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SPEECH 107

NOTE: The search directions and number of hits on these sample searches may change due to updates on Atrium and the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL), but the search strategies used in finding books and articles on your topics should be useful in any database. Contact the Faulkner Library if you need additional assistance.

NOTE: Sample searches used in orientation classes cannot be used as topics on your papers.

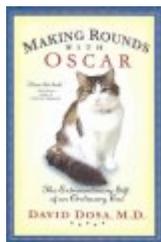
Your assignment is to write an informative speech that requires you to find five academic sources ... where do you begin?

A good guide for speeches is MySpeechClass.com which provides links that can help you choose a topic and guide you through the speech process. You might also try a guide for ideas on speeches called Ehow.com – remember, these are *guides*, not sources. Be sure to choose a topic you like; it will make the research fun! To find **academic sources**, try the following:

ATRIUM – the Library’s online catalog helps you to find books on your subject

You can search various topics with **Atrium**. Once you activate a library account with your student ID, you will be able to reserve and renew books, as well as create a book bag – once you do this, you will have access to the MLA, APA, and Chicago citations for the books you put in your book bag. If you reserve a book, it will be held for you in the Library for five days. Double click on the Atrium icon and type your topic in the search blank. Remember, correct spelling is important!

For demonstration purposes, we will use “**Human-animal relationships** as they relate to **cats**” as our informative speech topic – **YOU CANNOT USE THIS AS YOUR TOPIC**, but you can use this handout as a guide on how to do research for your topic. Type your topic keyword(s) in the search box on the upper left. Type **human-animal relationships**, and click on **Go**. This search results in **44 entries**. Scroll through the entries to see what is there. For my research, I want to know about **cats and the human-animal relationship**. In the left column you will see a “**Search Within**” box, type **cats** in the box, and click on **Go**. This narrows the search to **4** entries. Click on **#2**.



Title: Making rounds with Oscar : the extraordinary gift of an ordinary cat

Series 1st ed.

Title:

Author: Dosa, David.

Age Group: General

Material: Book

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Call Numbers: RA 1000 .D67 2010

Subject: 1. Hospice care. 2. Cats--Therapeutic use. 3. Human-animal relationships. 4. Alzheimer's patients.

Write the complete call number of any book you think might have the information you need. Note that this Library uses **Library of Congress Call Numbers**; most college libraries use this system. The shelves are labeled with the first part of the call number. Go to the shelves and find the book (ASK for assistance if you need it). Look in the back of the book in the INDEX to determine whether your topic is listed. If there is no INDEX, look in the front of the book in the TABLE OF CONTENTS for your topic. If the topic is in the book, turn to the page(s) indicated to determine if it will be helpful in your research. If so, check the book out (you must have your current FSCC Student ID to check out books).

WORDS OF WISDOM: Do your research in the Library so you do not have to take as many items home with you. The fewer sources you have, the easier it is to narrow down and focus on your topic – and the easier it is to actually write your speech, outline, and/or paper. Choose your topic. Narrow down and focus on one aspect of your topic. Do not make your topic so broad that you cannot cover it in a 3-5 minute speech.

ALABAMA VIRTUAL LIBRARY (AVL) - Articles for your research

Articles will give you the most current information available. Articles found within library databases such as the AVL will give you good, scholarly research from credible, valid sources that can be easily cited. Internet search engines such as Google, MSN, Yahoo, Ask.com, etc. or Wikipedia and others are generally NOT valid for college-level research and most likely will not have citation information in various formats. The AVL databases have an option for citation styles - the default style is MLA. You are required to use **APA**, so you will have to select that style.

The AVL is made up of many online databases that help you with your academic research needs. You can also do your research from home using AVL. If the AVL recognizes your IP address as being in Alabama, you can search it from home **without** an AVL card. If it does not recognize your IP address as being in Alabama or if you are a Faulkner student who lives in another state, you will need an AVL card with user name and password to access the AVL. You may obtain an AVL card at the Library's Circulation Desk by presenting your current **FSCC Student ID** – it's free! **Check for AVL availability at home before asking for an AVL card.**

There are several databases within the AVL that can help you with this assignment. Whichever databases you select, be sure to choose "full text." You can also limit your searches to "academic journals" on some of the databases or to "peer-reviewed" or "scholarly articles" on others.

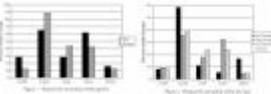
Double click on the **Alabama Virtual Library** icon. Click on **Student Resources**; next, click on **College & University Resources** and then click on **View All** in the left margin. Click on the first icon: **Academic Search Premier**. Click on **Advanced Search**. Type **human-animal relationships** in the first search line and **cats** in the second line. Click **full-text**; then, click **Search**. There are **117 entries**. Look at the left column and scroll down to **Source Types**; click **Academic journals**, and it will automatically update. There are now **35 entries**. Scroll through the listing to determine if any meet your research criteria and interests. See **#16**:

16. [Reasons for Companion Animal Guardianship \(Pet Ownership\) from Two Populations.](#) *Full Text Available*
Academic Journal By: Staats, Sara; Wallace, Heidi; Anderson, Tara. *Society & Animals*. Sep2008, Vol. 16 Issue 3, p279-291. 13p. 2 Charts, 3 Graphs. DOI: 10.1163/156853008X323411. **Subjects:** PETS; HEALTH; **HUMAN-animal relationships**; **HUMAN** beings; **ANIMALS**; **DOMESTIC animals**; Live **animal** merchant wholesalers; Pet and Pet Supplies

Stores; All other miscellaneous **animal** production; All Other **Animal** Production [Show all 5 images](#)

Table 3. Economic Goals and the Ownership of the Most Commonly Owned Pets by Breed and Community Group

Group	Wife	Wages	Cost	Eng	Cost	Eng
Students	68	104	68	75	65	65
Community	60	60	60	60	60	60
Total	128	164	128	135	125	125



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Place your cursor on the hourglass at the end of the title to read the **abstract** (summary) of the article. The citation shows that the article is 13 pages long. You can skim the article to see which parts may be appropriate for your research needs. The article is available in **PDF Full Text**. Click on the article to skim through it; note that the images may be very helpful to you. To see the citation choices, click on **cite** and/or **print** in the **right margin**.

An article may appear in **PDF format** which means it will look like a “photocopy” of the article and may be more difficult to print. When you have a choice between PDF and HTML, choose **HTML** because it is easier to read and print, especially when printing selections of the text. The AVL gives you a large selection of citation styles, including both MLA and APA. Be sure to choose the appropriate one before printing. Dr. Hammond requires you to use **APA**.

The Faulkner Library asks that you **limit the articles you print to 5 pages** per article. If you want to do your research from home and print longer articles, you may, but you probably will not read a longer article. You can select and print parts or selections of the text.

Click on **Result List** to return to the remaining articles found in your search and click on any of those that might work with your research.

If you did not find articles that were exactly what you wanted, you can change your search terms. We can begin a new advanced search. Type **human-animal bond** in the first line and **cats** in the second line. Click on **Search**; there are **10 entries**. Scroll through the listing to see if any of the articles meet your research needs. Click on **#7**:

7. [What's in it for the Companion Animal? Pet Attachment and College Students' Behaviors Toward Pets.](#) Full Text Available Academic Journal By: Shore, Elsie R.; Douglas, Deanna K.; Riley, Michelle L. *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science*. 2005, Vol. 8 Issue 1, p1-11. 11p. DOI: 10.1207/s15327604jaws0801_1. **Subjects:** PETS; ATTACHMENT behavior; COLLEGE students; **ANIMALS**; DOMESTIC animals; STUDENTS; DEVELOPMENTAL psychology; Live animal merchant wholesalers; Pet and Pet Supplies Stores; All other miscellaneous **animal** production; All Other **Animal** Production [Add to folder](#)Times Cited in this Database: (3) [PDF Full Text](#) (98KB)

Again, you can click on **Result List** to return to the remaining articles found in your search and click on any of those that might work with your research.

Click out of **EBSCOhost Search** and return to the list of **AVL** databases. You can search any of those; some databases we recommend for speech research include **Gale PowerSearch**, **Medline Plus**, and **Points of View Reference Center**. Remember, if you need assistance in using any of the AVL databases, you may ask a librarian.

VETERINARY EDUCATION IN VIDEO

If you are doing any type of research involving animals and medical procedures, you might want to consider using **VETERINARY EDUCATION IN VIDEO**. The Faulkner Library has recently purchased this database by Alexander Street Press to enhance our holdings for our Veterinary Technology program. This database will be especially helpful if you need to have a visual aid with your speech (as long as the topic involves an animal found here. There are videos on many different animals and procedures that may be beneficial. Under each video is a CITE button to help you cite your source. Double click on the VET TECH icon to use this database.

Notes:

The citation to all articles and books you use in preparing for your speeches and/or papers is very important; you will need this information for your Works Cited page.

Click on the title of the article to read an abstract (summary of the article) and if it meets your research needs, you can click on the full text link to read the article. Print the article only if it is something you can use for your research; consider printing only the parts of the article you actually need for your research.

The most recent articles are usually listed first in the results list. It is generally better to use the most recent articles you can find *unless* you are doing historical research.

Remember that the **Alabama Virtual Library** contains articles that are (generally) respected research and can be verified for accuracy. The **AVL** is transmitted via the Internet, but the articles are not “Internet articles.” Internet articles are found when searching Google, Ask.com, MSN, and other Internet search engines; some of those articles *may* be valid or verifiable research, but that will have to be determined by checking the source(s) of the article(s).

There are many other databases within the **AVL**. To determine which ones are appropriate for your research, move the mouse over the question mark beside the database and a box will appear with information on the contents of that database. You can also click on **College and University** level databases; be sure to choose the appropriate database for your subject. Ask a librarian for assistance if you are unsure.

Change your keyword terms as needed. If you do not get the information you want, try to think of synonyms for your keywords – instead of animal behavior, try cat behavior or human-animal relationships. You may also try using different databases. Ask a librarian for assistance when you need help!

PLAGIARISM

“MLA defines plagiarism as taking another person's language or thoughts and putting them in your own paper without acknowledging they came from another source. Even if you summarize the ideas from elsewhere or put the ideas in your own words, you still need to indicate that you were not the original creator of the concepts. You must enclose information taken verbatim in quotation marks or in block format to indicate that it is a direct quote. Omission of such documentation fits MLA's definition of plagiarism, regardless of your intention.”

<http://everydaylife.globalpost.com/mla-guidelines-regarding-plagiarism-7603.html>

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Faulkner State Library via email at online.library@faulknerstate.edu or call us at 251-580-2145.