

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

This is a guide to the Library's collection in Public Speaking. The purpose of this Research Guide is to help identify sources for use in preparing speeches. It is not comprehensive, but rather provides a good starting point for research. From these sources, you may be able to locate other related works. For information on identifying sources where students can find texts of speeches made by others, see the research guide for **Speech Materials**. Please don't hesitate to ask a librarian if you need further assistance.

### **Subject Headings:**

Interpersonal Communication	Oral Communication	Oratory
Public Speaking	Self-Presentation	Speech Writing

### **Call Numbers For Browsing:**

HC 10-1085	Economic History and Conditions
HN 1-981	Social History, Social Problems, Social Reform
HQ 1-2039	The Family, Marriage, Women
HV 1-9960	Social Pathology, Social and Public Welfare, Criminology
PN 4121	Public Speaking Skills, Oral Communication Skills
QH 75-77	Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection
QH 426-470	Genetics
R 131-784	History of Medicine
RA 1-1270	Public Aspects of Medicine
U 1-900	Military Science (General)
UA 10-997	Armies: Organization, Description, Facilities, Etc.
Z 657-659	Censorship

### **Periodical Indexes:**

*Academic OneFile* – Comprehensive database with millions of articles from journals and other reference sources.

*Points of View Reference Center* – Database of over 200 topics with an overview, point (argument) and counterpoint (opposing argument), Guide to Critical Analysis, periodical and newspaper articles, book sections, biographies, primary source documents, images, and video. Topics include: affirmative action, alternative medicine, cloning, gun control, immigration, Iraq, stem cell research, and many more. Also includes guides on debating, developing arguments, evaluating sources, writing papers, and more.

*OmniFile Mega* – General database with information on a variety of topics including education, science, humanities, social sciences, and more.

*SIRS* – Includes articles and graphics on social, scientific, economic, health, historic, business, political, global issues, music, art, film, literature, architecture, performing arts, religion, design, culture, philosophy, current and historic government documents, and information about the federal government, U.S. Justices, U.S. Presidents, and U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Of particular interest may be the "Pro Vs. Con" section located on the right-hand side of the page.

**Journals:** We own numerous periodicals covering interesting topics for speeches. Some titles to view for general ideas and information include:

<i>Audubon</i>	<i>Bioscience</i>	<i>Discover</i>
<i>Environment</i>	<i>Futurist</i>	<i>Health</i>
<i>Journal of Social History</i>	<i>Newsweek</i>	<i>Popular Science</i>
<i>Psychology Today</i>	<i>Scientific American</i>	<i>Skeptic</i>
<i>Smithsonian</i>	<i>Social Problems</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>USA Today Magazine</i>	<i>US News and World Report</i>	<i>World Watch</i>

## **Book Series:**

These series have various call numbers and a cover a wide variety of topics. To view a list of titles in any of these series, you may enter the series title in the "Title" search option of the Library Catalog.

<i>At Issue</i>	<i>Contemporary Issues Companion</i>	<i>Current Controversies</i>
<i>Library in a Book</i>	<i>Point Counterpoint</i>	<i>Opposing Viewpoints</i>
<i>Taking Sides</i>		

## **Selected Books:**

Clark, Jerome. *Encyclopedia of Strange and Unexplained Physical Phenomena*. Detroit: Gale, 1993. [Ref] Q 173 .C554 1993

*Encyclopedia of Rock*. New York: Schirmer, 1988. [Ref] ML 102 .R6 E5 1988

*Encyclopedia of the Paranormal*. Amherst, NY: Prometheus, 1996. [Ref] BF 1025 .E54 1996

*History in Dispute*. Detroit: St. James, 2000-. [Ref] D 20 .H56 2000 (12 Vols.)

*How Products Are Made: An Illustrated Guide to Product Manufacturing*. Detroit: Gale, 1994. [Ref] TS 145 .H69 (7 vols.)

Miller, Walter James. *1,001 Ideas for English Papers*. New York: Prentice-Hall, 1994. PE 1479 .C7 M54 1994

*Science in Dispute*. Detroit: Gale, 2002-. [Ref] Q 175 .S364 2002 (3 Vols.)

## **Videos:**

<i>10 Vital Rules for Giving Incredible Speeches and Why They're Irrelevant</i>	PN4130 .T45 1990
<i>Conquer Your Fear of Public Speaking</i>	[Popular] PN 4086 .C66 1992
<i>Speaking With Confidence</i>	PN 4121 .S653
<i>Successful Speaking: Using Logic and Reasoning</i>	PN 4121 .S8334 1991

## **E-Books (Available Via NetLibrary):**

<i>Complete Idiot's Guide to Speaking in Public with Confidence</i>	<i>How to Be the Life of the Podium</i>
<i>Lost Art of the Great Speech</i>	<i>Mastering Public Speaking</i>
<i>Secrets of Power Presentations</i>	<i>Seven Steps to Fearless Speaking</i>

## **Selected Internet Sites:**

How to Conquer Public Speaking Fear	<a href="http://www.stresscure.com/jobstress/speak.html">http://www.stresscure.com/jobstress/speak.html</a>
Where To Find Speech Topics	<a href="http://www.tmdistrictone.org/ideas.asp">http://www.tmdistrictone.org/ideas.asp</a>
Hot Topics	<a href="http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm">http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm</a>
Public Speaking Rules	<a href="http://publicspeakingrules.com/speechfears.htm">http://publicspeakingrules.com/speechfears.htm</a>
Finding Your Speech Objective	<a href="http://www.cfug-md.org/SpeakerTips/727.html">http://www.cfug-md.org/SpeakerTips/727.html</a>
Choosing and Narrowing the Topic	<a href="http://www.lib.iastate.edu/commons/spcm212/02sum/choosing.html">www.lib.iastate.edu/commons/spcm212/02sum/choosing.html</a>
Public Speaker's Page	<a href="http://www.hawaii.edu/mauispeech">http://www.hawaii.edu/mauispeech</a>
Selecting a Topic: The Speech Only YOU Can Give	<a href="http://homepage.powerup.com.au/~mamalade/Topic.html">http://homepage.powerup.com.au/~mamalade/Topic.html</a>
Choosing and Researching a Great Speech Topic	<a href="http://www.sheltonstate.edu/content2.aspx?PageID=624">http://www.sheltonstate.edu/content2.aspx?PageID=624</a>
Choosing Your Topic	<a href="http://www.personal.kent.edu/~hnsmith/topic.htm">www.personal.kent.edu/~hnsmith/topic.htm</a>
Researching Current ("Hot") or Controversial Topics	<a href="http://library.uwf.edu/eli/general/Current.shtml">http://library.uwf.edu/eli/general/Current.shtml</a>
Student Resources: Speech Topics	<a href="http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/publicspeaking/topic.htm">http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/publicspeaking/topic.htm</a>
Hot Topics and Issues	<a href="http://www.schoolwork.org/issues.html">http://www.schoolwork.org/issues.html</a>
Controversial Issues	<a href="http://www.accd.edu/pac/lrc/issues.htm">http://www.accd.edu/pac/lrc/issues.htm</a>
Debate Central	<a href="http://www.debate-central.org">http://www.debate-central.org</a>

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