Guide to the Newspaper & Current Periodical Reading Room’s Pulp Fiction Collection

The Library retains an extensive collection of pulp fiction magazines and more about this collection can be found on the following link to the Newspaper & Current Periodical Reading Room’s website: http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/pulp.html.

A microfilm set of pulp fiction titles is located on the newspaper deck on the first row of shelves nearest the Serial Division’s vault. They are alphabetical by title and each title has its own separate control number. The collection starts with Action stories and continues through Real Western. A set of covers of pulp fiction titles is stored in the Library’s vault. The set of 54 document boxes are organized by title as well, beginning with Ace G-Man Stories through War Stories. Each title has its own separate information packet, with detailed information on the title itself (publication dates, where it was published, etc.), and its corresponding microfilm number.

The Library has not published an index to this microfilm collection. We have several bibliographies and indexes to pulp fiction titles available in our reading room reference collection.

One example of such is the printed Pulp Magazine Index, compiled by Leonard A. Robbins (Mercer Island, Wash.: Starmont House, 1988; LC Call number: Z1231.F4 R54 N&CPR). This is a multi volume set with indexes by author, artist, character, and magazine.
