

Welcome to the Pitt Libraries “Ask Us” series. In this video, you will learn how to access newspaper articles and other sources from news media outlets.

Through the [library’s subscriptions to news](#) sources from around the world, you have the option to search for content from specific time periods or geographic locations. There are two ways to approach finding newspaper articles: through a specific title, or through browsing for a broader topic.

If there is a specific newspaper you’re interested in searching, the [Journal Finder tool within PittCat](#) is still the best starting point. The Pitt Libraries have an Ask Us [video](#) that fully outlines using the Journal Finder tool if your inquiry is centered around a particular publication.

If you are approaching the process of finding newspaper articles based more broadly on a topic, well let’s get into it! We have prepared a “Newspapers @ Pitt” [research guide](#) as a starting point for you. The guide is organized with helpful tabs that feature different points of access to our newspaper subscriptions, based on the types of sources you’re seeking. To begin, you’ll need to make some basic decisions to narrow your focus.

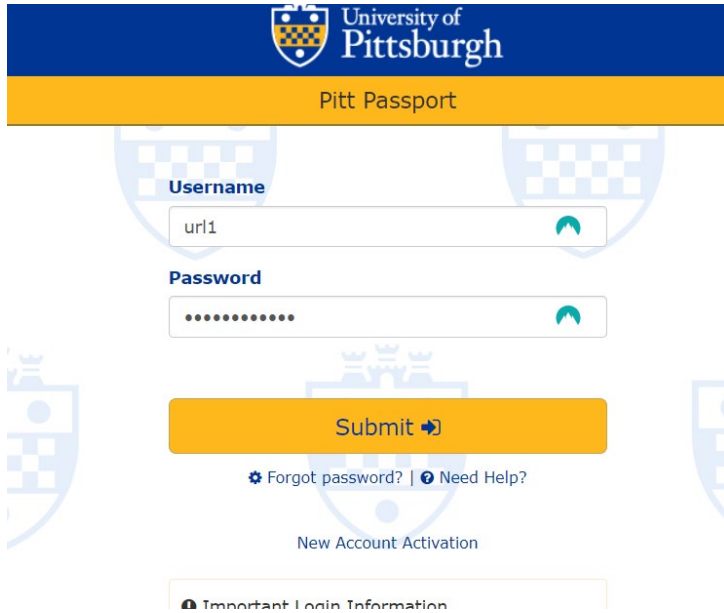
For your first decision-point, take a moment and consider if you are interested in newspapers from a specific geographic area, whether local, national, or international.

For example, if you want to find information focused on local people, news, or events, you might select the “[Pittsburgh & Regional Newspapers](#)” tab and then choose the link to one of the newspapers listed.

“Search.”

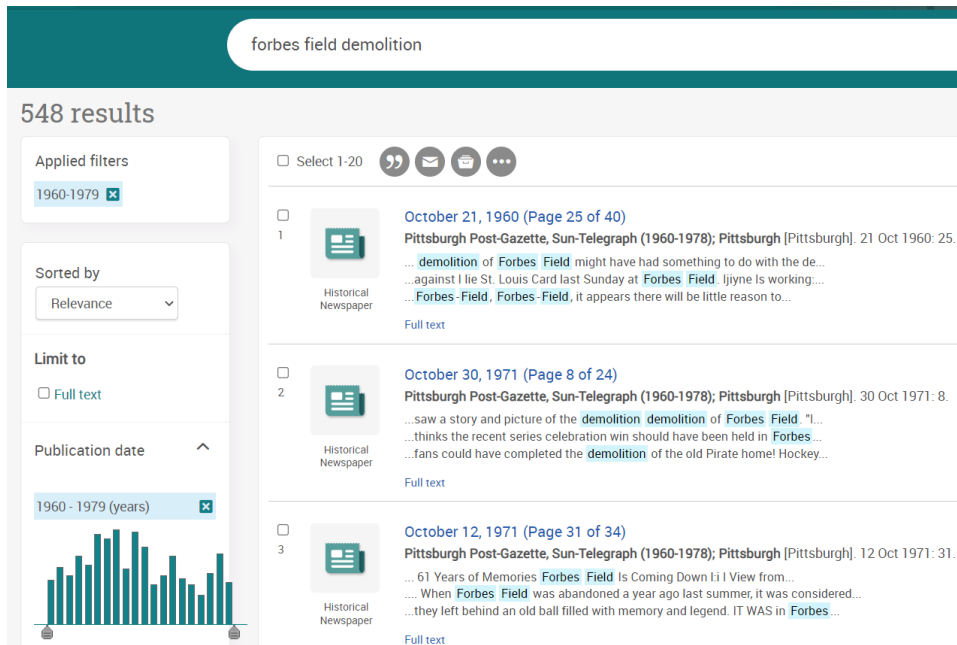
- **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**
 - [ProQuest Database Access](#) (1786-2003)
 - [PressReader Database Access](#) (most recent 3 months)
 - [Post-Gazette Website](#) (visitors can read up to 10 free articles)
 - Microfilm Holdings
 - [August 2, 1927 - April 24, 1960, January 1, 1978 - 2016](#)
- **Pittsburgh Tribune-Review**

Sign-in through Pitt Passport in order to search for your topic.



The image shows the Pitt Passport login interface. At the top is the University of Pittsburgh logo and the text "Pitt Passport". Below this are two input fields: "Username" with the text "url1" and "Password" with a masked password of ten dots. A blue "Submit" button is centered below the fields. Underneath the button are links for "Forgot password?" and "Need Help?". At the bottom, there is a link for "New Account Activation" and a box for "Important Login Information".

Browse articles and set limits in order to focus-in on what you need, then download specific article PDFs that will inform your research.



The image displays a search results page for the query "forbes field demolition". The page shows 548 results. On the left side, there are filter options: "Applied filters" with "1960-1979" selected, "Sorted by" set to "Relevance", "Limit to" with "Full text" selected, and "Publication date" with a bar chart showing the distribution of results from 1960 to 1979. The main results area shows three articles from the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Sun-Telegraph (1960-1978); Pittsburgh [Pittsburgh]". The first article is dated October 21, 1960 (Page 25 of 40) and discusses the demolition of Forbes Field. The second article is dated October 30, 1971 (Page 8 of 24) and mentions the demolition of Forbes Field. The third article is dated October 12, 1971 (Page 31 of 34) and reflects on the 61 years of Forbes Field.

You can apply that same thought process by considering whether you need content generated from certain countries, focused on particular communities, or historical time periods.

There are multiple entry points to the library's newspaper subscriptions. The tabs on the "Newspapers @ Pitt" guide provide opportunities for you to access newspaper content based on what you need.

You now have a starting point for considering the types of news sources you need to access and how to tap into the library subscriptions that will fulfill those needs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to [us](#) via chat, text, or email as you're exploring news sources and we would be happy to assist you.