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Finding Books and Audiovisual Materials

Online Catalog: Allows you to search all of the Library's collections including the Main Collection, Curriculum Materials, Library Science, A/V Materials, Maps, etc. Use the search box at the top right corner of the library website, or click Library Catalog for an advanced search.

Article Databases

The Library subscribes to many electronic databases providing students access to thousands of articles, many in full-text format. Most records can be printed or emailed. See specific database for more information or ask a Reference Librarian for help. Below is a list of useful databases for your research.

To access the databases:

- Go to library home page <http://www.kutztown.edu/library>
- Under the heading **Find Information** click on "Articles and Databases"
- Select "Education" in the drop-down menu to get to the list of appropriate databases. OR
- If you already know the name of the database you'd like to use, click on the appropriate letter to use the alphabetical list of databases.
- **Requires KU ID card and registration to access from off-campus.**

Academic Search Complete (EBSCO) Excellent multidisciplinary resource. Provides nearly 4,400 scholarly publications, including full text for more than 5,300 journals. To limit to peer-reviewed titles only, click on peer-reviewed box under Refine Search.

ProQuest Research Library. Excellent multidisciplinary resource includes abstracts and indexing for articles in more than 2,600 periodicals.

For Education Research

ERIC (EBSCO) or <http://www.eric.ed.gov/> Provides full text of more than 2,200 digests with references and citations and abstracts from over 1000 educational and education-related journals. Links to some full-text is available.

- ❖ Can search by keyword, author, title, subject (ERIC descriptors).
- ❖ To find ERIC descriptors (official ERIC subject headings) use the online Thesaurus – type in your terms and the Thesaurus will recommend descriptors and build a search for you.

Education Research Complete (EBSCO)

Education Research Complete is a bibliographic and full text database covering scholarly research and information relating to all areas of education. Topics covered include all levels of education from early childhood to higher education, and all educational specialties, such as multilingual education, health education, and testing. Education Research Complete also covers areas of curriculum instruction as well as administration, policy, funding, and related social issues.

National Center for Education Statistics (WWW)

The National Center for Education Statistics fulfills a Congressional mandate to collect, collate, analyze, and report complete statistics on the condition of American education, conduct and publish reports, and review and report on education activities internationally. **Most Current Edition.**

For Lesson Planning

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD)

The Children's Literature Comprehensive Database is a great resource to use when looking for children's literature. The database contains more than 150,000 reviews of children's books from 27 sources as well as listings for over 260,000 book awards and book lists. **Most Current Edition**

Curriculum Resource Center (Facts on File)

This electronic library of printable teacher-handout material combines Facts On File's curriculum-oriented On File print reference materials with powerful search capabilities and a user-friendly interface. By presenting concepts visually, in core subject areas including U.S. and world history, science, and geography, this resource delivers a wealth of clear, informative, supplemental material that will enhance the middle, high school, and junior college curriculum. Also, includes links to some of the web's best educational sites. **Coverage varies**

Curriculum Resource Center Junior Edition (Facts on File)

For elementary teachers and students seeking material to supplement their lessons. This electronic library of printable teacher-handout material combines Facts On File's curriculum-oriented On File print reference materials with powerful search capabilities and a user-friendly interface. By presenting concepts visually, this resource delivers a wealth of clear, informative, supplemental material that will enhance the elementary curriculum. **Coverage varies**

Citing Sources

- Go to the **Find Information** column. Under **Research Help**, there is a link to Citing Sources.
- Within the Online Style section, select the link to the citation style that you will be using to find information about and examples of citations.
- Remember to collect the necessary information for your citation. These include:
 - ◆ Author/Authors – complete name(s)
 - ◆ Title of book or article
 - ◆ Title of magazine or journal
 - ◆ Volume and issue of the magazine or journal
 - ◆ Date and/or place of publication and name of publisher
 - ◆ Page numbers you used and total page range for articles
 - ◆ URL may be needed depending upon the citation style being used

Need more help?

The Reference Librarians are here to help you with your research. To schedule an appointment with a reference librarian send an email to refquest@kutztown.edu or call 610-683-4165. You can also ask questions without an appointment at the Reference Desk on the first floor of the library. Reference librarians are available 7 days a week during spring and fall semesters. Reference desk service hours during the regular semester are:

Sunday: 2pm – 10pm
Monday – Thursday: 8am – 10pm
Friday: 8am – 5pm
Saturday: 9am – 12pm; 1 – 5pm