



Speech Resources

Speeches to Read and Evaluate

- **Library Catalog:** Search by **Subject Heading** for *speeches*. Use call numbers to find books on non-fiction shelves or request videos at the Circulation Desk.
- **Books to Browse:** *Representative American Speeches* [815.5082 REPRES 1943-present].
- **Periodical Databases:** *ProQuest* and *Ebsco*. Search with the phrase *vital speeches and [a topic of interest to you]* to find speeches in the periodical *Vital Speeches of the Day*. (Student ID # required for off-campus access.)
- **Magazine with Speeches to Browse:** Ask at the Library Circulation Desk for issues of *Vital Speeches of the Day*.
- **Reference Databases:** Under *Best Web Reference Sources*, look for the *Speeches* category.

Speech Topic Ideas

- **Reference Books:** Browse for ideas for both informative and persuasive speeches. Look especially for:
R 614.4 HEALTH 2001 *Health Issues*
R 363.7003 ENCYCLO 2000 *Encyclopedia of Environmental Issues*
R 303.303 AMERICA 1990 *American Profile: Opinions and Behavior, 1972- 1989*
- **Library Catalog:** Search by **Keyword** for the current issues series “*information plus*” or “*reference shelf*.” (Enclose your search phrase in quotation marks.) Use call numbers to find books on non-fiction shelves.
- **Periodical Databases:** *CQ Researcher*. Browse the topic list.

More Information on Your Speech Topic

- **Library Catalog:** Search for your topic by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword**. Use call numbers to find books or request videos at the Circulation Desk.
- **Periodical Databases:** *ProQuest* (includes Northwest newspapers with Northwest issues) and *Ebsco*. Thousands of periodical articles on thousands of topics. (Student ID # required for off-campus access.)

Statistics to Support Your Speech Thesis

- **Reference Books:** Browse the R 317.3 area of the Reference shelves. Look especially for the *Statistical Abstract of the United States* and the *World Almanac*.
- **Reference Databases:** Under *Best Web Reference Sources*, look for the *Statistics* category.

Quotations to Grab Your Listeners' Attention

- **Reference Books:** Browse the R 808.882 area for books with classic and contemporary quotations.
- **Reference Databases:** Under *Best Web Reference Sources*, look for the *Literature* category.

How to Make Speeches

- **Library Catalog:** Search by **Subject Heading** for *public speaking*. Use call numbers to find books or request videos at Circulation Desk.

Contact a Librarian