

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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## Five years of Database News

**F**ive years have passed since *News You Can Use* began. The amount of online material available to UTA users has grown immensely since the time when databases were only available on the second floor of the Central Library; users now logon from home 24 hours a day. Electronic journals and databases arrive in our library through many conduits, and while most of our offerings are cataloged in [PULSe](#), not everything is there right away. New journals discussed here have been tested, including directions for finding the journals if they aren't in PULSe, but this editor is pausing to reflect on the process of research in this e-information environment. Finding journals and citations is easier, but diligence still pays off richly.

A logical first step if you know what you're looking for is to go to the UTA Libraries' online catalog PULSe, or if you are unsure, visit the pages assembled by the [subject librarians](#). Don't confine your search to just your subject area, because there is a lot of data overlap. For example, the journal *French History* is new this summer and cataloged as in [ingenta](#), but it is also available from the [Oxford University Press](#). If you are researching French philosophers, you will want to search, at the very least, both vendors for citations, because they don't offer an identical set of journals, just occasional serendipitous intersections. They may each provide unique citations.

There are other places to learn about new library offerings. The librarians link to sites from their [web pages](#), and to the [Research Resources page](#). Visit [this page](#) for a list of the various providers of e-journals. There is also the more general [Library News and Events page](#). For those just starting out or wanting a research refresher, the library offers a seven-step ["Getting started" page](#). My personal favorites when I'm looking for new resources are the [All Databases page](#) and the [Trial Database page](#). It's amazing what librarians can do when helping you with your research, but you can also boldly explore the resources in our Library pages on your own.

**G**o ahead, surprise yourself!

### Resume access:

**Milton Quarterly** was dropped from [Project Muse](#) after 2000, but the 2001 and 2002 issues are available in [ingenta](#) now. Ingenta may be reached via a number of routes, including [the Electronic Resources page](#).

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Online Journals (via [PULSe](#) & other avenues):  
We have full-text access to the following new e-journals in [ingenta](#):

[Alt-Press Watch](#) is now available on the Databases web page: 1995-present. Updated regularly. Alt-Press Watch provides full-text to 120+ U.S. alternative and independent newspapers and journals. Coverage includes a broad range of critical issues confronting contemporary society, including ecology and the environment, indigenous peoples, public policy, genetics, and much more. This database supports a broad range of subject areas: arts, media and popular culture, education, environment and ecology, history, journalism, etc.

The historical databases **America: History and Life** and **Historical Abstracts** now link to the full-text of the journals of [Project Muse](#). These two databases also link to the **History Cooperative** and [JSTOR](#).

### Print journals with free online access:

[Women's Writing: The Elizabethan to Victorian Period](#)

[Evidence-Based Nursing](#)

## Recommended by UTA Librarians:

[Databases](#) may be reached several ways, such as from several headings found on the drop down menu on the left side of the [library home page](#).

(Mostly) From Noel Anderson:

### Useful Refdesk Links

§ [Find Elected Officials](#) This Yahoo site allows you to find elected officials, including the president, members of Congress, governors, state legislators, local officials, and more. Two other search services: (1) Issues and Action, action alerts on a wide range of current issues from organizations, large and small, that span the political spectrum, and (2) Media Guide, to find and contact national and local media personnel.

§ If you like Library and Information Science news, check out this website mentioned in a posting to the [Digital Reference listserv--LIS News](#).

§ [Ditto--Image](#) search engine. They say "Through images, Ditto has always provided you an excellent way to visually navigate the richness of the Web." (*Editor's note: [Google](#) image search works better.*)

§ [Radio-Locator](#) This site provides a search engine for radio

- *American Politics Research*
- *Financial Review*
- *French History* (also Oxford University Press)
- *Gender & Society* (also in JSTOR)
- *Homicide Studies*
- *International Finance*
- *Journal of Classical Sociology*
- *Journal of Financial Research*
- *Journal of Material Culture*
- *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing* (also in Nursing Collection 2)
- *Journal of Property Research* (also CatchWord)
- *Journal of Risk and Insurance*
- *Journal of Sports Economics*
- *Medical Care Research and Review*
- *Music and Letters* (also in Oxford University Press Collection)
- *Past and Present*
- *Remedial and Special Education* (also CatchWord)
- *Sociological Inquiry*

In [Catchword](#) (Part of Ingenta):

- *Applied Mathematical Finance*
- *E-Service Journal* (*v.1, no. 1 has been added*)
- *Journal of Learning Disabilities* (also in Professional Educators Collection)
- *Journal of Property Research*
- *Journal of Organizational Computing and Electronic Commerce*
- *Microscale Thermophysical Engineering*
- *Planning Theory and Practice*

In [Metapress](#):

- *Information Resources Management Journal*
- *Journal of Global Information Management*
- *Evolution*

[Oxford University Press](#)—collection of print journals with online access:

stations on the internet with links to over 10,000 radio station Web pages and over 2500 audio streams from radio stations in the U.S. and around the world.

§ [North Central Texas Council Of Government \(NCTCOG\)](#) local and regional maps and resources.

§ [Eco-Portal](#) – Ecological Enterprises is proud to present the "Eco-Portal – the Environmental Sustainability Info Source." "The Eco-portal is the Internet's most comprehensive environmental resource ever, linking and providing full text search capabilities for the entire contents of over 3,000 reviewed Internet sites related to environmental sustainability. The site tracks the latest environmental news stories which are updated several times daily."

§ [Xrefer](#) Mentioned in Virtual Acquisitions Shelf. This is a strong electronic resource for many subjects, but strongest in humanities, which is unusual. Change the Select a topic line to Philosophy, or whatever, put in a term or phrase, and you get long, authoritative definitions, from Oxford Companions, etc. It has some hidden gems in it. For instance, under dictionaries if you search a word, one of the answers will be rhymes for that word from the Penguin Rhyming Dictionary. Find a review [here](#).

§ [Atomica](#) Originally called "Gurunet," the reconfigured company is now know as "Atomica." This search engine involves installing the company's free software. Then as you work, if you have questions, you put your mouse pointer over any word on your screen (in any program), hold the Alt key, and click. A popup window allows the user to use a dictionary, generate links, even find a pronunciation for the word in question. Atomica need not be used as a popup; it also has an answer bar where a word can be entered and the results appear. The Atomica answer appears, along with an automatic search in Google. (*Editor's note: In my limited trial of this program, I found the Google search the program conducts to be more useful that the initial Atomica information.*)

According to an Atomica press release:

It is sold mainly to corporate customers, but there's still an excellent free personal version for Windows that you can download at [www.atomica.com](http://www.atomica.com). Once you install it, Atomica sits in the background, running quietly, represented only by a small bar or icon at the lower right of your screen. When you see a word or phrase that you want to learn more about, you just put your cursor on it, hold down the ALT key, and click. In seconds, a small Atomica window pops up with a definition and other relevant information, from well-known reference books.

Cheers, [Noel](#)



[Google Labs](http://labs.google.com/) <http://labs.google.com/>

"Welcome to [labs.google.com](http://labs.google.com/), Google's technology playground. Google labs showcases a few of our favorite ideas that

- *ELT Journal*
- *Music and Letters*

[Cambridge University Press](#)— collection of print journals with online access:

- *Journal of Child Language*
- *Urban History*

New online only subscription:

- [Journal of Neurophysiology](#)

The English Writing Center & GIS  
Lab Summer Hours

aren't quite ready for prime time. Your feedback can help us improve them. Please play with these prototypes and send your comments directly to the Googlers who developed them."

[Google Sets](http://labs.google.com/sets) <http://labs.google.com/sets>

is a seemingly-intuitive method of generating resource lists. Upon entering "Louis Owens, Gerald Vizenor, James Welch, Louise Erdrich," Google came back with "Sherman Alexie, Linda Hogan" and other American Indian writers and scholars who fit perfectly. This appears to be a way to take what you know and see what Google can add to it.

[Voice Search](http://labs.google.com/gvs.html) <http://labs.google.com/gvs.html>,

on the other hand, didn't work at all.

### [Writing Center](#)

4th floor Central Library  
Tutoring and computer hours at Central Library, Room 411.  
Monday – Thursday 10am – 2pm

### [GIS Lab](#)

5th floor Central  
Monday and Wednesday 8am to 9pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am to 5pm  
<http://www2.uta.edu/acslabs/>  
<http://libraries.uta.edu/gis/index.html>

## Trial Databases

During June the libraries conducted a trial of the *American Chemical Society Journal Archives* from the UTA Libraries Online [trial databases page](#). 1879-present. Full text (and image) access to most of the entire runs of ACS journals back to 1879. Articles are still being added during the trial, but tables of contents are available now. Full-text articles are delivered in HTML and Adobe Acrobat format. Trial ended June 30. If you tried it and liked this page, please let your subject librarian know.

Also on trial in June was *CSA Sociological Abstracts*: Abstracts and indexes the international literature in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. The database provides abstracts of journal articles and citations to book reviews drawn from over 1,700 serials publications, and also provides abstracts of books, book chapters, dissertations, and conference papers. Coverage begins in 1963 and is updated monthly. Records added after 1974 contain in-depth and nonevaluative abstracts of journal articles. This trial also includes access to Social Services Abstracts, ERIC and Physical Education Index, allowing one search across all of these databases.

Trial databases may all be found [here](#).

### Press Release:

#### [Information Web Page](#)

(Digital Library Services contact point: Lisa Smith)

The UTA Libraries Online web site has recently been revised to provide multiple options for searching for help online. Information about the UTA Libraries, its services, resources, or policies may be found at our expanded help service page. This site also contains a feedback form for users to route suggestions or comments to library staff concerning this new HELP service.

## Goodbye:

The **Acxiom Biz** and **Acxiom Home** databases will be removed from the OCLC FirstSearch service effective June 19, 2002. Because the World Wide Web now offers several excellent telephone directories, many for free ([Switchboard](#), for example), OCLC has decided to remove the Acxiom Biz and Acxiom Home databases from FirstSearch.

## Hello:

OCLC PAIS is pleased to announce the launch of **PAIS Direct**, a quarterly electronic newsletter available at no cost. The inaugural issue will be available June 3, 2002. PAIS Direct was developed for librarians; political science, international relations, and public policy faculty; vendors, publishers and academic presses; think tanks; social scientists; library and information science education programs around the world; and media researchers. To subscribe complete the [subscription form](#). The inaugural issue will be available June 3, 2002.

**U.S. Financial Data** This subscription is now available online. The print version will cease at the end of our current subscription of 5/31/03.

### MCC is now the MultiCultural Collection

The MCC Advisory Committee, with the approval of Tom Wilding, has decided that the MCC collection should be changed from "Minority Cultures Collection" to MultiCultural Collection. Changing demographics in Texas and the Southwest, current trends in library nomenclature, and support for the change within the UTA community were some of the reasons given for making this change.

### [MLA Directory of Periodicals](#)

Direct access (without having to go through the MLA Bibliography link) to the MLA Directory of Periodicals is now available from the UTA Libraries Online electronic resources web pages. The MLA Directory of Periodicals contains extensive listings of all the journals and serials that appear in the MLA Bibliography Master List. The Directory no longer is available in print, so the electronic version as part of your MLA Bibliography subscription is the only way you'll be able to access this important resource.

### [HarpWeek](#)

1857-1912. Provides electronic access (in scanned images) of all issues of Harper's Weekly. The 56 years of this "Journal of Civilization" provide a continuous record of what happened on a weekly basis from 1857 through 1912. Includes all illustrations, cartoons, news, literature, editorials, and advertisements. The size of Harper's Weekly (11"x15.5")

prohibits the use of standard Internet browser print functions. Cataloged in <http://pulse.uta.edu>.

### Java City @ Sam's Click Internet Café

The Java City coffee shop in Central Library is closed for the summer. Java City in the University Center is open for a few hours each day Monday through Thursday.

### Book Review:

## 101 Best .Com Resumes and Cover Letters,

by Jay A. Block and Michael Betrus.

New York: McGraw-Hill, c2001.

Central Library / Reference/ Floor 2 / HF 5383 .B532 2001

Do you know the five P's of resume writing? Find out about packaging, positioning of information, punch or power information, personality, and professionalism and a lot more in this new reference book. You will find a variety of careers in business covered from accountants to XML

programmers. Select from an array of styles and formats to create an up-to-date, dynamic resume with the look you desire.

Choose from various approaches to finding job openings using networking and online services to contacting companies or recruiters and employment agencies. Don't miss the "tips to get you hired" chapter! It is full of unconventional and creative ideas for getting the job you want. This book is a useful guide to making the Internet work for you in your job search.

You will find other resume books at HF 5383 (LC classification number) on the 4th floor and on Reserve as well as in the Reference collection on the second floor of the Central Library and at the branch libraries (Science & Engineering and Architecture & Fine Arts). For lists of books and web sites selected by the Business Librarians, see [Careers & Job Searching: Internet Style!](#)

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## Summer Session Hours

(May 28-August 13, 2002)

	<b>Central Library</b>	<b>Special Collections</b>	<b>Architecture &amp; Fine Arts Library</b>	<b>Science &amp; Engineering Library</b>
	702 College Street	6th Floor Central Library	Room 104 Architecture Building	Rooms B03-B04 Nedderman Hall
Monday-Thursday	7am - Midnight	9am - 5pm	8am - 6pm	8am - 11pm
Friday	7am - 8pm	9am - 5pm	8am - 6pm	8am - 6pm
Saturday	9am - 8pm	9am - 5pm	1pm - 6pm	10am - 6pm
Sunday	9am - Midnight	Closed	1pm - 6pm	1pm - 9pm

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