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A guide to the Newspaper collections

The Newspaper Collections

The newspaper collections held by the library are primarily available online. Most of our newspapers are in English language and comprise mainly of the 'broadsheet', so-called quality papers which have been long-established. The online collection is accessible to members onsite, and remotely signing in to Catalyst via their devices.

Print newspapers

We hold few print newspapers, but those we do hold, are located in the Upper Basement in The Times Room. These include a small print collection of rare newspapers. We do not hold the entire runs of these newspapers, only a few sample papers.

The Times in print and other formats

A daily print copy of *The Times* is held in the Reading Room from Monday to Saturday. It is part of our reference material and can only be consulted in the Reading Room and must not be taken elsewhere in the library. The library also holds bound print copies of *The Times* in The Times Room located in the Basement. There you will also find holdings of *The Times* in microfilm format (for volumes not held in hard copy) as well as print version of the indexes. *The Times Digital Archive* is also available online via the catalogue Catalyst once members sign in.

Rare newspapers

The library has a small collection of rare print newspapers. These are not full runs of any publication but rather a few issues from specific dates. Please ask staff at the Issue Desk for further information.

When you search Catalyst, you will see dates under the title. These dates do not denote the library's holdings, but the period the title was published.

JOURNAL
Daily mail.
1896-
Daily express.; Shelved Under: Daily mail.
Available at London Library Times Room (Rare Newspapers) >

JOURNAL
The evening news.
1881-1980
Daily herald.; Shelved Under: The evening news.
Available at London Library Times Room (Rare Newspapers) >

For example, the *Daily Mail* was first published in 1896, but our holdings for this newspaper are only for the issue published 1st December 1936. Also, the *Evening News* was published initially between 1881 – 1980, but we only have 1st December 1936 in our holdings.

Online newspapers accessed via Catalyst

The library subscribes to a wide number of online newspapers through individual archives for specific titles and databases. To access any of the newspapers the library subscribes to remotely or from your device, you must sign into the library's online catalogue, Catalyst. If you have not yet registered to use Catalyst in this way, please go to [Signing up for the new Catalyst](#). To search Catalyst for the newspapers we subscribe to, go to https://catalyst.londonlibrary.co.uk/discovery/search?vid=44LON_INST:LondonLib.

From the Catalyst homepage (below), select the **eResources – Newspaper and Journals tile**. This will take you directly to the list of newspaper databases to which the Library subscribes and the holdings.

Welcome to Catalyst – The London Library’s online catalogue.

Catalyst will search and return results from all of our print holdings and 95% of our electronic resources, including articles from electronic journals.

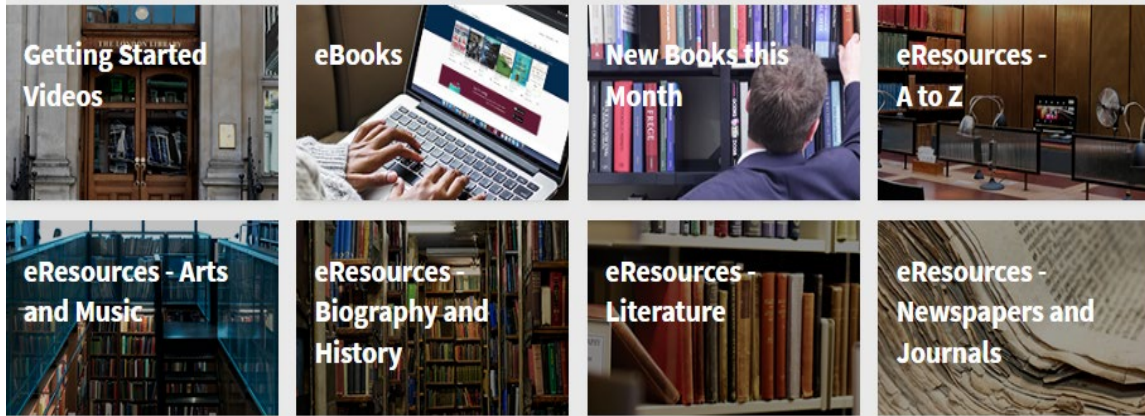
If you would prefer not to see electronic resources returned with your results, please use [Catalyst - print-only version](#).

Please see this guide to [Signing up for the new Catalyst](#).

Oxford English Dictionary website changes

For access to the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) eResources, please first sign in to [Catalyst](#) via [The London Library website](#) and scroll down to the OED link.

Please be advised that saved OED links via Catalyst may have expired following their website upgrade. As part of a new security feature, users will automatically be logged out of OED after 45 minutes from the time they sign in and will need to complete the sign in process again. Please contact the Library team should you need help.



The newspaper databases are primarily archived holdings, that is past or older newspapers of particular publications. Once you select a newspaper database, you can opt to conduct either a basic or advanced search of the newspaper’s issues. Advanced searches are useful if you are searching for a specific the date, and perhaps the title or keywords from the article you are searching for.

eNewspapers

[17th-18th Century Burney collection](#)

The collection includes 1000+ newspapers, pamphlets, proclamations and newsbooks from the 17th and 18th centuries

[British Newspaper Archive](#)

Online access to millions of pages from the British Library's vast newspaper collection.

[Gale OneFile: News](#)

Formerly Infotrac. Access to recent editions of The Times, The Sunday Times, The New York Times, The Guardian and The Observer

[Gales' Artemis](#)

A single place to search all the Gale databases to which the Library subscribes

[Illustrated London News](#)

A complete digital archive covering the period 1842 to 2003

[NewsVault](#)

A single place to search all the Gale newspaper databases to which the Library subscribes

[Proquest historical newspapers: The Guardian and The Observer](#)

A complete digital archive covering the period 1791 to 2003

[Sunday Times Digital Archive](#)

A complete digital archive covering the period 1822 to 2016

[The Telegraph Historical Archive](#)

A complete digital archive covering the period 1855 to 2016

[Times Digital Archive](#)

A complete digital archive covering the period 1785 to 2019

These are some of the most popular online newspaper sites to which the Library subscribes:

British Newspaper Archive (BNA)

This database gives access to the British Library's digitised collection of local and regional newspapers. Please note, that it does not include the national tabloids such as the *Daily Mail*, *The Sun* or *Daily Mirror* (although you may find the odd article). Unlike other resources, in addition to being signed in on the Library's homepage you will need to register separately on the British Newspaper Archive website in order to view your search results.

Registration is a very simple process and need only be done once.

Gale Newspapers

Gale has several online platforms that allow access to both historical and more recent editions of newspapers. To access the databases to which the Library subscribes you will need to sign into Catalyst.

Gale OneFile: News

Access to recent editions of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Observer*.

Gales' Artemis

A single place to search all the Gale databases to which the library subscribes.

Sunday Times Digital Archive

A complete digital archive covering the period 1822 to 2006

The Telegraph Historical Archive

A complete digital archive covering the period 1855 to 2016

Times Digital Archive

A complete digital archive covering the period 1785 to 2019

Newsvault

A single place to search all the Gale newspaper databases to which the Library subscribes. You can also cross-search across several publications.

How to search Gale databases

Gale databases all work in a similar way. You can conduct a basic search using the search that initially appears when you go to the resource:



Alternatively, if you wish to find a specific article or search for more details, it is best to use the Advanced Search option which is just below the search bar on the left.

Advanced Search

Search Terms

Terms	Field	Finds results that...
Search for "miners strike"	in Keyword	have these terms or subjects; expands to synonyms of your search term
And "arthur scargill"	in Keyword	have these terms or subjects; expands to synonyms of your search term
And "margaret thatcher"	in Keyword	have these terms or subjects; expands to synonyms of your search term

Allow variations

Search Tips

[Operators](#) [Special Characters](#)
[AND, OR, NOT](#) [Proximity](#) [Nesting](#) [Quotation Marks](#) [Wildcards](#) [Ignored](#)

Search Limiters

Publication date(s)

All Dates Before On After Between

From

Year: 1984 | Month: March | Day: 06


To


Year: 1985 | Month: March | Day: 03

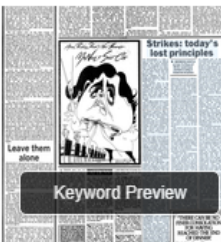
This will return abstracts of relevant articles. Select and click on the article title to view the full article.


Search Terms: Keyword: "miners strike" AND Keyword: arthur scargill AND Keyword: "margaret thatcher" [Revise Search](#)

Applied Filters: **Document Type : "Article"** **Date : Mar 06, 1984 - Mar 03, 1985**

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1. **Victory cry by Kinnock the miners' friend**
Author: Chris Tighe
Publication: The Sunday Times (London, England)
Sunday, July 15, 1984 Issue 8345 p. 2 Article
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2. **What drives Arthur Scargill?**
Authors: Andrew Stephen and Arthur Scargill
Publication: The Sunday Times (London, England)
Sunday, July 15, 1984 Issue 8345 p. 8 Article
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3. **Strikes: today's lost principles**
Author: Barbara Castle
Publication: The Sunday Times (London, England)
Sunday, Nov. 11, 1984 Issue 8362 p. 16 Article
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4. **Striking miners blot out Radio Trent for 'Radio Free Arthur'**
Author: Roger Ratcliffe
Publication: The Sunday Times (London, England)
Sunday, Nov. 25, 1984 Issue 8364 p. 3 Article

You can opt to click on the *Keyword Preview* to check if it has the relevant theme you are looking for, or click on the title to view the entire article.

Other online newspaper resources

ProQuest Historical Newspapers

The library subscribes to the historical archives for *The Guardian* and *The Observer* via ProQuest Historical Newspapers. The search function for these archives is similar to Gale, with an advanced search option.

The database is a complete digital archive covering the period 1791 to 2003. For historical reference *The Guardian* was founded in Manchester 1821 and was originally known as the *Manchester Guardian*, becoming *The Guardian* in 1959. *The Observer* was founded in 1791 and is the oldest English language newspaper to have a Sunday edition.



The advanced search option allows you to cross search across both newspapers simultaneously. Please note that the search options do not include *The Observer Sunday Colour Supplement*.

17th-18th Century Burney collection

Another Gale resource (in collaboration with the British Library) that holds a vast array of resources, including newspapers from the 17th and 18th century. The year of publication is indicated in **bold**. Publications include:

- Public Advertiser (3,843)
- Morning Chronicle (**1770**) (2,660)
- The Morning Post (2,114)
- Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser (2,058)

- The London Evening Post (2,006)
- St. James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post (1,996)
- Morning Herald (1,569)
- Whitehall Evening Post (**1770**) (1,548)
- Daily Advertiser (1,491)
- The General Evening Post (**1,383**)
- London Chronicle (1,317)
- World (1,079)
- Lloyd's Evening Post (947)
- The Daily Post (788)
- The Daily Journal (718)
- The Oracle (698)
- Star and Evening Advertiser (**1788**) (681)
- The Daily Courant (652)
- True Briton (**1793**) (619)
- Courier (532)
- Grub Street Journal (417)
- Diary or Woodfall's Register (399)
- Middlesex Journal (375)
- Times (361)
- The Daily Gazetteer (345)
- The Sun (324)
- Public Ledger (316)
- General Advertiser (**1744**) (307)
- Weekly Journal, or British Gazetteer (271)
- Gazetteer and London Daily Advertiser (229)
- London Daily Post, and General Advertiser (210)
- Read's Weekly Journal, or British Gazetteer (202)
- London Journal (**1720**) (199)

- Evening Mail (189)
- Weekly Miscellany (181)
- London Packet or New Evening Post (174)
- London Courant (**1745**) (173)
- The Country Journal, or the Craftsman (167)
- The Post Boy (145)
- Universal Spectator and Weekly Journal (136)
- Bath Chronicle (119)
- London Daily Advertiser and Literary Gazette (119)
- General Advertiser and Morning Intelligencer (115)
- Parker's General Advertiser and Morning Intelligencer (105)
- Craftsman or Say's Weekly Journal (104)
- Felix Farley's Bristol Journal (104)
- British Journal (102)
- Weekly Journal or Saturday's Post (102)
- Penny London Post or The Morning Advertiser (100)
- Evening Post (**1709**) (93)

If you have any questions about how to search the print and online newspaper collections, please ask staff at the Issue Desk, or email returns.desk@londonlibrary.co.uk.