

## Custom Newspapers

Thomson Gale's *InfoTrac® Custom Newspapers* is a web-based collection of over 100 newspapers from around the United States and the world. *Custom Newspapers* has full-text articles and is geared to reflect the natural research process of students, professionals and public library patrons.

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.  
Text that you must type is within single quote marks ( ' ' ).

### To access Custom Newspapers Online:

- Go to: **RCPL** (<http://www.myrcl.com>)
- Click: **Research Tools**
- Click: **News and Magazines**
- Scroll to: **Custom Newspapers**
- Click: **Inside the Library** or **Home Access**

### 1. I would like to see a list of all titles covered by Custom Newspapers.

- At the *Basic Search* page, click *Publication Search*.
- Click the *List All* link to the right of the *Search* button.
- The beginning of an alphabetical listing will be displayed. Details of each title such as the ISSN, publisher, frequency, and the dates of coverage are given.
- To see just titles, click *Hide Details*.

### 2. I need full-text newspaper articles about pelagic fishing.

- Click *Advanced Search*.
- At the *Advanced Search* page, type 'pelagic' in the first (top) *Keyword* box.
- Type 'fishing' in the second *Keyword* box.
- Check the *Documents with Full-Text* box.
- Click the *Search* button. A listing of articles in reverse chronological order (by publication date) will be displayed. Clicking either the hyperlinked title or the phrase *Full-Text* will open the document.

Note: *Advanced Search* will retrieve more matches than *Basic Search* for this question.

### 3. I need full-text articles on global warming no older than six months.

- At *Basic Search*, leave the radio button at *Keyword*.
- Type 'global warming' in the *Find* box.
- Click the *More Search Options* link.
- When the expanded *Basic Search* page appears, check the box for *Documents with Full-Text* and adjust the *Publication Dates* option accordingly. (The phrase 'global warming' will still be displayed in the *Search* box.).
- Click the *Search* button. Hyperlinked article citations will be listed in reverse chronological order and may be clicked.

- 4. I want information on the subway bombings in London and need the official subject heading for an efficient search.**
- At *Basic Search*, leave the radio button at *Keyword*.
  - Type 'london subway bombings' in the *Find* box.
  - Click *Search*. When the *Results* page is displayed, the official subject headings will be listed on the left side of the screen under *Subject Terms*. In this case, for *London Subway Bombings, 2005*, the searcher is referred to *London Terrorist Bombings, 2005*. Clicking the hyperlink *See* will display the list of citations.
- 5. I'm looking for information on a specific type of fraud called advance-fee fraud, but when I searched under that phrase, I didn't get as many results as I would like. What would retrieve a larger number of matches?**
- At *Basic Search*, type 'advance fee' **OR** type 'advance-fee' in the *Find* box.
  - Click *Search*.
  - This abbreviated search phrase will retrieve a much larger number of hits than using 'advance-fee scam', 'advance-fee fraud', 'advance-fee swindle', etc. as there is variation in vernacular (keyword) usage.