

News You Can Use For November 2018

From Your MX College Library

Several years ago the CCC district made a deal with a textbook vendor to put two copies of each required textbook in the Library reserve collection. These books are for in-library use for two hours.

Many students take advantage of this collection and some don't purchase a textbook. With the high cost of textbooks (some cost more than the class tuition), some colleges are using freely available open source textbooks. Here is a link to a study that concluded open source textbooks do not negatively impact student performance. While the authors conclude many factors contribute to student success such as motivation, intelligence, and teacher-student rapport, the choice of a open source vs. a commercial printed or electronic textbook does not seem to be a factor. Click here to read the article:



https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1420&context=cjsotl_rcacea

Here are some links to open source college textbooks.

<http://www.collegeopentextbooks.org/>

<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/>

<https://research.cehd.umn.edu/otn/>

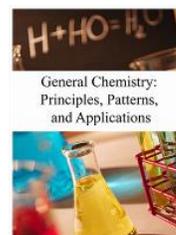
<https://openstax.org/subjects>

College Open Textbooks

Open Text Library

Open Textbook Network

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Featured Database of the Month

If you want to search for Chicago history, the Chicago area newspapers are a good place to start. Be skeptical of what you find since the job of a newspaper reporter is to sell papers. Not all newspaper articles are carefully researched. [ProQuest](#) is the database for newspapers. ProQuest indexes and has full-text articles for the *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Citizen*, *Chicago Defender*, *Chicago Jewish Star*, *Chicago Independent Bulletin*, *Crain's Chicago Business*, and *Chicago Weekend*. *The Jewish Star* ceased publication in May 2018; *The Chicago Independent Bulletin* ceased publication in 2007. It is hard to browse an entire issue and coverage is not totally comprehensive. Some titles have missing issues that are not available online in any format.



Sadly, there are many Chicago newspapers that have no indexing or full text online availability. The *Sun-Times*, *Daily News*, *Lerner Newspapers*, *Reader*, *Chicago's American*, and others just can't be searched. The main branch of the Chicago Public Library has microfilm copies of many Chicago newspapers, but you will need to know the date you are seeking. Newspapers tend to change titles. This further complicates the search. As I discovered for one research project no library seems to have saved the suburban or local newspapers. After a sale or take-over, the newspaper files, photos, and archives were lost.

ProQuest indexes and has full-text for many newspapers in other cities such as *Atlanta Journal*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and *New York Times* and transcripts from TV news shows such as *NBC Nightly News*, *60 Minutes* and *48 Hours*.

We understand finishing the semester can be stressful. The Library in co-operation with the Wellness Center is sponsoring a relaxation station in study room 2300-L. Stop in from Oct. 29 - Nov. 19 any time between 10:30 am and 2 pm.