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Research Sources for Speeches
SPEECH 100

Preparing for a speech can require searching in a variety of types of sources.

For example: consider why types of information I would need for an informative speech about

Phobias:

- Definition
- Types of phobias
- Prevalence
- Causes
- Treatment

Types of information/sources:

- Specialized/Subject Encyclopedia or Dictionary
- Journal articles
- Statistical Sources

I. Specialized Encyclopedias

(for a specialized Encyclopedia on your topic, consult “Credo Reference” below, or browse the Specialized Encyclopedia section of Reference, using the Dewey Decimal classification list below to find the general number for your topic.

CQ Researcher (weekly information reports on current topics)

Use index in most recent volume to search for topic

*R 070.432 E22 (EA)**

II. On-Line Databases:

(Go www.arbor.edu/whitelibrary (or select “Library” from the Portal.

Then select “Find Articles”. Select any of the following:

1. *Academic Universe* – international coverage; some statistics
2. *Credo Reference* – Online Reference books covering range of topics
2. *InfoTrac:*
Select any of the following from within InfoTrac:
Newspapers; General Reference Center Gold, etc.
3. *Issues & Controversies* – provides *pro & con* discussion; also statistics/charts
4. *OmniFile Full-Text Select*

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III. Statistics (Reference Books)

A. Business & Economics

Business Statistics of the United States
R 338.74 B979

Handbook of Labor Statistics
R 331.0973 H236 2007

The Value of a Dollar, 1860-2004
R 338.52 V215 2004

E. General/Cross Disciplinary

The world almanac and book of facts.
R 310 W927 (located in small bookcase behind reference desk)

Statistical abstract of the United States.
R 317 U58 (located in small bookcase behind reference desk)

F. Public Opinion

The Gallup Poll: Public Opinion
R 303.38 G175 2003

G. International

Human Development Report
R 306.305 H918

Statistical handbook on the world's children
R 305.2302 K21

World resources (2004, 2005, 2008 editions)
R 333.7 W927

H. Quotations

Dictionary of quotations
R 808.822 E92

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Last words: a dictionary of deathbed quotations
R 808.882 R923

The Quotable woman
R 808.882 Q9 2001

Westminster collection of Christian quotations
R 230 W532

I. Religion

World Christian Encyclopedia (2 vols.)
R 230.003 W927 2001 (EA)*

World Christian Trends
R 270 W297

*(EA) indicates the “Encyclopedia Area” of the Reference Collection in the library.

*To read examples of speeches: look at articles in “Vital Speeches” magazine in the current periodicals section on the main floor of the library.

*To listen to examples of speeches and famous speeches: go to Youtube.com. Search under “speeches” and many options will appear.

Dewey Decimal Classification

000 Generalities
100 Philosophy & psychology
200 Religion
300 Social sciences
400 Language
500 Natural sciences & mathematics
600 Technology (Applied sciences)
700 The arts
800 Literature & rhetoric
900 Geography & history