

# RESOURCES FOR JOURNALISTS

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## **Research and statistics:**

- [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov/): first stop for population or demographic data
- <https://www.pewresearch.org/>
- [bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov/): economic stats, including unemployment and income data
- [sos.iowa.gov](https://sos.iowa.gov/): past election results and voter registration data
- <https://www.weather.gov/dvn/>: weather data for the Iowa City area
- [sports-reference.com](https://sports-reference.com/): encyclopedia of historical sports stats:
- <https://www.maxpreps.com/>: high school sports stats
- <https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/icwest/>: high school sports information
- [Projects.propublica.org/nonprofits](https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/)
  - [ICCSD demographics/stats](https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/iccsp-demographics/)
  - [ICCSD Foundation](https://www.iccsd.org/)
- [Google Public Data Explorer](https://data.google.com/public-data/) (quick-turn Census)
- [toolbox.google.com/datasetsearch](https://toolbox.google.com/datasetsearch) (use to search for relevant data/stats)
- [Google Trends](https://trends.google.com/trends/)
- [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com/)
- [UnPaywall](https://www.unpaywall.org/) (free scholarly articles)
- [Google Advanced Search Operators List](https://www.advancedsearchoperators.com/)
- [InVid](https://www.invid.io/) (detect emerging stories, assess reliability; links to [other resources/tutorials](#))

## **Fact-checking:**

- [Google Fact-Check Explorer](https://www.google.com/factcheck/)
- [Watch Frame by Frame](https://www.watchframebyframe.com/) (video fact-check)
- [PolitiFact](https://www.politifact.com/)
- [FactCheck.org - A Project of The Annenberg Public Policy Center](https://factcheck.org/)
- [MediaWise](https://www.media-wise.org/)
- [Fact-checking advice](https://www.factcheckingadvice.com/)
- [Free fact-checking course from Poynter](https://www.poynter.org/free-fact-checking-course/)
- [Snopes.com](https://www.snopes.com/)

## **Opportunities:**

- [Summer journalism camps](#)
- [New York Times Student Contest Calendar](#)
- [Publications that accept teen writing](#)
- Check Ms. W's [newsletters](#) for even more opportunities

## **Training:**

- [Academy of Scholastic Broadcasting](#) (training videos for students)
- [Media Now's free mini lessons](#) (15 minutes or less)
- [Google News Initiative Training Center](#) (free courses and training geared at journalists)
- [education.github.com/pack](https://education.github.com/pack) (free web training and resources for students)
- [Egghead.io](https://egghead.io/) (learn JavaScript for free)
- [Codecademy.com](https://www.codecademy.com/) (learn to Code for free)
- Poynter made all of their [News University classes](#) free for journalism students
- 2500+ free online classes from 140 top universities via [edX](#), including MIT, Harvard, Berkeley, etc.

## **Tools:**

- [Samuel and Bella's "Google Tools" slideshow](#)

- [Otter](#) (records and auto-transcribes interviews)
- [Anchor.fm](#) (an easy way to make a podcast)
- [Trello](#) (organize and collaborate on design work)
- [Infogram](#) (create rich media infographics)
- [Piktochart](#) (create visual charts, infographics, maps and charts for web and print)
- [Freemusicarchive.org](#) (free music and royalty free music / [link to more sites](#))
- [Creative Commons](#) (free photos, videos and other content to reuse / read the fine print for how to credit content)
- [Adobe Spark](#) (create graphics, videos, webpages / use Adobe CC account, ask Ms. W)
- [Diversesources.org](#) (use to obtain diverse expert sources)
- [flourish.studio](#) (data visualization)
  - [flourish.studio/examples](#)
  - [Help with Flourish](#)
- Data scraping basics handout: <http://bit.ly/spjdatascrape>
- How to make interactive gifs and graphics: <https://github.com/lenagroeger/gifs>
- Copyediting help: [Hemingway app](#) and [Grammarly](#)

### **Miscellaneous resources:**

- [Climate Change resources](#) & [Covering Climate Now](#)
- [Product Hunt](#) (discover your next favorite thing)
- [How to shoot on iPhone](#)
- [How to embed Issuu into a SNO web post](#)
- [Google Earth Pro download](#) (bottom of page)
- [Earth measure tool](#)
- [Earth Engine Timelapse](#)
- [How to embed tweets](#)
- [Chris Snider's social media and digital marketing tools](#)
- [10 tips for shooting good video with your phone](#)
- Other apps: Legend, Mojo, Unfold, Adobe Capture, CamScanner, Photofox, Cameo, Filmic Pro, iMovie, Newstrition, ReSize It, Google Keep
- [The Open Notebook](#) (resource for science reporters)
- DART Center for Journalism and Trauma ([PTSD & Mental Health](#) coverage resources)

### **Journalism reading and podcast list:**

*Note: many of these books deal with difficult or sensitive subjects. Consult Ms. W with any concerns or for personalized recommendations. Also, remember it is AP Style (not MLA Style) to put book titles in quotes. :)*

- [Recommended podcasts](#)
- "Zeitoun" by Dave Eggers
- "Bad Blood" by John Carreyrou
- "Nick and Dime" by Barbara Ehrenreich
- "The Journalist and the Murderer" by Janet Malcolm
- "Columbine" and "Parkland" by Dave Cullen
- "I'll Be Gone in the Dark" by Michelle McNamara
- "Dopesick" by Beth Macy
- "Trailblazer: A Pioneering Journalist's Fight to Make the Media Look More Like America" by Dorothy Butler Gilliam
- "Maid" by Stephanie Land
- "Educated" by Tara Westover
- "Another Day in America" by Gary Younge
- "Moneyball" by Michael Lewis
- "The New New Journalism" by Robert Boynton
- "The Truth" by Terry Pratchett (this book is fiction, but the protagonists are journalists and deals with concepts surrounding the world of journalism)
- "The Shipping News" by Annie Proulx

- “The Elements of Journalism” by Bill Kovach and Tom Rosensteel
- “Catch and Kill” by Ronan Farrow
- “Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity” by Katherine Boo
- “State” by Melissa Isaacson
- “Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland” by Patrick Radden Keefe
- Leadership books (good for editors or aspiring editors):
  - “Work Happy” by Jill Geisler
  - “Dare to Lead” by Brene Brown
  - “Drive” by Daniel H. Pink
  - “Tribes” by Seth Godin
  - “Extreme Ownership: How Navy Seals Lead and Win” by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin
  - “Try Not to Suck: The Exceptional and Extraordinary Baseball Life of Joe Maddon” by Bill Chastain and Jesse Rogers
  - “Management of the Absurd” by Richard Farson and Michael Crichton

### **COVID-19 coverage:**

- [Covering coronavirus: Resources, tips and student journalism examples](#)
- From PBS NewsHour: [Conducting virtual interviews](#)
- The Student Press Law Center’s [coronavirus toolkit](#)
- During this time, you can request a 30-day trial of Stylebook Online for up-to-date AP style guidance you can use anywhere: [apstylebook.com/freetrial](http://apstylebook.com/freetrial)
- [apple.com/final-cut-pro/trial](http://apple.com/final-cut-pro/trial) 90 day free trial
- [NPR’s professional sound from a DIY-home studio tips](#)
- [Reporting from home: how NPR does it](#)
- [The newsroom guide to COVID-19](#)