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Finding information on local political candidates

Newspapers

- *Lewiston Morning Tribune*: Archives searchable through Find Articles page link, separately or in LexisNexis.
- *Moscow Pullman Daily News*: 1993 – present. Archives only searchable via a password available at the library reference desk (we have to sign you on to a computer) or via a personal subscription.
- LexisNexis also includes access to the Spokane Spokesman Review (1997-present), the Idaho Falls Post-Register, the Latah Eagle and many national newspapers (mainly for national candidates)
- We also have print issues for the last 2 months and microfilm for older issues of the Idaho newspapers above, as well as the Idaho Statesman (no current index) and all other regular Idaho newspapers. Microfilm is found on the 2nd floor along with the machine to read and make copies.
- Proquest newspapers can also be used to access national newspapers. Proquest has far fewer newspapers than LexisNexis, but contains the Wall Street Journal (LN does not).

Books

Almanac of American Politics Ref JK271.A4 (1st floor of library) supplemented somewhat by the “Campaign Tracker 2008” web site of the publisher, which is at <http://www.nationaljournal.com/campaigns/2008/>

Government Web pages

- Latah County <http://www.latah.id.us/>, includes links to commissioners agendas and proceedings
- Idaho legislature information (includes votes by lawmakers) <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/>
- Idaho Secretary of State Election pages
 - General Election information <http://www.sos.idaho.gov/elect/eleindex.htm>
 - Other Election, Political and News Sources <http://www.sos.idaho.gov/elect/other.htm>
- Federal voting records and legislation
 - Thomas: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
 - U.S. House legislation and votes archives: <http://clerk.house.gov/legislative/legvotes.html>
 - How to find out about Congressional votes: http://www.senate.gov/reference/common/faq/how_to_votes.htm

Other

- Depending on the exact person or issue you are researching, you may need to call or go to government offices yourself and ask to search through public records. The UI Library does not generally have local government documents, but primarily state and federal.
- **Project Vote Smart**: includes state level officials, state candidates, biographical information and if submitted, the candidates stances on many issues <http://vote-smart.org>
- Latah County Libraries voter and election information website: <http://www.latahlibrary.org/adult/voter%20information.html>
- Fact Check www.factcheck.org (national)
- League of Women Voter’s of Moscow voters’ guide: <http://community.palouse.net/lwvm/lwvm-voters-guide.htm>
- League of Women Voter’s of Moscow statements of local candidates
- [lwvm-voters-guide-candidates.pdf](#)