



RESEARCHING SPEECH TOPICS

Books

In addition to being valuable sources on speech topics, books can also serve as guides to crafting the language and structure of a speech. In the library, you will find examples of great speeches, dictionaries of quotations, and thesauri of synonyms and antonyms that will be helpful in writing your speech.

Library Catalog - Search by author, title, subject, or keyword to obtain a list of books in the library. The URL is <http://voyager2.lambuth.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>

Electronic books through netLibrary –

<http://voyager2.lambuth.edu:2048/login?url=http://www.netlibrary.com/CreateAccount.aspx> -

Full-text access to over 41,000 e-books. You must create an account from a computer on the Lambuth network to gain access to the database. **Net Library books are now available in our Library Catalog.**

Essay & General Literature Index – Call #R/AI3.E752 –

This index is unique in that it identifies what the *chapters* of selected books are about.

The Reference Shelf and/or *Opposing Viewpoints* – Circulating series of books

Search the OPAC by subject (such as crime, drugs, government, juvenile delinquency, sports, terrorism, women and society) – OR – search “Reference Shelf” or “Opposing Viewpoints” as keywords

Reference Materials

General Encyclopedias – Call #R/AE5 – Reference area

Provide background information and give ideas about how a subject is typically organized in the literature. Sets in Reference include: *Academic American*, *Collier's*, *Encyclopedia Americana*, *The New Encyclopedia Britannica*, and *World Book Encyclopedia*.

Subject Encyclopedias – Reference Area – Sample titles include:

American Decades – R/E169.12.A419

Encyclopedia of American Social History – Call #R/HN57.E58 1993

Encyclopedia of the American Presidency – Call #R/JK511.E53 1994

Encyclopedia of Bioethics – Call #R/QH332.E52 1995

Encyclopedia of Business – Call #R/HF1001.E466 1995

Encyclopedia of Careers & Vocational Guidance – Call #R/HF5381.E52 1993

Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice – Call #R/HV6017.E52 1983

Encyclopedia of the Holocaust – Call #R/D804.3.E53 1990

Encyclopedia of Political Anarchy – Call #R/HX830.G39 1999

Encyclopedia of Special Education – Call #R/LC4007.E53 2000

Encyclopedia of Women and Sport in America – Call #R/GV709.E53 1998

Grzimek's Encyclopedia of Mammals – Call #R/QL701.G7913 1990

International Encyclopedia of Communications – Call #R/P87.5.I5 1989

International Encyclopedia of The Social Sciences – Call #R/H40.A215

McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology – Call #R/Q121.M3 2002

The Wellness Encyclopedia of Food & Nutrition – Call #R/TX353.M344 1992

Women's Issues – Call #R/HQ1115.W6425 1997

You Eat What You Are: People, Culture and Food Traditions – Call #R/GT2850.B37 1999x

Yearbooks, Annuals, Statistics – Reference Area

Contemporary Issues Criticism – Call #R/H31.C755

Yearbooks, Annuals, Statistics – Reference Area

Demographics of The U.S. – Call #R/HB 849.49.R875 2000

Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970 – Call #R/HA202.A385 1976

Science & Technology Almanac – Call #R/Q173.S395 1999

Science & Technology Firsts – R/T15.B684 1997

The Statesman's Year-Book – Call #R/JA51.S7

State of the World - R/HC59.S734

Statistical Abstract of the United States – Call #R/HA202.U5

U.S. Industry & Trade Outlook '98 – Call #R/HC106.82.U16 1998

Vital Signs – Call#R/TD 193.2.V57

World Almanac & Book of Facts – Call #R/AY67.N5W7

Opinions

CQ Researcher (formerly *Editorial Research Reports*) – Call #R/H35.E35 – Reference Area Editorials – search through periodicals and newspapers (*Lexis-Nexis* provides the best coverage of full-text newspapers)

Journal Articles

It is best to use the library's indexes to locate journal articles – Main floor

The library's print indexes allow searching by author, title, and/or subject. Sample titles include: *Biography Index*, *Business Periodicals Index*, *Education Index*, *Humanities Index*, *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*, and *Social Sciences Index*.

Database Resources – Start with the library's web page

<http://www.lambuth.edu/academics/Library/Library.html>

Tennessee Electronic Library –Contains the following databases

InfoTrac Onefile- the most comprehensive of the databases

Expanded Academic ASAP – covers journal literature of all academic disciplines

General Reference Center Gold – covers journal literature, but also includes information from reference books

Business & Company ASAP – covers journal literature in business and management

Health Reference Center – Academic – covers journal literature in the health fields

The TEL databases are available off-campus as well. The URL is

<http://www.lambuth.edu/academics/library/subjectdirectory.html>

Academic Search Primer -

<http://voyager2.lambuth.edu:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip.uid&profile=ehost&defaultdb=aph?profile=web&defaultdb=aph> Covers journal literature from all academic disciplines and is an excellent source for business information. This database also contains peer reviewed scholarly articles.

ERIC – <http://www.eric.ed.gov/> Resources for the field of education

Annual Reviews – contains full-text articles timely coverage of the sciences including biochemistry, cell & developmental biology, ecology & systematics, genetics, microbiology, physiology, and psychology.

Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe –<http://voyager2.lambuth.edu:2048/login?url=http://www.lexisnexis.com/us/lnacademic> contains full-text articles categories include news; business, legal, medical, and reference.

Government Information

Government information is a good source for statistics, population data, and environmental studies.

Online database for government information is *Marcive Web DOCS* -

<http://voyager2.lambuth.edu:2048/login?url=http://www.marcive.com/webdocs/webdocs.dll> Indexes U.S. Government publications - NOT full-text. Search by author, title, subject, or keyword to obtain a list of books or reports available in the library. Some government agencies that may provide useful information are Census Bureau, EPA, Department of Justice, Library of Congress, and Department of Interior.