

Finding Photo Books in the Mansfield Library

We have a large collection of works comprised of photography, spanning many subject areas. Here's how to find them.

Go to the Mansfield Library website (www.lib.umt.edu). Click on the "Catalog" link on the top left side.

Select Advanced Search. This allows you to combine terms and search more deeply.

In the first search box, type "Pictorial works" without quotes and select "Subject Keyword" in the pull down menu to the right of the search box. You may then further narrow the search by entering topics or locations into the second and third boxes.

To browse our photo books in person, check out the call numbers 770-779 on our fourth floor. The technical books on photography come first, and the collections of photos are at the end of the section. Collections of photos may also be found in the call number area of the subject they cover (Native Americans, Missoula, etc.) so try looking in that section of the library as well.

News Resources

You can find these by going to the Mansfield Library website (www.lib.umt.edu) and clicking on "Find Articles," then on "Journalism."

Lexis-Nexis Academic has news articles, wire reports, and news show transcripts from all over the world. It's a very large database and can produce very broad or very focused results depending on how you search it.

Newsbank is a U.S.-centric collection of news articles from 1992 on. It has an easy-to-use search feature but doesn't have the whole content of newspapers.

The UM Journalism Wiki contains a collection of links to local, area and regional newspapers. These websites, on the free web, tend only to archive a couple weeks' worth of content but also tend to include photos, which may be stripped out of the fee databases listed above. The wiki also has lots of free online journalism resources and is editable by you (the password is monte).

There are also databases available that cover the alternative press, ethnic presses, and gender-related news and sources. Please check out the Journalism resources page for a full list. Most state newspapers can also be found on Level 1 in hard copy or on microfilm.

Statistical Resources

You can find these as well by going to the Mansfield Library website (www.lib.umt.edu) and clicking on “Find Articles,” then on “Journalism.” Statistics are difficult to research and often require patience and exact phrasing—contact us for help if necessary.

Lexis-Nexis Statistical is a repository of statistical reports and information from the U.S. and around the world. Data back to 1973 can be found here.

Statistical Abstract of the United States is a collection of statistics about the United States published yearly. The library has this in print as well, with the most current issue kept at the Information Center.

StatUSA is a government resource gathering many years of freely available statistical information produced by the US into one handy website. It is broken up into national and international statistics.

Local Resources

Here’s how to find information on local events, statistics, persons of interest and the like. All these resources are available under “Montana Resources” on the Find Articles grid.

State of Montana Website (<http://mt.gov>) contains information on almost every aspect of Montana, from tourism to employment, from education to a state employee directory.

Missoula City Government Website (<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/>) has similar information, only focused entirely on Missoula. There is also a great “late-breaking news” section on their site with newsworthy events.

Missoula County Website (<http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/>) focuses on the county and provides links to contact information, departments and services, policies, procedures, and law for the county.

FirstGov (<http://firstgov.gov/>) is a portal created by the federal government to link you with resources at the federal, state, county, city, and tribal level. This is an excellent website for finding other sites. It also has a nice reference section with a collection of valuable information.

Current Issues Reading Area

This area, located on the lowest level of the library, has current issues of news magazines and newspapers, newspaper archives, news television and a computer for research, as well as some comfy chairs to settle in.

Questions? Just ask a librarian! Call us at 243-6866, stop by, or contact us electronically at <http://www.lib.umt.edu/contact.htm>