

Milwaukee German-language Newspapers at Milwaukee Public Library, 1845-1991

The following publications are available in the Periodicals Department at MPL's [Central Library](#). Links go to the [CountyCat](#) catalog entry for each title, which describes the title and MPL's holdings more fully.

The dozens of Milwaukee-based German language newspapers listed below are loosely grouped by related or successor publications, and organized chronologically, both in determining the order of groups and the order within each group.

[Wiskonsin-Banner](#) (weekly, 1845)

[Wisconsin-Banner](#) (weekly, 1845-1854)

[Volksfreund](#) (weekly, 1847-1850)

[Wisconsin Banner und Volksfreund](#) (weekly, 1855-1913)

[Milwaukee See-Bote](#) (weekly, 1857-1871)

[Milwaukeeer See=Bote](#) (weekly, 1871-1875)

[Seebote](#) (weekly, 1875-1906)

[Seebote und Sonntagsbote](#) (weekly, Nov. 1906)

[Seebote und der Sonntagsbote](#) (weekly, 1906-1922)

[Seebote](#) (weekly, 1922-1924)

[Der Herold](#) (daily, 1863-1890) [began publication in 1861] [continued by *Milwaukee Herold*]

[Milwaukee Herold](#) (daily, 1892-1898) [began publication in 1890] [continued by *Milwaukee Herold und Seebote*]

[Milwaukee Herold und Seebote](#) (daily, 1898-1906, daily (except Sunday), 1907?-1912)
[Merged with *Milwaukee Germania Abendpost* to form *Germania-Herold*, about which see below]

[Milwaukee Herold](#) (semi-weekly, 1913-1917, 1923-1924)

[Milwaukee Freidenker](#) (weekly, 1872-1874) [continued by *Biron & Bruckers Sonntags-blatt*]

[Biron & Bruckers Sonntags-blatt](#) (weekly, 1874) [continued by *Freidenker*]

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[Freidenker](#) (weekly, 1875-1917)

[Germania](#) (daily, 1873-1897) [continued by *Germania und Abend-Post*]

[Abend Post](#) (daily, 1892-1897) [continued by *Germania und Abend-Post*]

[Germania und Abend-Post](#) (daily, 1897-1901) [continued by *Milwaukee Germania Abendpost*]

[Milwaukee Germania Abendpost](#) (daily, 1901-1912) [merged with *Milwaukee Herold und Seebote* to form *Germania Herold*]

Germania-Herold ([morning](#) & [evening](#) editions, 1913-1918) [continued by *Milwaukee Herold*]

[Milwaukee Herold](#) (morning & evening editions., 1918-1919; daily, 1919-1932) [continued by *Milwaukee Sonntagspost*]

[Milwaukee Sonntagspost](#) (weekly, 1932-1937) [continued by *Milwaukee-Herold Sonntagspost*]

[Milwaukee-Herold Sonntagspost](#) (weekly, 1937-1939) [continued by *Milwaukee-Herold*]

[Milwaukee-Herold](#) (weekly, 1939-1982)

[Germania](#) (weekly, 1879-1918) [continued by *Milwaukee Herold* (morning & evening) and *Milwaukee America*]

[Milwaukee America](#) (weekly, 1918-1924)

[Socialist](#) (daily, 1875-1876) [continued by *Milwaukee'r Socialist*]

[Milwaukee'r Socialist](#) (daily, 1876-1878) [Continued by *Vorwärts!*]

[Vorwärts!](#) (weekly, 1877-1878)

[Wisconsin Vorwärts!](#) (daily, 1893-1898)

[Wahrheit](#) (weekly edition of *Wisconsin Vorwärts!*, 1893-1910)

[Vorwärts!](#) (weekly, 1898-1932)

[Milwaukeeer Freie Presse](#) (daily, 1879-1880)

[Milwaukee Freie Presse](#) (daily, 1880-1885, 1899) [absorbed by *Milwaukee Journal*]

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[Die Rundschau](#) (weekly, 1882-1929)

[Excelsior!](#) (weekly, 1883-1946)

[Amerikanische Turnzeitung](#) (weekly, 1885-1917)

[Milwaukee Deutsche Zeitung](#) (daily, 1933-1950)

[Abendpost und Deutsche Zeitung](#) (see catalog for frequency of publication, 1950-1991)

Background, History and Further Resources

For more information on the history of German-language newspapers in Milwaukee, see:

Heinz, Carl. "The German Immigrant Press in Milwaukee." PhD diss., Ohio State University, 1969. [071 K72](#)

Ibsen, H. B., trans. "Sixty Years of Service to the Country and Community by the *Milwaukee Herald*, 1861-1921: The History of an American Newspaper Printed in the German Language." [Unpublished typescript, 1921?]. [071 M657](#)

Strol, Albert. "German Newspaper Publishing in Milwaukee." MLS thesis, University of Illinois, 1951. [071 S918](#)

Wittke, Carl F. *The German-language Press in America*. Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1957. [071 W834](#)

The resource described below is useful to genealogy researchers with German-speaking Milwaukee ancestors. It indexes death notices and related items that appeared in many of the major German-language newspapers listed above, as well as others available at the [Wisconsin Historical Society](#) in Madison or the [Salzmann Library](#) at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in St. Francis, Wisconsin:

Rebholz, Gary, compiler and editor. *Milwaukee's German Newspapers: An Index of Death Notices and Related Items (1844-1930); Addenda 1931-1950*. [929.377595 R291](#)

This index is available in the [Frank P. Zeidler Humanities Room](#) at Central Library. The most complete version of the index, reflecting additions made since March 2011, is available for public use on a computer workstation at the Salzmann Library at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in St. Francis, Wisconsin, a south-side Milwaukee suburb. As described in this [OldMilwaukee.net post](#), Salzmann Library staff are not responsible for the data, or for lookups.