

Custom Newspapers

Thomson Gale's **InfoTrac® Custom Newspapers** is a web-based collection of hundreds of newspapers from around the United States and the world. **Custom Newspapers** has full-text articles and is geared to reflect the natural research process of students, professionals and public library patrons.

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

To access Custom Newspapers:

Go to: **RCPL** (<http://www.myrcl.com>)
Hover over: **Research and Learning**
Click: **Research Tools**
Click: **News and Magazines**
Scroll to: **Custom Newspapers**
Click: **Inside the Library** or **Home Access**

★ After each question, click on *Home* at the top of the screen.

1. **I want to see articles about local farmers markets. I'm not looking for any specific location – I want to read about markets all over the country.**
 - ☐ In the main search box, type “farmers market”. Enclosing the phrase in double quotes searches for that specific phrase.
 - ☐ Click the blue *Search* button.
 - ☐ To view an article, click the *Full-Text* link under the article's citation. If there is no *Full-Text* link, only the citation is available in this database. Check the library catalog and consult a librarian to obtain articles that are not available from this database.
2. **I would like to see a list of all titles covered by Custom Newspapers.**
 - ☐ Click *Browse Publications* link in the orange bar at the top of the page.
 - ☐ Publications are listed by initial letter. Click on 0-9 to see the beginning of the list.
 - ☐ To see details including what years of a publication are available in this database, hover your mouse over a title or click it.
 - ☐ You can see a specific issue of any periodical by clicking the title and choosing the year and number of the issue.
3. **I need full-text newspaper articles about pelagic fishing.**
 - ☐ Click the *Advanced Search* link in the orange at the top of the page.
 - ☐ Type 'pelagic' in the first (top) *Keyword* box.
 - ☐ Type 'fishing' in the second *Keyword* box.
 - ☐ Check the *to documents with full-text* box. This will limit the results to only articles you can view in full text through this specific database.
 - ☐ Click the green *Search* button.

4. I need articles on global warming from this year.

- ☐ Click the *Advanced Search* link in the orange bar at the top of the page.
- ☐ Type “global warming”, including the double quotes, in the first (top) *Keyword* box. This will find only articles that include these keywords next to each other in this order.
- ☐ Look for ...*by publication date* and type ‘2010’ in the box.
- ☐ Click the green *Search* button.

5. I’m looking for information on a specific type of fraud called advance-fee fraud, but when I searched under that phrase, I didn’t get as many results as I would like. What would retrieve a larger number of matches?

- ☐ In the main search box, type ‘advance-fee’.
- ☐ Click the green *Search* button.
- ☐ This abbreviated search phrase will retrieve a much larger number of hits than using ‘advance-fee scam’, ‘advance-fee fraud’, or ‘advance-fee swindle’ because it will return results with all of these phrases. When you’re not getting enough results, try slimming down your keywords.