



Go-To News Sources

When you want to learn about a recent event or dive deeper into a news story, where you search is important. Use this handout get started on the right track. Library staff are always available to assist with your information needs.

A Few Tips for Information Seekers

Regardless of the topic you're exploring, these tips will help you to be successful and confident as you read news coverage:

1. If the news story you're reading doesn't name any sources, that's a red flag that the information isn't verified and may not be credible.
2. If you read or hear news coverage that seems unbelievable, don't assume it's true until you find two additional independent, credible news sources that corroborate it.
3. Know that breaking news stories are incomplete and almost always include incorrect information. Continue to follow coverage over time to get the fullest, most accurate reporting.

Local and State News

Are you curious about a local news story or something that has recently happened in the state? Start your search for local information by using local news sources. For Skokie, Chicagoland, and Illinois, great places to start include:

- *Chicago Sun-Times* - <https://chicago.suntimes.com/>
- *Chicago Tribune* - <http://www.chicagotribune.com/>
- WBEZ - <https://www.wbez.org/>
- WGN - <http://wgntv.com/>

National News

If the news story you're interested in is of national importance, a news source that provides general and in-depth national coverage is your best first resource. Start your search for national information by using a not-for-profit news source such as:

- The Associated Press - <https://www.apnews.com/>
- National Public Radio - <https://www.npr.org/>
- ProPublica - <https://www.propublica.org/>





International News

If you're looking for information on a story happening internationally, start first with a news source that is local to the story. For example, if you want to learn more about something happening in Europe, start with a European newspaper. General news sources for international coverage include:

- *Al Jazeera* - <https://www.aljazeera.com/>
- *The Economist* - <https://www.economist.com/>
- *Reuters* - <https://www.reuters.com/>

Business and Economic News

When you're looking for credible information on a story related to business and the economy, it's best to start with a resource that specializes in business reporting. Go-to resources include:

- *Bloomberg* - <https://www.bloomberg.com/>
- *Financial Times* - <https://www.ft.com/>
- *The Wall Street Journal* - <https://www.wsj.com/>

Government and Political News

It's not always easy to find unbiased political coverage; many of the most commonly used newspapers, television channels, and radio programs offer coverage from a particular political perspective, not an objective one. If you're looking for information on U.S. politics, the best first sources are those that provide objective reporting and analysis, including:

- *The Congressional Record* - <https://www.congress.gov/congressional-record>
- *Foreign Affairs* - <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/>
- *NPR Politics Podcast* - <https://goo.gl/7TxjXJ>

Science and Health News

If you're looking for details on scientific discoveries and health news, as well as analysis of scientific studies and their implications, the best first sources will be those that cite specific research and consult subject matter experts. General sources for scientific coverage include:

- *Nature* - <https://www.nature.com/nature/>
- *ScienceDaily* - <https://www.sciencedaily.com/>
- *Science News* - <https://www.sciencenews.org/>

