

Resources for Speeches and Presentations

When people research to write your speech, they often are looking for three main kinds of information: **general information** on the topic, **statistics** and **quotations**.

Searching for **general information** for a speech is no different than researching any other topic. You'll want to look for books in OSCAR and articles in our databases, such as Academic Search Premiere. For tips on how to design a search for background info, try using our *Search Techniques and Research Guide*, or ask a librarian for help.

Statistics can be found in both books and articles.

Broad topics like population demographics or trade and commerce for a country or region will often be found in *reference books*

Here are some recommended reference books:

- ✓ Regional Surveys of the World
- ✓ Sourcebook of Criminal Justice
- ✓ US Industry & Trade Outlook

Narrower topics like the percentage of adolescent males in Ohio who suffer from academophobia, might be found in a *database*.

Here are some recommended databases:

- ✓ Matter of Fact
- ✓ Facts on File
- ✓ Factiva



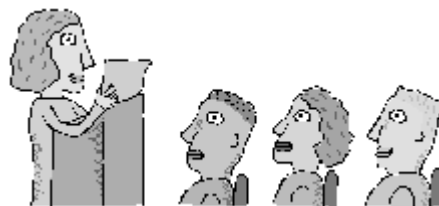
Quotations are often used in speeches. There are several books that organize quotes by subject or author. They're found in the PN 6080 area of the reference collection. Here are some recommended books and databases of quotations:

Books:

- ✓ Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations
- ✓ The Ultimate Book of Business Quotations
- ✓ The Quotable Woman

Databases:

- ✓ Bartlett's Familiar Quotations
- ✓ Oxford Reference Online - Quotations
- ✓ Simpson's Contemporary Quotations



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