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<b>WHERE TO FIND SPEECHES</b>		
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### ***SUBJECT HEADINGS***

When searching the **Library catalog** for books containing speeches, remember to **search by "subject"** using the following subject headings that may lead you to either specific speeches or to collections containing a variety of speeches:

- Speeches, Addresses, etc.
- Speeches, Addresses, etc., American
- [Name] -- Oratory (example: Lincoln, Abraham -- Oratory)

### ***REFERENCE***

#### **Speech Index: an Index to 259 Collections of World Famous Orations and Speeches for Various Occasions REF A13 .S85 1966 Supplements. 1935-1982**

A guide to speeches of famous orators from the earliest times to the present day. You will need to search by subject or author. Each speech indexed has a short descriptive title, followed by one or more letter/number codes. (Example HIB: 116.) The codes refer to an alphabetical list in the front of the volume. If you look up HIB, you will find Hibbett, George W., Ed. **The Dolphin Book of Speeches**. ... 1965. You would then look in the catalog to see whether the TCL has that book. The number after the colon in the code is the page number in the book.

#### **American Orators of the Twentieth Century REF PN 4055.U5 A42 1987**

A collection of encyclopedia-styled essays on 58 leading political, social, and religious speakers. Each assesses the orator's impact on American life and describes aspects of his or her speaking as argumentation, style, persuasive techniques, delivery, and methods of speech preparation. Attached to each essay is a chronology of the orator's major speeches and a list of information sources.

#### **American Voices: An Encyclopedia of Contemporary Orators REF PS 408.A472 2005**

A companion volume to **American Orators of the Twentieth Century** and **American Orators Before 1900**. Presents essays on important American speakers, including biographical information, excerpts, and chronologies of key speeches.

#### **Documents of American History READY REF E173 .C66 1988**

An extensive compilation of documents, including speeches, spanning five centuries of American history. Covers a diverse range of speeches, from pre-Revolutionary War resolutions to President Nixon's statement following the 1970 invasion of Cambodia.

#### **Lend Me Your Ears: Great Speeches in History REF PN 6122 .L4 1992**

A collection of famous speeches in history, arranged by theme and occasion, each introduced and placed in context, the more than two hundred speeches in this compilation demonstrate the enduring power of human expression.

#### **Representative American Speeches PS668 .B3 1937-2005**

Includes collected speeches by prominent American public speakers each year on a wide range of topics of public interest. Includes an index of speakers and biographical notes. The types of speeches reprinted include lectures, sermons, eulogies, welcomes, farewells, inaugurals, as well as speeches at commencements, conventions, conferences, and awards.

#### **Voices of Multicultural America: Notable speeches by African, Asian, Hispanic, and Native Americans REF PS 663 .M55 V64**

Includes 230 speeches by 130 persons, dating from 1790 to the present. The historical context of the speech and the specific occasion provide a background of the speakers' perspective. Following the speech, which is usually presented in its entirety, a brief paragraph describes its aftermath. Information on audience reaction or the comments of others is sometimes provided.

## ***PUBLICATIONS WHICH CONTAIN SPEECHES***

### **Vital Speeches of the Day PN 6121 .V52; 1937-**

Hardcopy available until 1975. Later kept until microfilm arrives. Full text of a variety of speeches. Published twice a month with each issue containing 8 to 10 speeches. There is a name and subject index for each volume. Computer files in business library 1987-2002.

### **Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents**

Academic Search Premier, March

1992-; Expanded Academic index, 1996-

Full text articles are available in Academic Search Premier and the Expanded Academic. The Weekly Compilation is also available on the Web at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/nara003.html>. Columbia campus from Hein Online and the TCL Library Catalog.

### **Executive Speeches**

Each issue includes up to a dozen full-text speeches selected from among those submitted by academicians and senior executives. These provide insights into the current thinking related to issues such as supplier partnerships, the politicization of science and technology, the real generation gap, and thinking before speaking. Each issue includes a detailed index that references names and significant concepts discussed in the speeches. This is a computer file located in the business library from 1987-2002.

## ***INDEXES TO SPEECHES IN BOOKS, PERIODICALS, AND NEWSPAPERS:***

### *Current*

#### **Academic Search Premier**

Use to locate speeches published in periodicals. Search "Speeches, addresses, etc."

#### **LexisNexis Academic**

Use to locate speeches published in newspapers or from news wire services. Date of coverage varies. Choose News, and then either General News or Transcripts.

### *Historical*

#### **New York Times Index REF AI 21 .N44**

The New York Times publishes major speeches, and is especially good for locating historical speeches. The index covers 1851-present. The best way to locate speeches in this index is to search by the name of the person delivering the speech. Also available through our electronic resources full text. All older issues of the New York Times in the Library are on microfilm.

#### **Congressional (Lexis/Nexis) CIS**

Comprehensive access to U.S. legislative information from the Congressional Information Service, Inc.

It is best to begin with an "advanced search". You will need to use the **index term** "addresses and speeches".

#### **WilsonWeb's Readers Guide Fulltext and Retrospective Databases**

The following search will yield the best results current and historical: (i.e., Bush, George/speeches, addresses, etc.)

#### **Early American Imprints**

This is a full text electronic resource that is excellent for locating speeches, sermons, eulogies, etc., printed in the U. S. (or British American colonies prior to independence) from 1639-1800.

## ***SOME INTERNET SITES WITH ELECTRONIC TEXTS OF SPEECHES***

#### **American Leaders Speak <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/nfhtml>**

Sound recordings and transcriptions of speeches by American leaders at the turn of the century. Search by keyword, or browse by speaker or subject.

**Douglass: Archives of American Public Address <http://douglassarchives.org>** the best for a selection of famous American speeches. Browse by speaker, title, chronologically, by issue or search by keyword.

#### **Gifts of Speech <http://gos.sbc.edu>**

A collection of speeches delivered by contemporary, influential women from around the world. Texts are gathered from published sources or directly from the speakers. Speeches are organized by speakers' name.

**Great American Speeches** <http://www.pbs.org>

The original website for speeches is a retired site. However, great political orations of the past century that can be accessed with a search. The speech archives contain over 90 speeches, some with background and audio or videos.

**Inaugural addresses on Bartleby** <http://www.bartleby.com/index.html> Bartleby includes inaugural addresses of all U.S. Presidents. Under "Reference" select "U.S. Inaugurals" from the drop-down menu.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project** <http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/> Famous M. L. King Speeches and links to other King sites. From the "Popular Requests" select either "Popular King" or "Voice of the King" for transcripts of speeches.

**Program in Presidential Rhetoric** <http://comm.tamu.edu/pres/speech.html>

A collection of presidential speeches, chosen to illustrate aspects of presidential rhetoric. Listed chronologically by president's name.

**Speech & Transcript Center** <http://www.freepint.com/gary/speech.htm>

Speeches, transcripts, and presentations from business executives, government officials, (both national and international), transcripts from television and radio news programs such as Frontline, 20/20, Nightline, and Congressional hearings, plus testimony and reports from many U.S. government agencies.

**Presidential Rhetoric** <http://www.presidentialrhetoric.com> Hosted by Martin Medhurst, Ph.D., former head of the Texas A & M Presidential Rhetoric Department, currently Distinguished Professor of Rhetoric and Communication at Baylor University. This site is devoted to bringing you contemporary information and resources concerning the study of presidential rhetoric.