



National History Day Research Resources Reference Services Department

Topic: Alexander Dubcek: Leading the Prague Spring

Print Resources

- "Hope Dies Last: the Autobiography of Alexander Dubcek" **primary source**
- "Invasion and Occupation of Czechoslovakia and the UN" (Chapter 8 includes the text of speech by Alexander Dubcek delivered on 2 August 1968 on the Czechoslóvak radio) **primary source**

Prospector and Interlibrary Loan

Prospector: <http://prospectorhome.coalliance.org/>

Prospector is a unified catalog of academic, public and special libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. For items not available at the Denver Public Library, search here first. Items can take 1-2 weeks to arrive.

- "Dubcek," by William Shawcross

Databases/Digital Resources

To access the Denver Public Library databases:

www.denverlibrary.org

Click on the "Research" tab

Click on "Databases A-Z"

Database suggestions:

- Gale Virtual Reference Library for good biographical articles
- History Reference Center
Check sample article: "*The Soviets Invade Czechoslovakia*":
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=khh&AN=6349127&site=hrc-live>
- MAS Ultra
Check sample article: "*Prague Spring*":
<http://ezproxy.denverlibrary.org:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=ulh&AN=18001817&scope=site>
- New York Times Historical Backfile (Use advanced search option and limit time period to 1968)
- Readers' Guide Retrospective:
Check sample article: "*End of the Dubcek Era*":
<http://ezproxy.denverlibrary.org:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=rgr&AN=517888763&scope=site>

Primary Sources:

- Understanding the Prague Spring (CIA documents):
<http://chnm.gmu.edu/1989/items/show/326>
- Brezhnev Doctrine (text of Leonid Brezhnev's speech in 1968):
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1968brezhnev.asp>
- Speech recordings by Dubcek:
<http://www.radio.cz/en/section/archives/alexander-dubcek-hope-and-despair-in-1968>
- Transcript of Leonid Brezhnev's Telephone Conversation with Alexander Dubček, August 13, 1968
http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/publications/DOC_readers/psread/doc81.htm

Internet Resources:

- Prague Spring
http://fcw.needham.k12.ma.us/~paul_wexler/FOV1-00100E36/FOV1-00108CE1/FOV1-0010D5A9/FOV1-0010E2A2/FOV1-0010E2A3/nfmet.pdf
- Soviet Invasion of Czechoslovakia, 1968
<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1961-1968/soviet-invasion-czechoslavia>
- NY Times obituary:
<http://www.nytimes.com/1992/11/09/obituaries/alexander-dubcek-70-dies-in-prague.html>
- Alexander Dubcek:
http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/alexander_dubcek.htm

Purdue University Online Writing Lab (Purdue OWL)

MLA Formatting and Style Guide

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Annotated Bibliography

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>

Google Searching

By adding [site:gov] or [site:edu] to a Google search, you will return only government or academic webpages.

By adding [-.com] to a search, you will remove .com sites from your returned results.

Put quotation marks around words "[any word]" to search for an exact phrase in an exact order.

For more advanced Google searching tips, visit:

<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/136861>

Resources and research assistance provided by Denver Public Library Reference Services Department, 720-865-1363. We are available to help students with research projects. Drop in at the reference desk on the 3rd floor of the [Central Library](#), contact us live online with the [Ask Us](#) service, or [make an appointment](#) to work one-on-one with a librarian.