

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Researching in the Library: Using Databases for Researching Diabetes diabetes.html (6 minutes)

Hi! I'm Linda Baker, one of the librarians at the El Centro College Library.

I need to do some research about diabetes for an informative speech. Where should I start? I'm going to use the Library databases!

Let's start at the El Centro College Library website: www.elcentrocollege.edu/library.

I'm not looking for books since my speech will only take 3-5 minutes to give - allowing me only a minute on each main point. Knowing that I have time to mention only brief information on each main points suggests to me that books will give me too much information! Database articles or ebook chapters will be short and to the point.

I could start with the **Research Starting Guide** databases since they cover almost every topic. However, since my topic is a medical topic, I'm going to start with the SEARCH DATABASES, ARTICLES, WEBSITES BY TOPIC pull-down menu. I'll scroll down and then click on Medicine.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCE CENTER and CONSUMER HEALTH COMPLETE are both good choices. Let's start with Health and Wellness Resource Center.

At home, you'll be asked to log in by typing in your name and student ID number at the login screen. Once you do that, you'll be taken to the database.

Find the search box. I'll type in my topic and click SEARCH.

Wow! I need 4 database sources for this Speech - I see that this database has over 100 sources of information to choose from! I can get all of my information from this one database! Let's see if I can find information for my 3 main points: what is diabetes, symptoms, and treatments. I also know that I need to find an attention getter and a motivate to listen.

Let's check out this article. Look - an attention getter... and information on all of my main points – what is diabetes – symptoms – and treatments.

I can download - print out - or email this article to myself. I suggest emailing more information than you need - you never know when that extra piece of information will come in handy if you change one of your main points.

At the beginning or end of the article, the database will provide your citation information. This is an e-book. How do I know this? A single copyright year indicates an e-book. You'll use almost all of the citation information that the database provides you with – the title of the article, the title of the e-book, editor of the e-book, place of publication, publisher, copyright date and volumes.

To return to find other articles, click the RESULTS button. Let's look for another article. Here's additional information for my Speech.

Many of these articles will include pictures for your powerpoint in the same article!

Of course, if this database didn't give me enough information, I could check out other databases.

For a Speech, don't look for too much information! You'll only have time to mention 2-3 sentences of information under each main point.

I think I've found all 4 of my sources that I need from this one database!

If you are not finding what you are want on your topic, let the librarians help you. Feel free to ASK A LIBRARIAN for help. We are available 7 days a week – from early morning until late evening. We are available online, in person and by phone.

Happy searching!