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Collection Assessment of UMD Libraries' Major U.S. Newspapers

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About the Project

Newspapers are some of the most frequently used resources in the University of Maryland (UMD) Libraries. As a large academic library, UMD Libraries has vast newspaper collections that are spread over many formats (print, microfilm, and digital) and online databases, so it is easy for students, faculty, and staff to encounter challenges with navigating these resources. Working with Sarah Clinton-McCausland, Librarian for Journalism, Communication, and Open Education, this field study project aimed to audit and assess UMD Libraries' newspaper collections and aggregate this information in the pages of a new LibGuide for Newspapers.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

Chicago Tribune

Los Angeles Times

The New York Times

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

The Washington Post

Major U.S. Newspapers

Six major U.S. newspapers were chosen because they are the mostly frequently used (ex. *New York Times*) and for their regional relevance (ex. *Baltimore Sun*).

Collection Assessment

- For each newspaper, I surveyed the Libraries' catalog (Journal Search) and Database Finder, inventorying:
 - Print issues
 - Microfilm
 - Digital newspaper collections in online databases (ProQuest Recent/Historical Newspapers, Nexis Uni, Factiva, etc.)
- I created a spreadsheet to track the catalog record, associated links, format (physical vs. digital), coverage dates for each resource, along with other information.

Newspapers LibGuide

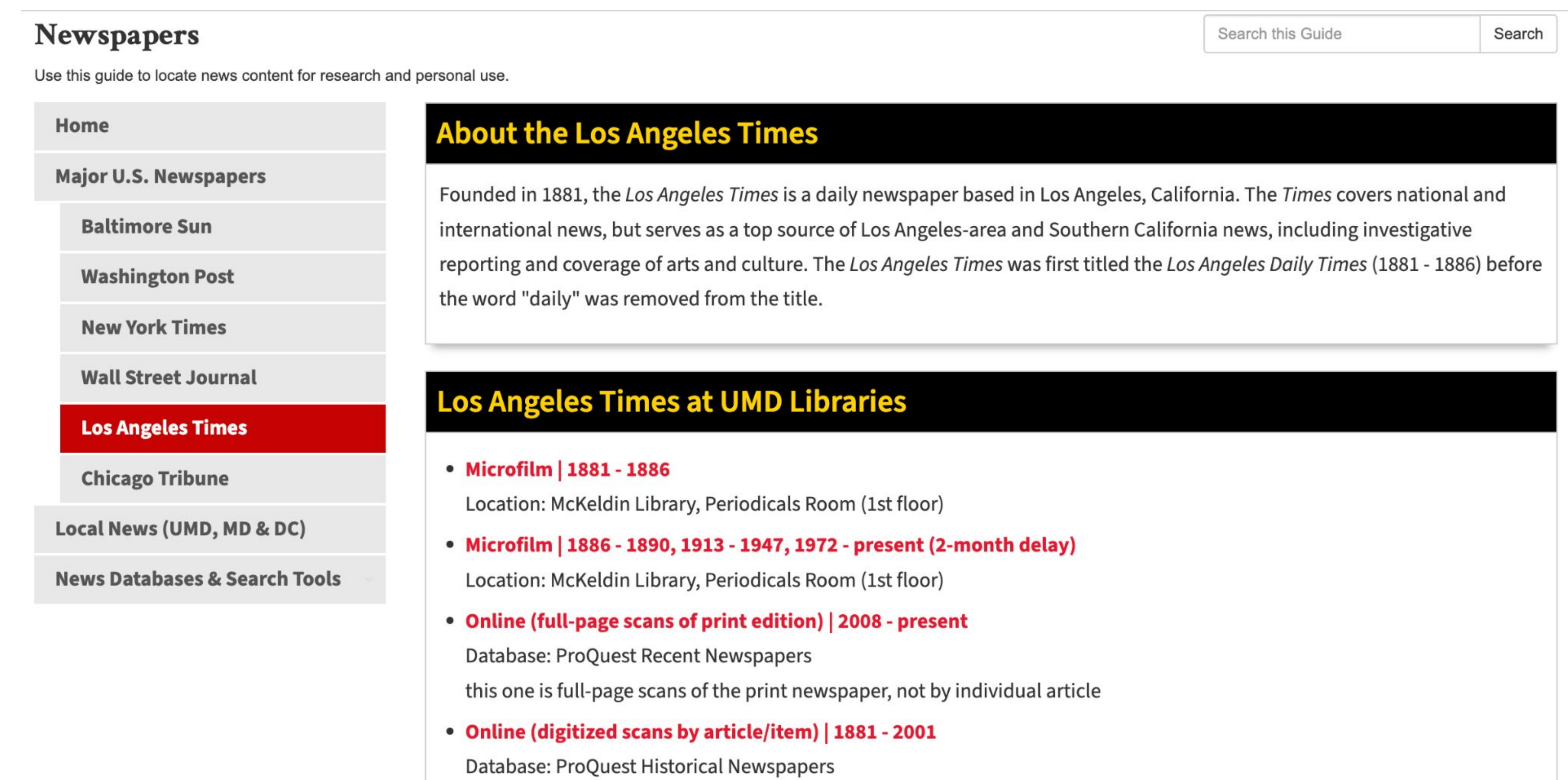
- I analyzed the content and design of several news- and journalism-related LibGuides from other institutions, especially those with dedicated schools of journalism.
- Inspired by the other guides and using the information gathered during the collection assessment, we began to design the guide, including sub-pages dedicated to each major newspaper with information about the newspaper's history, editions, and the access options at UMD Libraries.
- The goal of this Newspapers LibGuide is to collect this information in a central location and present it in a format that is intuitive and easily accessible for students, faculty, and staff.

Future Research

I am interested in studying how students use these materials in order to create additional resources focused on research with news content, including how to save, analyze, evaluate, and cite news sources. We are currently drafting pages on these topics for this particular guide (to be published at a later date).

Name in Catalog Record	Database Name	Database/Collection URL	Coverage Date Range(s)	Physical or Digital?	Format
Wall Street journal (Eastern ed.)	-	-	Feb. 1959 - Sept.	Physical	Scan of newspaper
Wall Street Journal (New York, N.Y. : 1889 : Online)	ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Wall Street Journal (1889-1922)	https://usmai-umcp.prin	Available from 07/08/1889 until 12/31/1891. Available from 07/01/1892 until 12/30/1922.	Digital	Scan of newspaper
Wall Street journal (Eastern ed. : Online)	ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Wall Street Journal	https://usmai-umcp.prin	Jan 1, 1923 - Dec 31, 2013	Digital	Scan of newspaper

Screenshot from Major U.S. Newspapers Assessment Spreadsheet



Newspapers

Use this guide to locate news content for research and personal use.

Home | Major U.S. Newspapers | Baltimore Sun | Washington Post | New York Times | Wall Street Journal | **Los Angeles Times** | Chicago Tribune | Local News (UMD, MD & DC) | News Databases & Search Tools

About the Los Angeles Times

Founded in 1881, the *Los Angeles Times* is a daily newspaper based in Los Angeles, California. The *Times* covers national and international news, but serves as a top source of Los Angeles-area and Southern California news, including investigative reporting and coverage of arts and culture. The *Los Angeles Times* was first titled the *Los Angeles Daily Times* (1881 - 1886) before the word "daily" was removed from the title.

Los Angeles Times at UMD Libraries

- Microfilm | 1881 - 1886**
Location: McKeldin Library, Periodicals Room (1st floor)
- Microfilm | 1886 - 1890, 1913 - 1947, 1972 - present (2-month delay)**
Location: McKeldin Library, Periodicals Room (1st floor)
- Online (full-page scans of print edition) | 2008 - present**
Database: ProQuest Recent Newspapers
this one is full-page scans of the print newspaper, not by individual article
- Online (digitized scans by article/item) | 1881 - 2001**
Database: ProQuest Historical Newspapers

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