Research Guide to: Speech

Subject headings/keywords: Pick a subject that interests you or is familiar to you. Consult the headlines of newspapers or magazines for current issues, controversial subjects and events.

For further assistance: Please consult the staff at the Reference Desk or call 816-604-2268

Library home page: http://lvlibrary.mcckc.edu

For additional resources: visit our online subject guides at http://libguides.mcckc.edu

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Begin Search

- Create search question
- Identify keywords from search question
- Combine keywords or concepts with Boolean operators (and, or, not) for use in the appropriate databases

Consult the Library of Congress Subject Headings (red books located at the Reference Desk.) Look up subject to determine any additional topics needed for search.

Books

Use the Library Online Catalog (called Kansas City) to find books at Longview or other academic Missouri libraries. FREE on the Internet at: http://kansascity.searchmobius.org/search/

Reference Books: For an introduction to your topic consult encyclopedias, handbooks and statistics books in the Reference section.

Example: Encyclopedia of Terrorism, Ref. 303.625 K96e
Encyclopedia of Global Warming Ref 363.73 J59e

Circulating Books: Look for specific titles on your subject. These can be checked-out for in-depth reading.

Example: Violence in the Media, 303.6 V812 2001

Electronic Sources

Online Databases:
Academic Search Elite
MasterFILE Premier
ProQuest Research Library
Opposing Viewpoints (Gale) (good for topic browsing)
CQ Researcher
Issues and Controversies

Sociological Collection
PycArticles
Criminal Justice Collection
Lexis-Nexis Academic
Newsbank
Newspaper Source
GreenFILE

Internet Resources:
Consult recommended Web Links on the Longview Library home page. Scroll down to Hot Topics or Global Issues. You can also find other links by using Multiple Subject Sites and search for your particular topic.

Suggested Web Sites:
Hot Paper Topics
http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/hot/hotindex.htm
Gallup Poll
http://www.gallup.com/Home.aspx
Jurist: Legal Hot Topics
http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/currentawareness/
Pew Research Center
http://pewresearch.org/
Hot Paper Topics
http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/hot/hotindex.htm
Almanac of Policy Issues
http://www.policyalmanac.org/
Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues
http://www.procon.org/

Additional Sources

Opposing Viewpoints Series: pros and cons of controversial subjects.
Information Series on Current Topics
Contemporary Issues Companion Series
At Issue Series
Statistical Abstracts and Handbooks: provide statistical information on issues pertaining to a number of different subjects. (Shelved in the Reference area and online at: Statistical Abstract of the United States: http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/)