



List of Magazines

❑ **Atlantic Monthly**

Renowned writers contribute an array of interesting articles on many subjects in this attractive publication. One issue examined includes “Russia is Finished,” written by an author of travel books who lived in Russia. The accompanying pictures are amazing and visually support the story. Another delightful article covers the lost-and-found department at New York City’s Grand Central Terminal, revealing that 15,000 items are turned in annually with 56 percent being recovered. Short stories, poetry, the arts, and travel are also covered.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.theatlantic.com/>

❑ **Commentary**

Commentary is one of a number of periodicals that present discussion of Jewish concerns in the United States and abroad. Unlike most of those publications, however, *Commentary* presents a moderate rather than a liberal perspective. It publishes lengthy articles of general interest and often includes examples of current Jewish fiction.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.commentarymagazine.com>

❑ **Current History**

This privately owned journal has been covering world affairs since its founding in 1914 by the *New York Times*. Typically, each issue examines one country or region in depth; however, occasionally an issue will focus solely on a policy concern. Appealing to a broad audience, each issue includes six or seven articles, one or two book reviews, and on the back cover, a map of the targeted country or region. There is also an excellent “Month in Review” section that provides an international chronology of events, organized by country. The *Current History* website provides a schedule of the thematic emphasis of forthcoming issues.

Frequency: 9 times/year, <http://www.currenthistory.com>

❑ **Daedalus**

Each issue of this impressive magazine focuses on a major topic. All articles are by experts in their fields and support the cover topic. An international array of authors write each piece, and many articles are by several authors. The endnotes are most impressive and offer many additional sources.

Frequency: quarterly

❑ **Foreign Affairs**

This is arguably the most important foreign affairs journal in the world. Published by the Council on Foreign Relations and read by decisionmakers around the world, *Foreign Affairs* has been at the forefront of global policy analysis since 1922. Contributors include prominent academics, well-known political and government figures, and respected journalists. The articles are well-written, thought-provoking pieces that provide authoritative analyses, and their influence is felt around the world. The journal is also an excellent source for reviews of the most important books on international affairs.

Frequency: bi-monthly, <http://www.foreignaffairs.org>

❑ **Foreign Policy**

Similar to *Foreign Affairs* in coverage, this journal differentiates itself by aiming to become “an indispensable reference” for the specialist while also engaging and entertaining the general reader. Most articles are analytical essays or opinion pieces written in a jargon-free style, and many include helpful charts and sidebars. Since 2000, the journal has introduced a number of new sections, including “Think Again” (“the equivalent of a guerilla attack on conventional wisdom”), the “FP interview”, and “Want to Know More?”, a guide to additional information on topics discussed in the articles. Additional features include reviews of foreign-language books, highlights from specialty journals, and a review of useful websites.

Frequency: bi-monthly, <http://www.foreignpolicy.com>

❑ **The Futurist**

A popular publication of the World Future Society, the *Futurist* will appeal to many levels of readers in public, academic, and high school libraries. Each issue includes a half-dozen well-written and illustrated articles on such topics as workforce changes, the Internet in education, disaster survival, and the future of traditional values. Articles are contributed by well-known researchers and writers on the future. The “World Trends and Forecasts” section offers brief reports on trends in government, economics, and demography, as well as technology, the environment, and society. Smaller sections such as “Tomorrow in Brief” and “Future Active” present notices, comments, and news items, some of which are gleaned from other publications.

Frequency: bi-monthly, <http://wfs.org/futurist.htm>

❑ **Governing: The States and Localities**

This national publication, published by *Congressional Quarterly*, discusses emerging trends and issues in policy and politics at the state and local government level. Each issue contains an in-depth cover story and five to six feature articles. Topics include economic development, social policy, labor, law enforcement, education, environment, and technology. Graphs, charts, color illustrations, and photographs are well placed throughout the magazine. Interesting columns provide two- to three-paragraph synopses on hot topics, elected officials, and other government facts and figures. Unrestricted web access includes highlights from various columns and cover story from recent issues.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.governing.com>

❑ **Harper's Magazine**

Despite being rather scholarly, *Harper's* contains a few surprises. Articles can cover "unlikely" subjects. For example, one describes the "World Series of poker" accompanied by amazing pictures and a glossary of poker terms. In another piece, affecting photographs illustrate the drug war in Colombia. Articles are well written by experts. There are some ads that would seem to be more appropriate for a tabloid publication. Noteworthy is the popular "Harper's Index," a fascinating-fact-and-figures column.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.harpers.org>

❑ **Information Today**

Similar in format and design to Computerworld, this newspaper focuses on topics of primary interest to librarians and other information professionals. Along with features, interviews, and reports from the field, there are separate sections titled "News Break," "Library Systems Today," "Internet Today," and "Internet Publishing Today." Each issue includes up-to-date information on trends for these topics as well as regular columns addressing online services, legal issues, and databases. The web site provides the contents of recent issues.

Frequency: 11 times/year, <http://www.harpers.org>

❑ **The National Interest**

While retaining its commitment to stimulating discussions of American foreign policy and world politics, *The National Interest* has undergone a number of editorial changes. The founding publisher, Irving Kristol, has been succeeded by James Schlesinger, while Henry Kissinger has joined Conrad M. Black as co-chairman of the advisory board. Adam Garfinkle is the new editor. Despite these changes, however, the overall approach of the journals remains the same: It views international affairs "as a human activity in which many strands – political power, history, culture, economics, religion, science, and military force – all intertwine." Targeting a broad audience, the contributors include academics, policy specialists, and highly placed officials of the current and past Republican administrations.

Frequency: quarterly, <http://www.nationalinterest.org>

❑ **New York Review of Books**

The letters to the editor in this publication (complete with footnotes) provide more interesting and challenging reading than the lead articles in most other magazines. The major essays and lengthy book reviews that form the more substantial part of *New York Review of Books* (NYRB) are contributed by some of the best and best-known contemporary writers. One can read Gary Wills on nativity scenes, Joyce Carol Oates on serial killers, or a poem by John Ashbery. The thoughtful and often acerbic comments of reviewers on important new books and the larger issues they raise are frequently accompanied by the clever caricatures of artist David Levine.

Frequency: 20 times/year, <http://www.nybooks.com/nyrev>

❑ **New Yorker**

This magazine covers the largest city in the United States with all its depth and diversity. Lavish pictures and an impressive array of writers do both the city and the magazine proud. Even the advertisements are outstanding. The content of this publication is among the best anywhere. Articles are brief as well as in-depth and are written by knowledgeable authors.

Some articles support New York City's current theater, art, movies, et al. Local issues (such as "After Welfare") are also covered to round out this fine publication.

Frequency: weekly, <http://www.newyorker.com/>

❑ **Newsweek (International Edition)**

Newsweek is one of the three major newsweeklies to which nearly every library, public or academic, typically subscribes. For readers, the choice between *Newsweek*, *Time* and *U.S. News & World Report* is largely one of personal preference. These three publications are similar in format and content (frequently all three will have the same topic as their cover story). All in all, *Newsweek* remains an excellent publication from cover to cover.

Frequency: weekly, <http://www.newsweek.com>

❑ **Searcher: The Magazine for Database Professionals**

Searcher is a unique publication that explores and deliberates on a comprehensive range of issues important to the professional database searcher. The magazine is targeted to experienced, knowledgeable searchers and combines evaluations of data content with discussions of delivery media. *Searcher* includes evaluated online news, searching tips and techniques, reviews of searchaid software and database documentation, revealing interviews with leaders and entrepreneurs of the industry, and trenchant editorials. Whatever the experienced searcher needs to know to get the job done is covered in *Searcher*.

Frequency: monthly, <http://www.infotoday.com/searcher>

❑ **Washington Quarterly**

This publication of the Center for Strategic and International Studies "focuses on policy and the way in which analysis of international events must be translated into policy choices and actions." It covers international security; political-military problems; trade, finance, and economics; and the process and challenge of foreign policy. Accessible to the nonspecialist, the articles are well written and reflective of diverse viewpoints. Contributors include academics, research analysts, journalists, and doctoral students from the United States and abroad.

Frequency: quarterly, <http://www.twq.com/>

❑ **World Watch**

In 1974, Lester Brown founded the World Watch Institute, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to research and examination of global environmental issues. Since its creation, Worldwatch has become a trusted provider of environmental information on climate, energy production, biodiversity, population, water resources, and trade. As part of its educational mission, Worldwatch publishes its annual *State of the World* report as well as *WorldWatch*, a bimonthly publication devoted to analysis of global environmental problems and policy.

Frequency: bi-monthly, <http://www.worldwatch.org>