The following publications are available in the Periodicals Department at MPL’s Central Library. Links go to the CountyCat catalog entry for each title, which describes the title and MPL’s holdings more fully.

The dozens of Milwaukee-based German language newspapers listed below are loosely grouped by related or successor publications, and organized chronologically, both in determining the order of groups and the order within each group.

- **Wiskonsin-Banner** (weekly, 1845)
- **Wisconsin-Banner** (weekly, 1845-1854)
- **Volksfreund** (weekly, 1847-1850)
- **Wisconsin Banner und Volksfreund** (weekly, 1855-1913)
- **Milwaukee See-Bote** (weekly, 1857-1871)
- **Milwaukeeer See=Bote** (weekly, 1871-1875)
- **Seebote** (weekly, 1875-1906)
- **Seebote und Sonntagsbote** (weekly, Nov. 1906)
- **Seebote und der Sonntagsbote** (weekly, 1906-1922)
- **Seebote** (weekly, 1922-1924)
- **Der Herold** (daily, 1863-1890) [began publication in 1861] [continued by Milwaukee Herold]
- **Milwaukee Herold** (daily, 1892-1898) [began publication in 1890] [continued by Milwaukee Herold und Seebote]
- **Milwaukee Herold und Seebote** (daily, 1898-1906, daily (except Sunday), 1907?-1912) [Merged with Milwaukee Germania Abendpost to form Germania-Herold, about which see below]
- **Milwaukee Herold** (semi-weekly, 1913-1917, 1923-1924)
- **Milwaukee Freidenker** (weekly, 1872-1874) [continued by Biron & Bruckers Sonntags-blatt]
- **Biron & Bruckers Sonntags-blatt** (weekly, 1874) [continued by Freidenker]
Milwaukee German-language Newspapers at Milwaukee Public Library, 1845-1991

Freidenker (weekly, 1875-1917)

Germania (daily, 1873-1897) [continued by Germania und Abend-Post]

Abend Post (daily, 1892-1897) [continued by Germania und Abend-Post]

Germania und Abend-Post (daily, 1897-1901) [continued by Milwaukee Germania Abendpost]

Milwaukee Germania Abendpost (daily, 1901-1912) [merged with Milwaukee Herold und Seebote to form Germania Herold]

Germania-Herold (morning & evening editions, 1913-1918) [continued by Milwaukee Herold]

Milwaukee Herold (morning & evening editions, 1918-1919; daily, 1919-1932) [continued by Milwaukee Sonntagspost]

Milwaukee Sonntagspost (weekly, 1932-1937) [continued by Milwaukee-Herold Sonntagspost]

Milwaukee-Herold Sonntagspost (weekly, 1937-1939) [continued by Milwaukee-Herold]

Milwaukee-Herold (weekly, 1939-1982)

Germania (weekly, 1879-1918) [continued by Milwaukee Herold (morning & evening) and Milwaukee America]

Milwaukee America (weekly, 1918-1924)

Socialist (daily, 1875-1876) [continued by Milwaukee'r Socialist]

Milwaukee'r Socialist (daily, 1876-1878) [Continued by Vorwärts!]

Vorwärts! (weekly, 1877-1878)

Wisconsin Vorwarts! (daily, 1893-1898)

Wahrheit (weekly edition of Wisconsin Vorwarts!, 1893-1910)

Vorwärts! (weekly, 1898-1932)

Milwaukeeer Freie Presse (daily, 1879-1880)

Milwaukee Freie Presse (daily, 1880-1885, 1899) [absorbed by Milwaukee Journal]
Die Rundschau (weekly, 1882-1929)

Excelsior! (weekly, 1883-1946)

Amerikanische Turnzeitung (weekly, 1885-1917)

Milwaukee Deutsche Zeitung (daily, 1933-1950)

Abendpost und Deutsche Zeitung (see catalog for frequency of publication, 1950-1991)

Background, History and Further Resources

For more information on the history of German-language newspapers in Milwaukee, see:

Heinz, Carl. "The German Immigrant Press in Milwaukee." PhD diss., Ohio State University, 1969. 071 K72

Ibsen, H. B., trans. “Sixty Years of Service to the Country and Community by the Milwaukee Herold, 1861-1921: The History of an American Newspaper Printed in the German Language.” [Unpublished typescript, 1921?]. 071 M657


The resource described below is useful to genealogy researchers with German-speaking Milwaukee ancestors. It indexes death notices and related items that appeared in many of the major German-language newspapers listed above, as well as others available at the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison or the Salzmann Library at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in St. Francis, Wisconsin:

Rebholz, Gary, compiler and editor. Milwaukee's German Newspapers: An Index of Death Notices and Related Items (1844-1930); Addenda 1931-1950. 929.377595 R291

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