Searching NYC Newspapers using Factiva

At York University you can search for newspaper articles for all of the major newspapers in New York City using Factiva. Navigating through Factiva can be a bit intimidating at first, so I have made this guide to coach you on how to set up Factiva so you can search for articles in NYC based newspapers.

Step 1: Accessing Factiva
Go to the library website at www.library.yorku.ca. Do a keyword search for Factiva.

In the description for the Factiva database, click on “Click to access this resource”. If you off-campus, you will be prompted for your York Passport user name and password.
Step 2: Setting up Factiva to Search NYC Newspapers

1. **Selecting the Dates (period of time).** The default search is 3 months, but this won’t capture all of the articles for Hurricane Sandy. Therefore if you are doing a search for newspaper articles about the impact of Hurricane Sandy, I would recommend doing a date range search.

   Example: October 20\textsuperscript{nd} 2012 – present date.

2. **Selecting the Source(s) (ie. selecting your newspapers you would like to search).**

   Start by removing “All Publications” as part of your search. Click on All Publications, and select remove.


   By clicking on the individual titles of all four new sources, you can add them to your search. All of the newspapers will be highlighted in yellow. If you want to include the Wall Street Journal (another major New York Daily), search for Wall Street, and add it to the search. Now you are ready to do your search!!
Step 3: Search Time!

Question: I am looking for newspaper articles about erosion due to Hurricane Sandy in the Queens Borough (ideally the Rockaways).

**Basic Search:** "Hurricane Sandy" and erosion and Queens. **Result:** 16 articles

**Improving the search:** ("Hurricane Sandy" or “Superstorm Sandy” or “Megastorm Sandy”) and Erosion and (Queens or Rockaway*). **Results:** 26 articles!

**Why “Superstorm Sandy” or “Megastorm Sandy”?** Some publications, such as the New York Daily News, use the popular term “Superstorm Sandy” instead of Hurricane Sandy. There are some instances of publications using the term Megastorm Sandy. So it is best to include all three in your search!

Factiva Support has many webpages to assist you in your search. Here are a few that will be useful:

- **Boolean Searching (Advanced Searching) in Factiva**

You can sort the list using the **Sort By** function at the top. You can also narrow your search by using the categories on the left side.
Sand will return to Rockaway First delivery comes in June

THE FIRST extra dose of sand is coming this June to storm-worn sections of Rockaway's beaches. The most eroded sections between Beach 89th and Beach 149th Sts. will get 1 million cubic yards of sand dredged from the East Rockaway Inlet, officials said Tuesday. "We know the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been working hard to bring sand to Rockaway," said Queens Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski. "We look forward to its arrival and will do everything we can to help get it in place as quickly and safely as possible." Portions of the beach will close while the sand is added. "As long as we get the protection, whatever it takes," said John Cori of the group Friends of Rockaway Beach. "But I am not repairing my house, not finishing the sheetrock on my house until I see sand on that beach." Cori and others have been pushing city, state and federal officials to come up with long-term plans to prevent chronic beach erosion in the area.

Superstorm Sandy made the problem worse by washing away sand, destroying the boardwalk and walls that stood between homes and the Atlantic Ocean. The 10-year-old Rockaway Reformation Study, being handled by the Army Corps of Engineers, is still not completely funded, Cori said. But Jonathan Gaska, district manager of Community Board 14, said the board was told federal money to complete the study is available. "The community is always skeptical," said Gaska. "But so far this looks good." The study is key to more permanent ocean barrier solutions, such as dunes or jetties, also known as groins. Meanwhile, another 2.5 million cubic yards of sand is slated to beef up the beach for Board 14. "We finally have some answers for the beach," said Cori.