The objective of the Illinois Newspaper Project (INP) Database is to make all of the information that the INP has discovered about Illinois newspapers available to anyone anywhere. It contains comprehensive information about the newspapers that the INP has identified and catalogued, as well as titles that we’ve preserved by microfilming.

Though the database does not contain newspaper articles or digital newspaper content, it is a great tool for finding where current and historical newspapers are located. For suggestions on places to find newspaper content online, please visit our links page at: http://www.library.uiuc.edu/inp/links.html

Using the INP Database

The instructions in this guide will help you successfully search our database.

1. Begin Your Search:
   a. Connect to the INP home page at: http://www.library.uiuc.edu/inp
   b. Click on “INP Database”
2. **Sample Search:**

Follow the directions onscreen; enter search criteria where possible.

**Search the INP Database**

Enter criteria in the boxes below. All fields are optional. Click here for search tips.

- **Newspaper Title:** Urbana daily courier
- **OCLC Number:**
- **City of publication:** Urbana
- **State:** IL
- **County:** All Counties
- **Year:**

To see all titles in a specific Illinois county, leave all fields blank except for your county of choice.

You can also browse by title A-Z.

**Browse the INP Database**

Browse Newspapers by Title:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

3. **View Search Results:**

The INP Database = Search Results

Your search returned 2 record(s). Refine Search | New Search

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Clicking on the title of the record you’d like to view brings you to the detailed record, which shows the institutions that hold this title and the issues they have in their collections.

The publication dates indicate the entire life of the newspaper. To see what dates a library owns, click to access the detailed record.

**More Search Tips:**

- If you receive too many results, fill in as much information as possible to narrow your search criteria.
- If you receive no results or very few results, try searching for less information, such as the title of the newspaper and the state of origin.
- When searching for a location beginning with “St.” or “Mt.,” spell out the abbreviations (Saint or Mount).
4. View the Detailed Record:

Urbana daily courier (Urbana, Ill. : 1915)  

Published in: Urbana, IL (Champaign County)  
Years Published: 1915 - 1934  
Record Set Name: Morning courier (Urbana, Ill.)

Where we found this title:

- **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library**
  
  **Format:** Microfilm master copy  
  **Holdings:** Some issues are missing. <1915:3:12-1928:2:2>

- **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library**
  
  **Format:** Microfilm service copy  
  **Holdings:** Some issues are missing. <1915:3:12-1934:2:1>

- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
  
  **Format:** Microfilm service copy  
  **Holdings:** <1915:3:6-1934:2:1>

The OCLC number helps identify newspapers for interlibrary loan purposes.

Our Participant Locator page contains information on all participating institutions, as well as an interactive county map: http://www.library.uiuc.edu/inp/locator

INP Participant Locator = Results

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Champaign County)**

**Contact Info:**  
1400 West Gregory Drive  
Urbana, IL 61801-3607  
Phone: 217-333-0796  
Fax: 217-244-0390  
Email: hpn@library.uiuc.edu  
http://www.library.uiuc.edu

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Holdings**

Displaying 2410 record(s).

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Facts and Features

- **How can I borrow film?**
  - You may borrow microfilm through interlibrary loan by contacting your local library, which will send the request to the holding institution.

- **What is a record set?**
  - Much like a family tree, newspapers can be diagrammed to show how they grew, merged, absorbed one another, and sprouted different editions. The most recent newspaper title in the “record set” is the name of the newspaper tree. For example, the newspaper tree for the *Alton Telegraph* spans the years 1836 to the present day. Like a family tree, the current *Alton Telegraph* has ancestors and descendants. Examining the newspaper tree is a good method of understanding the publishing history of a geographical area.

- **What does “u” in the publication dates mean?**
  - “u” is simply a cataloging term that stands for “unknown.” Thus, 18uu-185u means that publication began sometime in the 1800s and ceased sometime in the 1850s, but we do not yet know the exact years.

- **Where can I find a list of microfilmed titles?**
  - For a complete list of titles that the Illinois Newspaper Project has microfilmed, please visit our preservation microfilming page at: [http://www.library.uiuc.edu/inp/microfilm.php](http://www.library.uiuc.edu/inp/microfilm.php)

Please feel free to contact the Illinois Newspaper Project if you have any questions, problems, comments, or information. We’d love to hear from you!

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