Archiving Newspapers in the Digital Age
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This research will focus on how newspapers are adapting to the digital age in terms of preservation and archiving content. Newspapers currently are moving toward a more digital format, in terms of online only content and photographs. In the past, many newspapers had librarians or archivists focused on preserving the material at these organizations for historical purposes and also so that others could use them in the future; however, due to the rise of online and digital content, it is essential to examine what steps are being taken to preserve materials at newspapers today and in the future. Newspapers serve not only as a resource for information currently, but also serve as historical documentation for future generations. It is important to look at how they are looking to preserve this information and look at what will be lost if this information is not preserved in some format. This research will be conducted by examining current literature and journal articles on the topic. In addition, case studies will be conducted at local newspapers, such as the Greensboro News & Record, to examine firsthand what steps these organizations are taking to archive the digital information. Through looking at other studies, in addition to conducting my own research, I hope to draw a conclusion about whether or not newspaper companies are beginning to alter the process of preserving documents in order to adapt to the digital age.