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A Health Provider Finds Success In Keeping Hospital Beds Empty

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CHICAGO — On a stormy evening this spring, Dr. Gary Stuck's family practice was on the phone with patients with heart ailments, asking them to cancel visits. The idea was to keep them out of the hospital, where they could be shunted to one of the many other hospitals in the city, where doctors are providing less care.

Dr. Stuck's hospital, Advocate Health Care, is based in Oak Brook, Ill., and is one of the nation's largest private hospitals. It has a reputation for "accountable care," but a very financial incentive for doctors to keep patients out of the hospital. The hospital's administrators have given a percent discount to the hospital if the average length of a stay has declined, and other measures show doctors providing less care, too.

This approach is one small part of a growing effort by providers to hold down costs without re-



Dr. Gary Stuck, at an Advocate Health Care hospital.

National Health Care Spending has grown over the last three years at the fastest rate since the federal government started keeping track, more than 10 percent a year. While the trend is not universal, it is a disconcerting pace, it could help alleviate Washington's long-term deficit problems and ease the strain on family budgets.

The part that's not driven by the economy, that's the part we can theoretically control," said Drew Altman, president of the

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In Hard Times

By THOMAS F.

HO CHI MINH CITY — His bookshelves are filled with the collected works of Ho Chi Minh, the communist leader of Vietnam. He is a loyal communist Party member. He is a believer in a belief system that has two principles: "to be like a tiger, like a tiger, like a tiger."

Our system is a rule of law, an interest in the economy, and the economy is the only way to build a better life.



Noraine Scarpelli, at an Advocate Health Care hospital. NATHAN WEBER FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

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CHICAGO — On a stormy evening this spring, nurses at Dr. Gary Stuck's family practice were on the phone with patients with heart ailments, asking them not to shovel snow. The idea was to keep them out of the hospital, and that effort — combined with dozens more like it — is starting to make a difference: across the city,

doctors are providing less, but not worse, health care.

For most health care providers, that would be cause for alarm. But not for Advocate Health Care, based in Oak Brook, Ill., a pioneer in an approach known as "accountable care" that offers financial incentives for doctors and

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“[Please provide] more up to date versions of newspaper dailies such as Wall Street Journal etc.” *(Chicago undergraduate survey, 2011)*



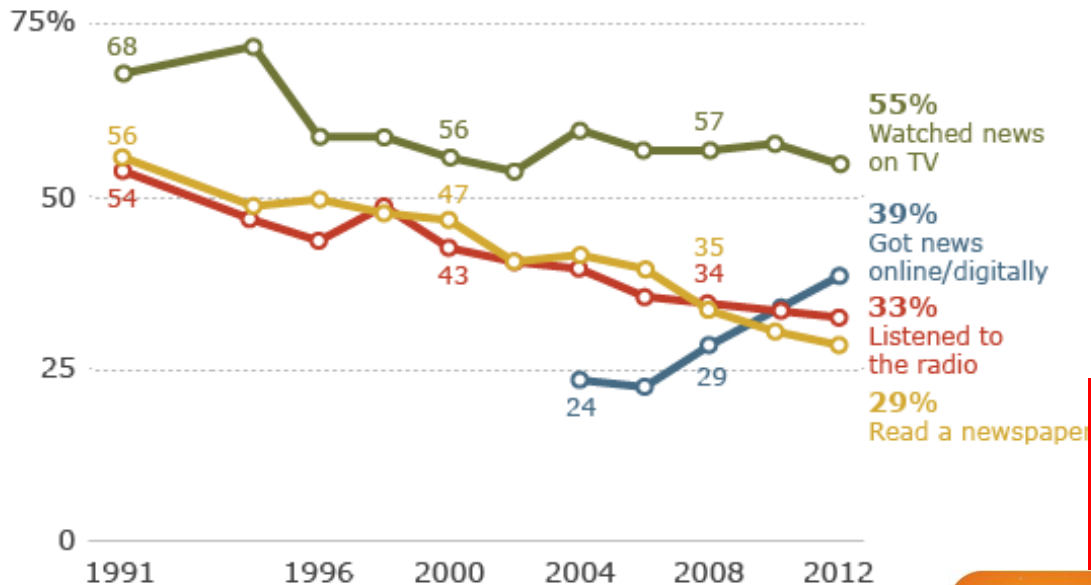
“A lot of the microfilm stuff is really awesome, but difficult to search through. I know this would be a very difficult and time-consuming process, but perhaps it could be digitized?”

(Chicago undergraduate survey, 2011)



Digital News Surpasses Newspapers, Radio

Where did you get news yesterday?



PEW RESEARCH CENTER 2012 News Consumption Survey.

Google news



The New York Times

The Economist



YAHOO! NEWS



The Washington Post



THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

News Literacy is “the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and communicate messages in a wide variety of forms.”

– Aufderheide, 2004



Peter Griffin

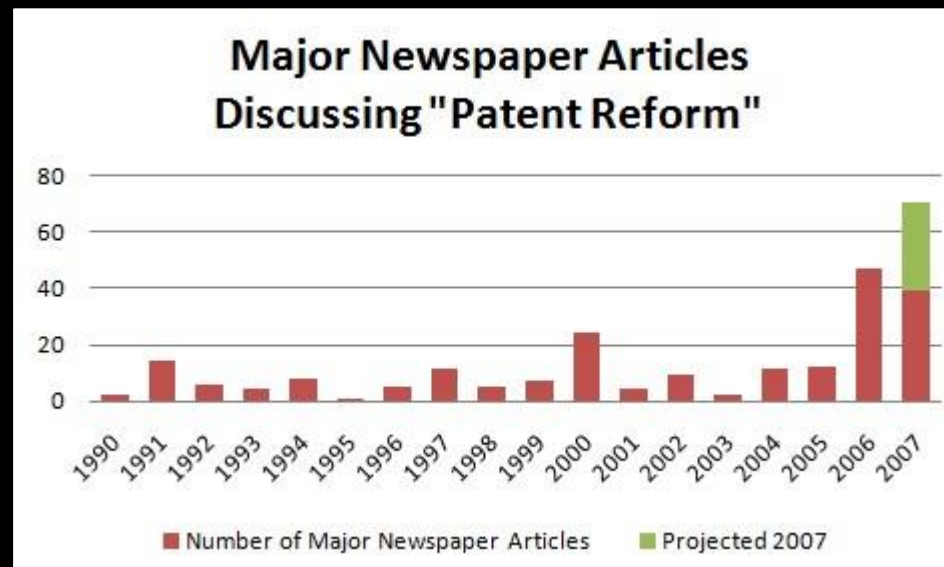
News Workshop Objectives

Students will:

- Locate articles from news databases
- Understand current vs. historical databases
- Learn about 2 news apps for mobile devices on different platforms
- Understand different news mediums
- Understand a “news aggregator” and RSS feeds

News on a Topic: Newspaper Databases

- Search across lots of newspapers
- Current & recent historical
- Full text, but no page images



Topics Covered:

Newspaper Databases

Google News

- No actual content (except archive)
- Pictures/media

Factiva

- Good international coverage
- Quick timeouts

LexisNexis

- Good legal integration
- Easier interface

Others

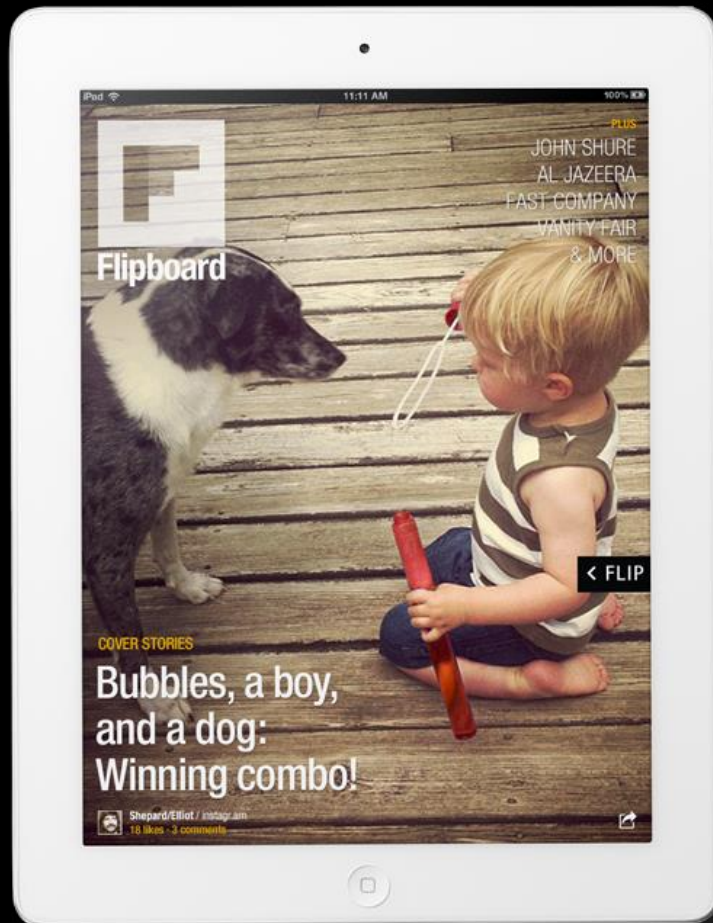
- ProQuest Newsstand
- Access World News/Newsbank

Topics Covered: Historical News

- Only a few papers digitized...
 - ...but growing daily!
 - Not just major papers
 - Page images
- No indexes
- Microfilm



Topics Covered: News Apps



Flipboard



Pulse

Version 1: Drop-in Session



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Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ProQuest Newsstand• Access World News/Newsbank

- Instruction on news databases and apps
- “Mix and mingle” format
- Extra iPads for hands-on use



Version 2: Workshop Format

- Instruction on news databases and apps
- Structured presentation
- No hands-on component



Workshop Feedback

- Many surprised by news resources available
 - Often unaware of news databases beyond LexisNexis
 - International newspapers a big hit
- Most didn't know about news apps
- Career/job searching a motivation for news

Career Services: A New Avenue?



- Partnership with University's Career Advancement office
- Targeted workshop for "Chicago Careers in Journalism" program

Lessons Learned

- Participants found news instruction valuable
- Students appreciate formal instruction
 - Unenthused about a “technology petting zoo”
- Marketing/scheduling remains a problem
- News literacy is an ongoing concern
- Librarians better understand how to help students navigate new tools and technology

Discussion

- Have you integrated news literacy into your instruction programs?
- How do we promote the Library as a source for news?
- What role have news apps played in your instruction programs? Do your students ask about reading news on an iPad or other tablet/mobile device?



Thank you!

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