FINDING ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), from the Institute of Education Sciences, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Education.

Besides indexing journal articles and books, ERIC includes (often with full text) research reports, surveys, curriculum and teaching guides, and other instructional materials.

**Education Research Complete**
Indexes articles from 2,000 academic journals, over half of which are available full text. Also includes books, conference papers, and reports.

**Education Full Text**
Indexes articles from books and 800 journals, nearly half of which are available full text.

Depending on your topic and interests, the databases listed below may also prove useful.

- Academic Search Complete (multidisciplinary)
- Alternative Press Index (leftist, alternative views)
- America: History and Life (history and culture)
- Biography Reference Bank (individual people)
- Black Studies Center
- Gender Studies Database
- PAIS International (public policy)
- PsycINFO (psychology)
- SociINDEX (sociology)
- Urban Studies Abstracts

To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use “360 Link to Full Text” or “Find It!” when available in research databases, or select the **Journal Finder** tab on Library home page or from the Quick Links pull-down menu

**SUMMON** – default tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio, video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, but not all, library resources
- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many full text databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- Subject-specific databases are generally better for complex or comprehensive searches
- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
- if links don’t lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we probably do have access

**ENCYCLOPEDIAS ON ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL REFORM**


**ENCYCLOPEDIAS ON THEORY, PHILOSOPHY, CURRICULUM**


ENCYCLOPEDIAS ON CLASSROOMS, PSYCHOLOGY, TEACHING

*Encyclopedia of Educational Psychology.* 2008. e-book
*The SAGE Encyclopedia of Contemporary Early Childhood Education.* 2016. e-book

ENCYCLOPEDIAS ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

*Encyclopedia of Diversity in Education.* 2012. e-book

BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES

Search in the Biography Reference Bank database, and consult these reference works:

*A Critical Pedagogy of Resistance: 34 Pedagogues We Need to Know.* 2013. e-book
*The Greatest Educators Ever.* 2006. e-book

WEB SITES ON EDUCATIONAL REFORM AND ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLING

*Alternative Education Resource Organization.*
  http://www.educationrevolution.org/
  AERO serves educators and families interested in learner-centered education and alternatives to traditional teaching models.

*Center for Research and Reform in Education.* Maintained by Johns Hopkins University School of Education.
  http://education.jhu.edu/research/crre/
  A research center that aims to improve the quality of education in pre-K to 12 schools through high-quality research and evaluation studies, and the dissemination of evidence-based research.
Engaging Schools.
http://engagingschools.org
A school reform non-profit that develops resources and programs to help educators create learning communities that integrate academic, social, and emotional development.

The Forum for Education and Democracy.
http://forumforeducation.org
An Ohio-based national think tank committed to strong public schools, equity of educational resources, and developing an informed, involved citizenry.

Rethinking Schools.
http://www.rethinkingschools.org
An activist, volunteer-directed non-profit that creates materials for educators emphasizing issues – particularly those related to race, social and environmental justice, and equity – faced by urban public schools.

WEB SITES FOR FINDING LESSON PLANS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Note: There are many web sites that offer sample lesson plans, online communities for educators, and other educational resources. This list highlights several non-profit and foundation sponsored sites.

OER Commons: Open Educational Resources. Maintained by ISKME (Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education).
http://www.oercommons.org
A portal with free, openly licensed educational resources for teachers and instructors; materials are classified by subject area, grade level, and material type.

http://welcome.curriki.org/
Provides an online global community for K-12 teachers, students, and parents to create, share, and find free learning resources.

Edutopia. Maintained by the George Lucas Educational Foundation.
http://www.edutopia.org/
Provides blogs, discussion groups, and teacher training tools for teachers, administrators, and parents interested in improving education.

CITING YOUR SOURCES for info, choose “For Students” (under “Services” on library home page), then “Citation Help

Main Reference BF76.7 .P83 2010

Purdue Online Writing Lab (aka the OWL). Maintained by Perdue University.
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
See the Research and Citation section for examples of how to cite resources using APA, MLA, and Chicago citation styles.

TIPS FOR IDENTIFYING RESEARCH STUDIES

• Research articles generally include:
  ○ summary or abstract
  ○ statement of hypothesis, question, or assumption to be tested
• literature review
• methodology section with description of subjects, procedures, and tools used
• findings/results section, with analysis of results, significance, and/or explanation of conclusions
• suggestions for further research or discussion of what the results don’t reveal

• Limit results to academic, scholarly, or peer reviewed journals; although limiting provides a preliminary filter, not all articles in a scholarly journal report on evidence-based or empirical research (e.g., letters to the editor, editorials, book reviews, commentaries, etc.), so you need to evaluate each article individually. In ERIC, filter out “ED” documents, select Publication Type, then choose Reports–Research.
• Look for key words and phrases: study, measure, metric, subjects, cohort, data, survey, interview, focus group, control group, case study, field research, ethnography, pre-test/post-test, textual analysis, content analysis, qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, etc.
• Look for statistics, charts, and tables, as well concepts such as qualitative, longitudinal, correlation, data, etc.

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Get drop-in help at the Research Help Desk—just stop by and tell us what you need
Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight
Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm
Weekend: Saturday: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

Choose Ask a Librarian on the library’s home page for more ways to get help; follow the links under Choose Make a Research Appointment on the library’s home page to meet with a librarian

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