Using NewsBank

What Is NewsBank?

NewsBank is a company that provides databases containing full-text articles from newspapers all over the world. Two databases, America’s Obituaries & Death Notices and Access World News, are available through Pioneer – Utah’s Online Library. Some sources have articles dating back to the 1980’s.

Accessing NewsBank

- Go to the Salt Lake County Library website, http://www.slco.lib.ut.us. If you are in the library, click on Home.
- Click on Research by Topic.
- Click on Magazines & Newspapers.
- Scroll down to NewsBank and click on NewsBank.
- Click on Library Access if you are inside a Salt Lake County Library. Click on Home Access if you are outside a county library.
  
  NOTE: If you are using Home Access, you will have to enter your Salt Lake County Library card number and click on Login.
- Select the database you wish to use by clicking on either America’s Obituaries & Death Notices or Access World News.

America’s Obituaries & Death Notices

- Enter the name of the deceased in the Name field. (Examples of various ways to enter the search criteria are given below each field.)
- To limit the search to a specific time period, enter the date range in the Date field.
- If your search is not for a specific individual, but you are looking for certain words in the obituary text, enter those words in the Obituary Text field.
- If you do not wish to search the entire United States, you may select a geographical area by clicking on the desired area’s name on the left side of the map or you may click on a specific state on the map.
- If desired, you may click on the name of a specific newspaper to search only that newspaper’s data.
- Click on Search. When results appear, click on the name to view the article. The search words will be bolded.

Access World News

- Enter keyword(s) in the for: field. You may use Boolean terms (AND/OR/NOT); however, these must be capitalized. (i.e. grizzlies AND hockey) If the words must appear together, use quotation marks around them. (i.e. “Desert Storm”)
- Use the drop-down menu in the return: field to select the order in which you want the results listed.
- To limit your search to a specific time frame or custom date, click on the button in front of the desired method and either select the time frame from the drop-down menu or enter the custom date in that field. See example.
- Click on World next to Expand to to search the world, then click on region name to the left of the map and then on the desired country. For the United States, if you want to limit the search to a certain region, click on the region name to the left of the map or click on a specific state on the map. You may then search specific newspapers by selecting them.
- Click on Search. When results appear, click on the heading for that article to view it. The search words will be bolded.