

## Research Guide For Education

The Library provides resources to support the Education programs. This guide is meant to help students effectively use those resources.

### Library Website

The **Library HomePage** acts as a menu to library resources and other useful information. It can be found at: <http://www.jalc.edu/lrc/library/>. It includes links to library resources as well as links to library services, to assistance in writing and reference list creation, and to e-mail and chat reference services.

### Books

The **Library Catalog** includes the holdings (books and videos) of John A. Logan College Library and the Media Distribution Center as well as the holdings of other libraries in the Shawnee Library System consortium. It can be reached from the **Library HomePage**. **Search tips:** Start with a keyword search. When you find an interesting book, look at the subject headings in the record. By selecting any one of those subject links, you can refine your search to include all books with that particular subject heading. **Examples of keywords:**

<b>Educat*</b> (truncation symbol * retrieves all terms beginning with Educat)	
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>Montessori</b>	<b>Curricula</b>
<b>Teach*</b>	<b>Mainstreaming</b>

Education is a topic that lends itself to multiple keywords, e.g. **Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Women Educators**, etc. Once you have a list of titles, you can limit the results to those items owned by John A. Logan Library by choosing "John A. Logan" from the "Limit by" pulldown menu in the upper right of the screen. You can check on due dates and renew materials from within the catalog by clicking on "my account", logging in using your barcode and pin, and viewing/selecting items within your account.

**Browsing:** You can also browse the shelves at the library. The books in the library are organized by the Library of Congress Classification system, which uses letters and numbers as a code for a subject. This code is referred to as the call number. The following LC classes will be helpful to you: **L – for Education (general), LA – for the History of Education, LB – for the Theory and Practice of Education, LC – for Special Aspects of Education, LD-LG – for Individual Institutions in Various Countries, LH – for College and School Magazines and Papers, LJ – for student Fraternities and Societies in the US, LT – for Textbooks, GV 341-711 – for**

**Physical Education.** Most books about Education and related fields are shelved in call numbers beginning with **L**. You can browse those shelves for additional books.

Education books are shelved in the reference collection as well as the circulating collection and those can easily be browsed since it is a much smaller collection than the circulating collection.

## **Borrowing from other Libraries**

As part of the Shawnee Library System, you may use your barcode and PIN to request material, via the library catalog, from other libraries in the consortium. Depending on availability, items usually are delivered within three days to one week. If you do not find what you are looking for in the Shawnee Library System or through our Online Databases you can search the catalogs of other libraries using **WorldCat** or **I-Share**. To request materials from outside the Shawnee Library System, use the request forms in **“Borrowing from other Libraries”** from the Library HomePage or pick one up at the circulation desk. Please ask a Librarian for assistance if you need help.

## **eBooks**

**NetLibrary** is a searchable database of eBooks covering a wide variety of subject areas including well over 3000 books on education topics. Before accessing from outside the library, a username and password must be set up within the database from inside the library.

**Credo Reference** contains dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, encyclopedias, quotations and atlases, plus a wide range of subject-specific titles covering every topic including elementary and secondary education, special education, media, teaching, and learning.

## **Databases**

**Finding Articles:** Use periodical indexes and databases to locate articles, reports, and other documents on your topic. Most of these resources provide full-text articles, which you can print, save, or e-mail. We also have print subscriptions to some magazines and journals that aren't available electronically. If an article you need is not available at the John A. Logan Library in either print or electronic format, you can request the article from another library through Interlibrary Loan either at the Circulation Desk or using the forms found on the library's website.

From the Library's homepage, choose **Databases in Alphabetical Order**. Access outside the library requires IDs and Passwords. They can be obtained from the circulation desk each semester. These databases represent the most useful for research in Education:

**Academic Search Complete** is a large multi-disciplinary database that provides full text for more than 7,100 journals, including full text for more than 6,100 peer-reviewed titles. Indexing is provided for over 11,000 journals and other publications. PDF backfiles to 1887 are available.

**CQ Researcher** covers the most current and controversial issues of the day with complete summaries, the pros and cons, bibliographies and more. Coverage is from 1923-present.

**Chronicle of Higher Education** provides news in the field of education.

**ERIC** contains more than 1,243,000 records and links to more than 300,000 full-text documents from *ERIC*, the Educational Resource Information Center.

**MAS Ultra – School Edition** is designed specifically for high school libraries and contains full text for more than 500 popular, high school magazines. It also provides more than 360 full text reference books, 85,670 biographies, 105,786 primary source documents, and an Image Collection of 341,655 photos, maps & flags, color PDFs and expanded full text backfiles (back to 1975) for key magazines.

**NoveList Plus** contains feature articles, Book Talks, and Book Discussion Guides for over 150,000 fiction titles and over 50,000 nonfiction titles.

**NoveList K-8 Plus** is a reading resource for children's fiction and nonfiction.

**Primary Search** provides full text for more than 70 popular, magazines for elementary school research. All full text articles included in the database are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles), and full text information dates as far back as 1990.

**Professional Development** is designed for professional educators and provides a highly specialized collection of nearly 520 high quality education journals, including more than 350 peer-reviewed titles. This database also contains more than 200 educational reports. *Professional Development Collection* is the most comprehensive collection of full text education journals in the world.

## Education Websites

Information on careers in the field as well as information on the latest research or news in the field can be found in websites. 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. The sites that follow represent only a few of those that are available.

## Associations

**Association for Experiential Education:** <http://www.aee.org/>

Educause: <http://www.educause.edu/>

National Association for Bilingual Education: <http://www.nabe.org/>

National Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://naeyc.org/>

National Council for the Social Studies: <http://www.socialstudies.org/>

National Council of Teachers of English: <http://www.ncte.org/>

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics: <http://www.nctm.org/>

National Education Association: <http://www.nea.org/>

National Science Teachers Association: <http://www.nsta.org/>

Parent Teacher Association: <http://www.pta.org/>

Scholarly Societies Project – Education Organizations: [http://www.scholarly-societies.org/education\\_soc.html](http://www.scholarly-societies.org/education_soc.html)

USA Education Associations:

<http://www.officialusa.com/stateguides/education/associations.html>

## Education Resources

Common Core State Standards Initiative <http://www.corestandards.org/>

Cyberguides: Teacher Guides and Student Activities:

<http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/score/cyberguide.html>

Early Childhood News: <http://www.earlychildhoodnews.com/>

Education World (national standards): <http://www.education-world.com/standards/national/index.shtml>

Educator's Reference Desk: <http://www.eduref.org/>

FedStats on Education:

[http://www.fedstats.gov/key\\_stats/index.php?markup=XHTML&pageType=program&id=education](http://www.fedstats.gov/key_stats/index.php?markup=XHTML&pageType=program&id=education)

FindLaw: Education: <http://www.findlaw.com/01topics/37education/sites.html>

Free Federal Resources for Educational Excellence: <http://www.free.ed.gov/>

Gateway to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills: <http://thegateway.org/>

Ideas for Curriculum Development and Lesson Plans:

<http://www.ideas.wisconsin.edu/>

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators:

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/webquest/webquest.html>

Learning Disabilities Online: <http://ldonline.org/>

Montessori Index: <http://www.montessori.edu/>

National Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.naeyc.org/>

National Center for Education Statistics: <http://nces.ed.gov/>

National Geographic Xpeditions: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/>

National Institute for Early Education Research: <http://nieer.org/>

Nation's Report Card: <http://nces.ed.gov/NATIONSREPORTCARD/>

Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development:

<http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/>

New York Times Learning Network: <http://nytimes.com/learning/>

Paideia Philosophy of Education: <http://www.bu.edu/wcp/MainEduc.htm>

RefDesk.com: <http://www.refdesk.com/>

Rubric Creation:

<http://projects.edtech.sandi.net/staffdev/tpss99/rubrics/rubrics.html>

School District Demographics: <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/sdds/index.asp>

School Psychology Resources Online: <http://www.schoolpsychology.net/>

UNESCO Institute for Statistics (Education):

[http://www.uis.unesco.org/ev.php?URL\\_ID=3753&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201](http://www.uis.unesco.org/ev.php?URL_ID=3753&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201)

United Nations CyberSchoolBus:

<http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/index.shtml>

US Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/index.ihtml>

## Selected Full Text Journals/Newsletters

Academic Leadership: <http://www.academicleadership.org/>

The ALAN Review: <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/ALAN/>

American Association of School Administrators Selected Publications:  
<http://www.aasa.org/AASAPublications.aspx>

Current Issues in Comparative Education: <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/cice/>

Current Issues in Education: <http://cie.asu.edu/articles/index.html>

Early Childhood Research and Practice: <http://www.ecrp.uiuc.edu/>

Education Next: <http://educationnext.org/>

Education Policy Analysis Archives: <http://epaa.asu.edu/epaa/>

Education Review: <http://edrev.asu.edu/index.html>

Education Week: <http://www.edweek.org/ew/section/free-content/>

Future of Children: <http://futureofchildren.org/>

Journal of Technology Education: <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JTE/>

National Teaching & Learning Forum:  
<http://www.ntlf.com/html/ti/comparticles.htm>

New Horizons for Learning: <http://education.jhu.edu/newhorizons/>

Rethinking Schools: <http://www.rethinkingschools.org/index.shtml>

THE Journal (Technological Horizons in Education: <http://www.thejournal.com/>

## Metasites Developed by Other Libraries/Education Associations

New York University Libraries: <http://library.nyu.edu/education/>

Poverty and Race Research Action Council:  
[http://www.prrac.org/topic\\_type.php?topic\\_id=6&type\\_group=5](http://www.prrac.org/topic_type.php?topic_id=6&type_group=5)

Southeast Missouri University Kent Library:  
[http://library.semo.edu/learn/guides/elementary\\_education.html](http://library.semo.edu/learn/guides/elementary_education.html)