Resources Available at the Library: Speech 1

Library Home page: http://www.chabotcollege.edu/library/
Search Strategy Handout: http://tinyurl.com/yplpr5
Searchpath Library Tutorial: http://tinyurl.com/3c3gol

Selecting a Topic

Getting Started http://tinyurl.com/4v2etg Go to the databases under “Select a Topic” (first row) and enter search terms based on your topic. Browse articles or click on Subject Headings to narrow down your search. Or look up the following print resources:

10,000 Ideas for Term Papers, Projects Reports and Speeches Available at the Reference Desk.


Pamphlet Files— At the Library, we have several filing cabinets of articles and documents to many topics. Use the Card catalog that rests on TOP of the filing cabinet, and search by Library of Congress Subject Headings. Then find the folder that has the articles/documents related to your topic. You can check out up to five articles/pamphlets at the Check Out Desk.

Subject Headings

Sometimes instead of searching by keywords, you may have better luck finding materials by consulting the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). This is important because you can sometimes get better search results. For example, articles, books, and web sites on Civil Liberties will usually be indexed under “Civil Rights.” To browse such headings, they are in the five thick red volumes on the reference shelves, on the left side of the reference desk.

Hurricanes
Hurricane Katrina, 2005
New Orleans (La.)
Natural Disasters
Earthquakes
San Francisco (Calif.)
Emergency Management
Preparedness
Disaster Relief
Environmental Conditions

Telecommunication – Law & legislation
Telecommunication policy—United States.
Internet—Government policy—United States.
Broadband communication systems
Telephone companies
Internet
Internet – Law & legislation
Internet fraud
Internet & teenagers
Internet users
Computer networks
Privacy

Federal Regulation
Federal Communications Commission
Obscenity (Law)
Television—Law and Legislation
Mass Media
Mass Media & Business
Mass Media—Law and Legislation
Radio—Law and Legislation
Radio Broadcasting
Radio Stations
Music

Library Subscription Databases: http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/abby/dblist.html —To find articles related to your topic that originally appeared in magazines, journals, and newspapers. Originally published in print form.

Mainly Magazines and Journals

EbscoHost Academic Search Elite
A multi-subject database, covering the social sciences, humanities, general science, multi-cultural studies, education, and much more!

ProQuest Diversity Databases
Alt-PressWatch, Ethnic NewsWatch, and GenderWatch.

Mainly Newspapers

Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe
Search “General Search”

Lexis Nexis California Newspapers Only
http://tinyurl.com/2cawcq

Issues & Controversies
Get pro/con overviews on controversial topics, often related to current events. Especially good for argumentative speeches.

Trial Databases: http://tinyurl.com/cemaj9 Username and password for first four listed, is on the Speech 1 handout.

Popular Culture Universe
African American Experience
American Indian Experience
Latino American Experience
Biography Resource Center
Search the library catalog for books related to a topic of your interest. Select a topic and create a search statement. Find a book and then its call number.

**Searching the Catalog**: Make sure words or phrase is selected underneath Search For and narrow your search down to Chabot College if you only want to find books available at Chabot. Combine different terms such as: Mass Media AND Children. Enter your terms with AND in between and then click on Search.

See Your Search Strategy for more information.

**Speech Preparation Sources**

**Visual Presentation Assistant**: [http://tinyurl.com/35ld3r](http://tinyurl.com/35ld3r)  
**Speech Resources**: [http://tinyurl.com/2n5pnq](http://tinyurl.com/2n5pnq)


**Reference/Statistical Sources** (Books, Databases and Web sites. Look also at Resources by Subject and Reference Sources Online from the Library Home page)

For Library in a Book reference sources, search the Library Catalog with “Library in a Book” and select Series before clicking on the Search button.

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Web Resources

Use Web search engines (such as Google) last for your research, and if you do, be prepared to evaluate web sites with a very skeptical eye. Anybody can put anything on the web, and if you do not pay attention, you could be linking very questionable or misinformed sites. For example, a student created an otherwise decent page on the literary author, Toni Morrison, but she linked to a web page that purported to be a research site on Martin Luther King that turned out to be a racist web site from a white supremacy group! Clearly she did not take the time to evaluate the web sites she selected, carefully. The Library has an effective web evaluation checklist available at: http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/abby/evaluation.html


Public WWW Sites Selected by Librarians (Search here first!) http://tinyurl.com/35nps8

Resources by Subject http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/subjectindex/ INFOMINE http://infomine.ucr.edu/

Librarians’ Index to the Internet http://lli.org Scout Report Archives http://scout.wisc.edu/Archives/

World Wide Web: General Searching http://tinyurl.com/4ekxp


Google (limited to .org) http://tinyurl.com/6yrp9 About http://www.about.com/

Documenting Your Resources, Responsibly and Accurately

Below are resources you can use to determine if you are avoiding plagiarism and quoting or paraphrasing your sources correctly.

Chabot Searchpath Tutorial http://tinyurl.com/24zp3a
You Quote It, You Cite It (Interactive Tutorial) http://tinyurl.com/55azbs

Citing Resources

In addition, you cite your papers by citation format. The Works Cited handout at the Library is for the MLA. Also listed below are APA citation sources.

Works Cited Handout (MLA) http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/onlineref/cited.html
Chabot Library’s APA Style Handout for Articles from Databases http://tinyurl.com/55org
Diana Hacker’s Online APA Style Manual Online http://tinyurl.com/y52dgi
Citation Builder http://tinyurl.com/2uthoo