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The Zentralbibliothek in Zürich holds two early miscellany volumes containing, in addition to Italian broadsheets and other publications, numerous copies of 17th-century Italian newspapers. In total there are 310 issues of the *Gazzetta di Milano* (1642-1649) and approximately 90 issues of other Italian newspapers published between 1644 and 1649. The identification of these new copies enables us to deepen our understanding of how the publication of Italian newspapers operated, since a precise assessment of missing issues and issues known to us is a necessary preliminary phase for a better evaluation of how different newspaper titles worked editorially and how they used their sources of information. The copies of the *Gazzetta di Milano* and other Italian newspapers were clearly read and preserved in Zürich in the 1640s although we cannot identify the individuals who were reading them. Nor is it possible to say who gave this collection of newspapers to the Stadtbibliothek. However, the presence of manuscript annotations found in several of the issues show that they must have come into the collections earlier rather than later. These newspapers were bound along with other publications in two large volumes as early as the 17th century. The presence of these early Italian newspapers, together with many other Italian imprints in the collection of the city's Zentralbibliothek, reflects the connections between Zürich and northern Italy over the course of the 17th century.