Periodical Reading Area

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PERIODICAL READING AREA

The Periodical Reading Area is located on the main floor, southwest side of Forsyth library. The Periodical Reading Area contains over 1100 current journal titles, microform collection, microform readers/printers, newspapers and journal Display Section (here some of the most current periodical issues are displayed).

CURRENT PERIODICALS

Current print subscriptions (1994 -current) are located within the Periodical Reading Area (green stacks North to South). Materials are arranged in call number order.

Prior to 1994: (arranged alphabetically by title order):

A - Phylon (BASEMENT)
(south of Juvenile section)

Physical - Z (MAIN FLOOR)
(south of green stacks)

2nd SECTION (MAIN FLOOR)
(LOCATED AFTER Z)

Back issues may be checked out at the Reserve Counter for a limited period of time (with a valid FHSU ID card). Current titles may be used anywhere within the library or copies made. (Photocopiers located north of the Reference desk - $.05 per page).
NEWSPAPERS

Current print newspapers are located in the Periodical Reading Area on the West Wall by the Display Journals. Forsyth library also maintains archival microfilm for several newspapers. Search in the ONLINE CATALOG by "journal title" for specific newspaper titles.

ELECTRONIC REFERENCES TO ACCESS NEWSPAPERS:

LEXIS-NEXIS

- Searches newspaper articles world wide.
- Full text articles are available for most titles, coverage varies.
- Most titles available from 1980 to present.

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER INDEX

- Indexes five newspapers simultaneously:
  - The New York Times
  - Wall Street Journal
  - Christian Science Monitor
  - Los Angeles Times
  - Washington Post.

- No full text is available through this service.

NEWSPAPERS ON MICROFILM:

- Christian Science Monitor
- Hays Daily News
- Kansas City Star & Times
- New York Times
- Topeka Capital Daily
- Wall Street Journal
MICROFORMS COLLECTIONS

Located in the Periodical Reading Area, east side. Forsyth Library holds various collections of materials in microformat: microfilm, microfiche, and microcard. Microform is a general term applied to all forms of micro reproduction which involves reducing the material to a fraction of its original size allowing researchers to read journals, newspapers articles, etc., years after the original is gone. Staff at the Periodical Reading desk will assist with locating materials, setting up reader/printer and printing. Copies from microfilm to paper cost $.05 per page.

Microfilm and microfiche may sometimes be obtained from other libraries through Interlibrary Loan Services.

MICROFILM COLLECTION

Microfilm (MF) is on a reel and is usually 16mm or 35mm. Journals and newspapers (recent and older issues can be found in the Periodical Reading Area. Equipment and assistance are available for reading and printing from microfilm in the area. Copies to paper cost $.05/page.

MICROFICHE COLLECTION

Microfiche (MI) is a flat sheet, usually 4" high x 6" wide. Most microfiche is filmed as a negative image. ERIC documents are generally on microfiche. Equipment and assistance are available for reading and printing from microfiche. Copies to paper cost $0.05/page.

MICROCARD

Microcard (MC) is a term to describe micropaque materials. It is generally 3" high x 5" wide. Equipment and assistance are available for reading and printing from microcard in the reading area. Copies to paper cost $.05/page.