



~ **Local Newspapers in Morris County & MAIN Libraries** ~

***Using Newspapers for Research on Morris County  
People, Places, Events***



Local and regional newspaper can provide information relevant to a variety of research topics, such as historical, genealogical, cultural and more. They may contain birth announcements, wedding notices, obituaries and other information on people and families; information on historic sites and structures; eyewitness reporting on newsworthy events; and reporting on state and local government actions. These can also include photos and advertisements.

Some libraries also maintain newspaper clippings files organized by topic; photographs of people and places, scrapbooks, maps and other local history collections. Contacting an individual library is the best way to ascertain what it provides.

Most libraries also keep current issues of local newspapers, from 3 months to up to one year, available for the public to read.

**MORRIS COUNTY & MORRIS AUTOMATED INFORMATION NETWORK (MAIN)**

The Morris Automated Information Network (MAIN) is a consortium of 38 public libraries located in Morris, Somerset and Warren Counties in New Jersey: <https://www.mainlib.org/locations/>.

You will find listings below of the MAIN local newspapers – that is, for each library’s town - and related information provided by those libraries.

Morris County Library and [Morristown & Morris Township Library](#) both have extensive holdings of historical newspapers. Morris County Library also has about 15 current local and county newspapers.

Two local museums also maintain newspaper collections (see Table IV).

**Newspaper Listings**

These charts include local newspaper listings and related content in MAIN libraries, as of the compilation date:

[Table I](#) – *Newspapers Listed Alphabetically by Owning Library*

[Table II](#) – *Newspapers Listed Alphabetically by Title*

[Table III](#) – *Newspapers in Morris County Library collection*

[Table IV](#) – *Museums with Local Newspapers (Butler and Morris Plains)*

[Table V](#) – *Indexes to Local Newspapers*

## **How To Use The Charts**

- **Date range** is **current** unless otherwise noted; e.g.: current 2 weeks; 6 months etc.
- **Formats:** print; microform (MF); PDF; database; index
- **MF** may be microfilm or microfiche.
- **PDF** file format: this is a searchable digital file format available on public computers in the owning library; however *online access* is available where noted and a link is provided. In some cases, the file is on a CD-ROM which you request from library staff or which staff will use to search to your specifications.
- **Indexes:** indexes are noted in **Format** column (as well as in Table V). These may help with searches for articles on births, marriages, weddings, obituaries, special events.
- **Online Database:** ProQuest Historical Newspapers (access for *Daily Record*) – may be used in Morris County Library. You may also access this remotely with a valid MAIN library card. *Please ask Reference staff for assistance in using this resource.*

## **Other Sources for researching New Jersey newspapers**

Newspaper titles, dates and locations can also be researched in:

- **New Jersey State Library** - current and historical newspaper collection:  
<http://libguides.njstatelib.org/news>
- **New Jersey State Library - Union List of Serials**
  - Visit [New Jersey State Library – JerseyCat](#); select: **Union List of Serials**
  - Use this search to get newspaper titles as well as possible locations.
- **New Jersey State Library – Digital Newspaper Project:**  
<https://libguides.njstatelib.org/digitized-newspapers/home>  
An index of digitized newspapers published in New Jersey, whether currently available or in process, including links and other access information
- *Directory of New Jersey Newspapers: 1765-1970* (Wright & Stellhorn)
- *Newspapers in Microform* (Library of Congress)  
[https://www.loc.gov/rr/news/news\\_research\\_tools/newspapersinmf.html](https://www.loc.gov/rr/news/news_research_tools/newspapersinmf.html)
- **MAIN libraries** public catalog <http://catalog.mainlib.org/>

## How to search the catalog for local newspapers and indexes:

Many (but not all) local and regional newspapers can be located by using the MAIN library catalog. Here are some search tips:

- In the MAIN catalog search box, enter various combinations of search terms, such as:
  - American newspapers – New Jersey
  - Newspapers – New Jersey
  - Newspapers – Morris County
  - Newspapers [enter the town name]
  - Change “Search By” to **Subject**
  
- When a search list is generated; check the items that have [newspaper]; [periodical], [serial] [microform] or [electronic resource] in the title or the rest of the description. Use the Full Display box to see all information about the work.
  
- To locate newspaper indexes, include the word [index] or [indexes] in your search, and if the name has more than one word, put in quotes; for example:
  - [“town name”] newspapers index
  - [“newspaper name”] indexes
  - newspapers – “New Jersey” – indexes

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