations, etc.

b. SocIndex (1895-present)

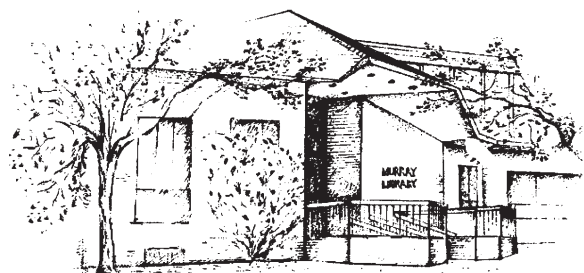
Covers more than 500 core journals in the social sciences, plus books, conference papers, etc.

c. MLA International Bibliography (1926-present)

Covers literature, languages, linguistics, and folklore worldwide.

d. Religion Index (also called ATLAS) (1949-present)

Covers more than 500 international journals, plus books and book chapters, in religion and related fields.



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III. NEWSPAPERS

a. New York Times Historical Newspapers (1851-2006)

Includes full page-image of all issues of the New York Times during period covered.

b. Early American Newspapers (1690-1876)

Includes full page-image of hundreds of historic newspapers, including colonial and early national newspapers.

IV. PERIODICALS INDEXED IN READERS' GUIDE FOR WHICH WE HAVE PRE-1950 ISSUES (IN HARD-COPY)

American Journal of Public Health and the Nation's Health	1928-1933, 1937-39, 1942-2005	
American Magazine	1930-1955	
American Scholar	v. 1, 1932-	v.1-15 Microfilm
Atlantic & Atlantic Monthly	1857-1893, 1901-	
Better Homes and Gardens	1944-	
Christian Century	v. 60, 1943-	v.103-105 also on Microfiche
Commonweal	v. 13, 1930-	v.13-73 Microfilm; v.74-90 Microfiche
Current History	v. 1, 1941-	v.1-8 Microfilm
Education for Victory	1942-1945	
Education	v. 56, 1935 - v.126 2006	v.56-65 Microfilm
Good Housekeeping	1910-1913, 1934	
Harpers Magazine	v. 172, June 1939-	
Hygeia (Am. Medical Assn.)	1926, 1928-1950	
Journal of Home Economics	v. 1-85, 1909-1993	v.1-23 Microfilm
Life	v. 1, 1936-1972, 1978-2000	
National Geographic	v. 1, 1888-	
Nation	v. 1, 1865-	v.1-155 Microfilm
Nature Magazine	1869-1894, 1912- 1932, 1952-	v.9-130 Microfiche v.189-200 Microfilm
New York Times Magazine	1896-	Microfilm of NY Times
Scientific American	1845-1859, 1927-present	v.1-14 1845-1859 Microfilm
Survey & Survey Graphic	1939-1948	
Time	v. 1, 1923-	v. 1-30 Microfilm
U.S. News and World Report	v. 25, 1948-	
Virginia Quarterly Review	v. 1-85, 1925-2009	v.1-41 1925-1965 Microfilm
Vital Speeches of the Day	1934-1942, 1943-	v.1-8 1934-42 Microfilm