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Finding Speeches

Searching for Speeches

There are two methods of searching for speeches. Either method may lead you to specific speeches or to speech collections containing a variety of speeches.

Method 1: Searching in a library catalog

Conduct a **subject heading** search using the words Speeches, Address, etc.

Method 2: Searching in a periodical database or with an Internet search engine

Conduct a **keyword** search with terms such as these (mix and match):

type of resource	+	a name	+	a topic
remarks		Alexis Herman		Labor Day
speech, speeches		Jesse Ventura		Reform Party
address		George Bush		State of the Union
commencement address		Oprah Winfrey		sports
inaugural address		Harry Truman		freedom
keynote address		Condoleezza Rice		National Security
oratory		presidents		future

NVCC's Electronic Databases

- ◆ **SIRS Knowledge Source**

A good place to find speeches from U.S. history, as well as today's government figures. For presidential inaugural addresses, limit your searching to **Government Reporter** and type in a president's name and the keywords "inaugural address." Or conduct a Subject Heading search, and type in "speeches or addresses" to find speeches from hundreds of prominent people.
- ◆ **EBSCOhost Masterfile Premier**

Includes full text to *Vital Speeches of the Day*, a bi-monthly publication. To search this publication exclusively, type Vital Speeches of the Day in the Magazine limiter box.

Use the above methods to search within these databases.

Websites

Douglass Archives of American Public Address	www.douglassarchives.org/
Women's Speeches from Around the World	gos.sbc.edu/
Graduation Speeches	dir.yahoo.com/Education/Graduation/Speeches/
History Channel	www.historychannel.com/speeches/
History Place Great Speeches collection	www.historyplace.com/speeches/previous.htm
Online Speech Bank	www.americanrhetoric.com/speechbank.htm
Presidential Speeches in online libraries	directory.google.com/Top/Reference/Libraries/Presidential
Vincent Voice Library	www.lib.msu.edu/vincent/
Selected Speeches of Queen Elizabeth I	www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/elizabeth1.html
History and Politics Out Loud	www.hpol.org/



Examples of material containing speeches in the NVCC Library Collection

(use the Online Catalog to find more)

The Book of Eulogies: A Collection of Memorable Tributes	CT 105 .B66
Collected Tales, Sketches, Speeches & Essays	PS 1303 1992
Great American Speeches	E 183 .G68 1993
Lend Me Your Ears: Great Speeches in History	REF PN 6122 .L4
The Penguin Book of Historic Speeches	REF PN 6121 .P39
The Penguin Book of Twentieth-Century Speeches	REF PN 4051 .P46
Representative American Speeches	REF PS 668 .B3
Speeches of the American Presidents	REF J 81 .C88
The Speeches of Famous Women	VIDEO HQ 1236.S65
Voices of Multicultural America: Notable Speeches	PS 663 .M55 V64

Example of a quote from a speech, with its corresponding Works Cited Page entry

“When a management research company asked the employees to put in their own words what they have learned working for Southwest [Southwest Airways, the only major airline to continue making a profit during the airline industry’s recent downturn] here's what they said: Think small to grow big. Irreverence is OK. It's OK to be yourself. Have fun at work. Manage in the good times for the bad times. Keep a warrior spirit. Informal is comfortable. Minimize paperwork. Dare to be different. Do whatever it takes.”

Thompson, William David. “Restoring Integrity to Business.” Business Network of the Union League of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 10, 2002. [Vital Speeches of the Day](#). 15 Oct. 2002. EbscoHost Masterfile Premier. NVCC Lib. Waterbury, CT. 12 Jan. 2003. <<http://www.epnet.com>