​​​​Hi Aubrey,   
I'm no longer with the Chelsea District Library, but we took on a similar project while I was there. I can't take any credit for having actually gotten it online and searchable, but I highly recommend that you get in touch with the folks who did!  
This is their local history site - <http://storiesofchelsea.org/> - and you can view the newspapers via the "Historic Newspapers" tab. I think they did an excellent job.

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Good luck!  
  
Sara Wedell  
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A couple of things you could look at:

Sanilac Computing Products – Local History “Digital Totes.”  For $850 hosting fee a year they set up a key word searchable history document/photo search for your patrons that is really cool.  But, it costs $39 per file to do the uploading to it.

Past Perfect Software – this is what small libraries or museums use to keep track of their collection (sort of like our computer catalog for books).  But, you have to input everything and it forms an online catalog for you with info like title, author, format, donor, price, location, dimensions, etc – the whole works.   BUT – it also has an online component that you can purchase each year that will put it all on your website for you.

Software is $850 one time purchase.

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Aubrey:

I'm in the midst of doing the same thing, although our newspaper collection is much smaller (3GB).   I'm going to use Athenaeum from Kent Records.   [Kalamazoo](http://www.archiveol.com/kzoo/search), [Otsego](http://www.archiveol.com/otsego/search), [Escanaba](http://www.archiveol.com/escanaba/home) and [Spring Lake​](http://archiveol.com/springlake/search) use it to display their digital newspaper files.   For our collection, it will cost $250 to set up and $35/month to host up to 10GB.  By comparison, I recently looked at Montage (through Auto-Graphics) and their minimum charge was $3000/year, which is far too much for hosting only 3GB!   If you're interested, contact Garry Olson.  garry.olson@frontier.com

Best wishes,

Teresa

Teresa Stannard, Library Director

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Hi--

I wasn't here when this was done, so I don't have details, but our digitized historic newspapers are stored with Central Michigan University.  I think you could consider them to be reputable.  You'll probably get other responses about them, as well, but you can take a look here.  <https://digmichnews.cmich.edu/>

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HI Aubrey,

     Could you please share any responses you get with me?  I am interested in doing something similar.  Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Rachael @ the Comstock Twp. Library

Hello Aubrey -

We have been involved in a digitization project at our library for the past 2 - 3 years. We have a local hardware/software company not only doing our digitization but providing hosting for the materials as well. Contact information for this business is:

Sanilac Computer Products

Mike Soflin, Owner

[810.648.3200](callto:810.648.3200)

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If you would like to talk further regarding our great success with this project, please do not hesitate to call me at our library [(810.648.2644](callto:%28810.648.2644)). If you want to see what the finished product looks like, please access our website and click on the 'Genealogy' button on the top bar. Text searching is available throughout the entire collection and our usage statistics are off the wall since we started this process.

Gail Nartker, Director

Sandusky District Library

<http://sandusky.lib.mi.us>

Hi Aubrey,  
We host our Local History content via PastPerfect which is a software and web interface that we pay for.  
However I've just started looking into archive.org because the way their site handles PDFs is a lot more user friendly. I tested one yearbook there and it makes a nice flip book that's better than the PDFs you scroll through in Acrobat otherwise. I would suggest taking a look at that! Uploading took a matter of minutes and it asks for brief metadata, however you can add a lot more if you choose to. It is also completely free.  
  
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[Erin Kinney](https://www.facebook.com/ekinney?fref=ufi) Try Omeka. It's open source. I set one up for my local public library ( [http://digital.mobilepubliclibrary.org/](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fdigital.mobilepubliclibrary.org%2F&h=ATNxaUIoSZivkg8C1h4LGrZMoUS6XUCRI7s-enylFeX8nGLGd8Q44PvOUxUoQ4Yoix03B8VRIbvIF1CZeqZZeT9AIo8BDIEqSAF2Ui-3AFtezdRHgycMgvQJ4cTSVME-fg" \t "_blank) ) However, it doesn't search the OCR of the PDF.   
There is also ContentDM, and it's free up to a certain limit.   
When I was the project manager for the Wyoming Newspaper Project, we used PTFS' ArchivalWare. It's expensive, but worth it, with a fantastic fuzzy search engine that will bring back results of even the worst OCR'd documents.  
Feel free to PM me for more detailed information.

[Crystal Corcoran](https://www.facebook.com/glowyone?fref=ufi) In one of my classes, part of our semester project was to install and use certain programs. We could choose from Omeka, KOHA, and....Dspace. Yeah Dspace...KOHA isn't much use to you, but the other two are worth checking out. Here is the Dpace user registry. You can check out other institutions and see what they have done with it. [http://registry.duraspace.org/registry/dspace](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fregistry.duraspace.org%2Fregistry%2Fdspace&h=ATNuUOG6RzQCd8-twIsygWN1pPDwIXSHrLVnMA2Dyb3Pv2LtCfXWb47Nj3opKlVqmkXaWDCG50GZTzR7RokYVi0Qep8zxNUBnpAg8T3NlUymXdMsWeGzcSTa3ytkdhFAFQ)

[Frank Vitale IV](https://www.facebook.com/frank.vitale1?fref=ufi) Look at the Internet Archive, you can upload anything you want and they will even create a "collection" specifically for you if you have 50+ items. Plus, it's completely free and you don't need to manage it at all. It is third party, but not corporate and focused on its own longevity.