

Cerritos College Library

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SPEECH 145 - STORYTELLING

Your search for information on **storytelling** can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Books

Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. You can search for books by *Author, Title, Subject, or Keyword*.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the catalog for books relating to storytelling. Use these terms to *Search by Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

Dialogues
Epic literature
Fables
Fairy tales

Folklore
Legends
Monologues
Mythology

Storytelling
Tales

Selected Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

Encyclopedia of Fable
REF PN980 .S66 1998

Encyclopedia of Folklore and Literature
REF PN41 .E48 1998

Encyclopedia of Literary Epics
REF PN56 .E65 J33 1996

Folklore: An Encyclopedia of Beliefs, Customs, Tales, Music, and Art
REF GR35 .F63 1997

Goddesses in World Mythology
REF BL473.5 .A66 1993

Man, Myth & Magic: The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Mythology, Religion, and the Unknown
REF BF1407 .M34 1997

Myths and Legends of the World
REF BL311 .M97 2000

Finding Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles

Journal and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

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To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the [Library Home Page](#). Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

Online Databases for storytelling:

EBSCOhost
Gale Databases

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number.

See the [Database Page](#) or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

American Folklore

<http://www.americanfolklore.net>

Retelling tall tales. Historical folklore, regional folktales, and famous historic characters by Sandra Schlosser, a librarian and freelance author.

Encyclopedia Mythica

<http://www.pantheon.org/information/about.html>

An encyclopedia on mythology, folklore, legends, and more. It contains over 6100 definitions of gods and goddesses, supernatural beings and legendary creatures and monsters from all over the world. Also included is an English language pronunciation guide and links to other mythology and folklore web sites.

Handbook for Storytellers

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/storyhandbook.htm>

Provides the history of storytelling, as well as technique and a bibliography of references.

International Storytelling Center

<http://www.storytellingcenter.com/>

The purpose of The International Storytelling Center is to further infuse storytelling into the mainstream of society by promoting the power of storytelling and its creative applications to build a better world.

Story Arts Online

<http://www.storyarts.org/>

Provides articles on storytelling and a library of stories in audio and text formats.