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ON THE CHILD IN SOCIETY

RESEARCH GUIDE

I. REFERENCE SOURCES

A. GUIDES TO THE LITERATURE OF EDUCATION

These books will tell you what sources to consult to get specific information.

Freed, Melvyn N. (ed.). *The Educator's Desk Reference (EDR): A Sourcebook of Educational Information and Research*. 2nd ed. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2002.

**REF LB1028.27 .U6 F74 2002** – A good example of a guide arranged by type of source or information need; contains many other useful sections on standardized tests, computer software, and the research process.

O'Brien, Nancy P. *Education: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources*. 2nd ed. Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 2000. **REF LB15 .B87 2000**

B. DICTIONARIES OF EDUCATION

Use these books to define educational terms and concepts.

Barrow, Robin, and Geoffrey Milburn. *Critical Dictionary of Educational Concepts: An Appraisal of Selected Ideas and Issues in Educational Theory and Practice*. 2nd ed. NY: Teacher's College Press (Columbia University), 1990. **REF LB15 .B29 1990**

Collins, John W. Collins III and Nancy Patricia O'Brien. *The Greenwood Dictionary of Education*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2003. **REF LB15 .G68 2003**  
*The first comprehensive dictionary of education since Good's Dictionary of Education in 1973.*

Leonard, David C. *Learning Theories, A to Z*. Westport, CT : Oryx Press, 2002.  
**REF LB15 .L4695 2002**

C. HANDBOOKS OF EDUCATION

These books attempt to give a one-volume overview of generally accepted fact and procedure. Especially valuable for bibliographic references.

Dejnozka, Edward L., and David E. Kapel. *American Educators' Encyclopedia*. Rev. ed. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1991. **REF LB15 .D37 1991** – A one-volume "desk encyclopedia." Brief entries on the terms and people frequently found in educational literature. Includes bibliographical references.

Richardson, Virginia (ed.). *Handbook of Research on Teaching*. 4th ed. Washington, DC: American Educational Research Association, 2001. **REF LB1028 .H315 2001** – 51 separately-authored chapters, with bibliographies

Woodill, Gary A. (ed.). *International Handbook of Early Childhood Education*. New York: Garland, 1992. **REF LB1139.23 .I68 1992**



## D. ENCYCLOPEDIAS OF EDUCATION

More in-depth information than in dictionaries or handbooks; more extensive bibliographies.

Chambliss, J.J. (ed.). *Philosophy of Education: An Encyclopedia*. New York: Garland Publishers, 1996. **REF LB17 .P485 1996**

Fagan, Thomas K., and Paul G. Warden (eds.). *Historical Encyclopedia of School Psychology*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1996. **REF LB1027.55 .H57 1996**

Guthrie, James W. (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Education*. 2nd ed. 8 vols. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2003. **REF LB15 .E47 2003** – *The new second edition of the groundbreaking 1971 set, containing more than 850 articles. Volume 8, in addition to a subject index, includes an annotated list of commonly-administered standardized tests, a section on key court cases, legislation, and international agreements, a list of key Web sites, and more.*

Husen, Torsten and T. Neville Postlethwaite (eds.). *The International Encyclopedia of Education*. 2nd ed. 12 vols. New York: Pergamon Press, 1994. **REF LB15 .I569 1994**

Kovalchick, Ann and Kara Dawson (eds.). *Education and Technology: An Encyclopedia*. 2 vols. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004. **REF LB1028.3 .E17 2004**

Lee, Steven W. (ed.). *Encyclopedia of School Psychology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2005. **REF LB1027.55 .E523 2005**

Levinson, David L., et al. (eds.) *Education and Sociology: An Encyclopedia*. New York: RoutledgeFalmer, 2002. **REF LC189.95 .E38 2002** – *A substantial, up-to-date collection of 91 separately-authored chapters.*

Marlow-Ferguson, Rebecca (ed.). *World Education Encyclopedia : A Survey of Educational Systems Worldwide*. 2nd ed. 3 vols. Detroit: Gale Group, 2001. **REF LB15 .W87 2001**

Mitzel, Harold (ed.). *Encyclopedia of Educational Research*. 6th ed. 4 vols. New York: Macmillan, 1992. **REF LB15 .E48 1992** – *Note ample bibliographies at the end of each article.*

Reynolds, Cecil R., and Elaine Fletcher-Janzen (eds.). *Encyclopedia of Special Education*. 3rd ed. 3 vols. New York: Wiley, 2007. **REF LC4007 .E53 2007**

Salkind, Neil J. (ed.). *Encyclopedia of Educational Psychology*. 2 vols. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2008. **REF LB1050.9 .E63 2008**

Turkington, Carol, and Joseph R. Harris. *The A to Z of Learning Disabilities*. 2nd ed. New York: Facts on File, 2006. **REF LC4704.5 .T86 2006**

Unger, Harlow G. *Encyclopedia of American Education*. 3rd ed. 3 vols. New York: Facts on File, 2007. **REF LB17 .U54 2007**

Williams, Leslie R., and Doris Fromberg (eds.). *Encyclopedia of Early Childhood Education*. New York: Garland, 1992. **REF LB1139.25 .E53 1992**

## E. STATISTICAL INFORMATION SOURCES

*Almanac of American Education*. Annual. Washington, D.C.: Bernan Press. **REF LA201 .E38**



Cosby, Arthur G., *et al.* (eds.). *About Children*. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics, 2005. **REF HQ792 .U5 A515 2005** – Includes 46 separately-authored chapters covering the most important issues in child health and well-being. Each chapter includes statistical charts and graphs. See listing on LOLA for Table of Contents note.

Kaul, Chandrika. *Statistical Handbook on the World's Children*. Westport, CT: Oryx Press, 2002. **REF HQ767.9 .K38 2002**

*Kids Count Data Book: State Profiles of Child Well-Being*. Annual. Washington, DC: Center for the Study of Social Policy, 1990 – . **REF HQ792 .U5 K53** – Also available online; see link on LOLA.

New Hampshire. State Dept. of Education. [*Statistics*]. Annual. Concord, NH: New Hampshire Dept. of Education. **REF LA328 .A2** – A compilation of various NH K-12 school statistics, by district and state-wide, including enrollments, student/teacher ratios, salaries, district calendars, and expenditures per pupil. Latest edition in Reference; earlier years back to 1986/87 are in the General Collection.

U.S. Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census. *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. Annual. Washington, DC: G.P.O. **REF HA202 .A1** – “The National Data Book.” The standard, authoritative compendium of social, political, and economic statistical information for the country. **Section 4** covers Education. Most recent edition in Reference; earlier in circulating.

U.S. Department of Education. National Center for Education Statistics. *The Condition of Education*. Annual. Washington, DC: G.P.O. **REF L112 .A64** – Most recent edition in Reference; earlier in circulating. Also accessible online; see link on LOLA (online catalog).

U.S. Department of Education. National Center for Education Statistics. *Digest of Education Statistics*. Annual. Washington, DC: G.P.O. **REF L111 .A35** – Covers American education from kindergarten through graduate school. This is a compilation of data gathered mostly by the National Center for Education Statistics, but there is also information from private sources. Use this along with **The Statistical Abstract of the United States**. Most recent edition in Reference; earlier in circulating. Also accessible online; see link on LOLA .

U.S. Department of Education. National Center for Education Statistics. *Education Indicators: An International Perspective*. Washington, DC: G.P.O., 1996. **REF LB2846 .E2493 1996** “Provides readers with relevant material about the education systems and social structures of other countries, specifically designed for readers who are knowledgeable about the United States.” Also accessible online; see link on LOLA.

U.S. Department of Education. National Center for Education Statistics. *Projections of Educational Statistics to . . .* Annual. Washington, DC: G.P.O. **REF LA210 .A28** – Annual publication, with projections for next 10 years. Most recent edition in Reference; earlier in circulating. Also accessible online; see link on LOLA .

## F. KEY REFERENCE SOURCES IN PHILOSOPHY

*Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. 8 vols. (plus 1996 Supplement) New York: Macmillan, 1967. **REF B41 .E5**

*New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*. 6 vols. New York: Scribner's, 2005. **REF CB9 .N49 2005**  
See entry on “Childhood and Child Rearing”. *Note:* The above title is also available in full text electronically via the **Gale Virtual Reference Library** database. A link to the electronic version is also available from the library online catalog, or from the Library Home Page under “Databases”.

*Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. 10 vols. New York: Routledge, 1998. **REF B51 .R68 1998**



## G. KEY REFERENCE SOURCES ON CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

- Arnett, Jeffrey Jensen (ed.). *Encyclopedia of Children, Adolescents, and the Media*. 2 vols. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2007. **REF HQ784 .M3 E53 2007**
- Bowman, Vibiana (ed.). *Scholarly Resources for Children and Childhood Studies: a Research Guide and Annotated Bibliography*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2007. **REF HQ767.85 .S34 2007**
- Broude, Gwen J. *Growing Up: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1995. **REF HQ767.84 .B76 1995**
- Clement, Priscilla Ferguson and Jacqueline S. Reinier (eds.). *Boyhood in America: An Encyclopedia*. 2 vols. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2001. **REF HQ775 .B635 2001**
- Fass, Paula S. (ed.). *Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood: in History and Society*. 3 vols. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004. **REF HQ767.84 .E53 2003** See entries on "Comparative History of Childhood" and "History of Childhood". *Note: The above title is also available in full text electronically via the Gale Virtual Reference Library database. A link to the electronic version is also available from the library online catalog, or from the Library Home Page under "Databases".*
- Forman-Brunell, Miriam (ed.). *Girlhood in America: An Encyclopedia*. 2 vols. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2001. **REF HQ777 .G5745 2001**
- Kagan, Jerome (ed.). *Gale Encyclopedia of Childhood & Adolescence*. Detroit: Gale, 1998. **REF HQ772 .G27 1998**
- Lerner, Richard et al. (eds.). *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*. 2 vols. New York: Garland, 1991. **REF HQ796 .E58 1990**
- Salkind, Neil J. (ed.). *Child Development*. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2002. **REF HQ772 .C436 2002** *Note: The above title is also available in full text electronically via the Gale Virtual Reference Library database. A link to the electronic version is also available from the library online catalog, or from the Library Home Page under "Databases".*
- The State of America's Children [yearbook]: A Report from the Children's Defense Fund*. Annual. Washington, DC: Children's Defense Fund. **REF HV741 .C5375 2001** [earlier editions in circulating collection] *Starting in 2004, current editions are available online; see link on LOLA*

## H. SOURCES FOR ISSUES IN EDUCATION, CHILDHOOD, AND SOCIETY

Contemporary Education Issues [series of 26 "reference handbooks" on different issues]  
*To get call numbers, do a TITLE search of online catalog for series title (contemporary education issues)*

African American Education	Middle Grades Education
Alternative Schools	Migrant Education
Assessment Debate	Multicultural and Diversity Education
Bilingual Education	Native American Education
Charter Schools	School Vouchers and Privatization
Community Colleges	Secondary Schools
Curriculum Trends	Sex, Youth, and Sex Education
Diverse Sexuality	Special Education
Educational Adequacy	Sports and Education
Educational Leadership	Student Rights
Elementary Education	Teacher Training
Historically Black Colleges & Universities	Understanding Educational Reform
Literacy and Learning	Urban Education



*America's Children: Opposing Viewpoints.* San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 1991.  
**REF HV741 .A733 1991**

*America's Youth: Opposing Viewpoints.* San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2003.  
**REF HQ796 .A6818 2003**

*Education: Opposing Viewpoints.* San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2005.  
**REF LA217.2 .E37 2005** [plus earlier edition]

*Education in America: Opposing Viewpoints.* San Diego, CA: Greenhaven, 1992.  
**REF LA217.2 .E36 1992**

*Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Childhood and Society.* Guilford, CT: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2008. **REF HQ767.9 .T34 2008** [plus 5 earlier editions with title *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Childhood and Society.*]

*Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Early Childhood Education.* Guilford, CT: Dushkin/McGraw-Hill, 2002. **REF LB1139.23 .T35 2002**

*Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Secondary Education.* Guilford, CT: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2002. **REF LA222 .T35 2002**

*Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Special Education.* Guilford, CT: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2005. **REF LC3965 .T35 2005** [plus earlier edition]

*Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Educational Issues.* Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill Contemporary Learning Series, 2009. **REF LA217.2 .T35 2009** [plus 6 earlier editions with the title *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Educational Issues.*]

Van Scotter, Richard D. *Public Schooling in America: A Reference Handbook.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1991. **REF LA217.2 .V36 1991** – *A concise overview of issues, historical chronology, key biographies, statistics and tabular data, and a select bibliography of sources.*

## II. BOOKS IN THE GENERAL COLLECTION

Use LOLA, the online library catalog, to search for books (and videos and Web sites). Click “Search Library Catalog” from the Library Home Page (at the left). Following are some key SUBJECT headings. (On LOLA, enter the terms without dashes.)

Children – History	Education – Philosophy
Children – United States – History	Education – Aims and objectives
Children – United States – History	Education – United States – History
Child development – History	Education and state – United States – History
Child psychology – History	Public schools – United States – History
Child rearing – History	
Child rearing – Philosophy	

## III. PERIODICAL INDEXES AND DATABASES

### Academic Search Premier

- Provides indexing and full text articles from over 8,000 scholarly and popular publications covering all academic subjects. Full text articles are provided from over 4,600 periodicals covering all academic subjects. **This database is the recommended starting point for most searches for periodical articles.**
- Connect from the Library Home Page; from first screen, under “Find”, click on “Databases”; then click on



Academic Search Premier. Use the “Subject Terms” button at top to verify subject terms. This resource is also available off campus to PSU students, faculty, and staff; connect via the Plymouth portal: [my.plymouth.edu](http://my.plymouth.edu) – then go to the Library Home Page and follow the steps above.

- For assistance in reading your search results, go back to the Databases page of the Library Home Page and click on the INFO button next to Academic Search Premier.

### ERIC

- A database from the Educational Resources Information Center, the most specialized and comprehensive research system covering all aspects of educational theory and practice at all levels. Provides references to articles and studies from over 1000 education journals, and from over 400,000 documents (such as papers presented at professional conferences, but also including such materials as lesson plans, curriculum guides, and annotated bibliographies). Coverage from 1966 to present.
- While there are free Web links available to ERIC, **the most efficient way to search ERIC is via EBSCOhost** – links to any full text articles or documents will appear under the citations. Lamson Library has all ERIC documents (ED numbers) from 1966 to present on microfiche; those published from **1993** to present may also be available in full text online; ask for assistance at the Reference Desk.
- Connect to ERIC from the Library’s Home Page; follow instructions above regarding connecting to Academic Search Premier; from the list of databases available, select ERIC. Use the “Thesaurus” button at top to verify subject terms. This resource is also available off campus to PSU students, faculty, and staff; connect via the Plymouth portal: [my.plymouth.edu](http://my.plymouth.edu) – then go to the Library Home Page and follow the steps above.
- For assistance in reading your search results, go back to the Databases page of the Library Home Page and click on the INFO button next to ERIC.

### Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center (electronic)

- Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is an online, full-text database covering a wide variety of topics, such as the Death Penalty, Gun Control, Genetic Engineering, Censorship, Endangered Species, and Terrorism. It is the electronic counterpart to the print series titled Opposing Viewpoints, published by Greenhaven Press, of which Lamson Library now holds more than 375 separate titles. The Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center includes more than 260 of the titles from the print series and other Greenhaven books, amounting to over 3,500 articles, more than 4,000 statistical tables/charts/graphs, more than 700 court-case overviews, and links to more than 1,400 reviewed and subject-indexed Web sites. Both the online database and the print series are most valued for collecting pro and con articles, editorials, and speeches showing “opposing viewpoints” on various controversial subjects.
- Connect to Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center from the Library’s Home Page. Follow instructions above regarding connecting to Academic Search Premier; from the list of databases available, select “Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center”. **It is recommended that you then click on “Advanced Search” near top, so you can combine search terms.**

### PsycINFO (electronic)

- PsycINFO contains citations and summaries of journal articles, book chapters, books, dissertations, and technical reports, all in the field of psychology and the psychological aspects of related disciplines, such as education, medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, anthropology, business, and law. Journal coverage, spanning 1882-present, includes international material selected from nearly 2,000 periodicals written in over 35 languages. Current chapter and book coverage includes worldwide English-language material published from 1987-present. Over 60,000 references are added annually through weekly updates. PsycINFO is produced and copyrighted by the American Psychological Association, all rights reserved. This database is updated weekly on EBSCOhost. **Note: A link will indicate whether the full text of the article is available in another EBSCO database, and the link will take you to this full text.**
- Connect from Library Home Page following instructions above for connecting to Academic Search Premier; select PsycINFO. This resource is also available off campus to PSU students, faculty, and staff; connect via the Plymouth portal: [my.plymouth.edu](http://my.plymouth.edu) – then go to the Library Home Page and follow the steps above.

## IV. LOCATING PERIODICALS IN THE LIBRARY

All periodicals that the Library owns are listed on **LOLA**, with inclusive dates, formats, and locations. Search by TITLE, and type in full title of the journal.

All paper copies of periodical issues are located in the **Periodical Area** (on the Main Level). All



microfiche or microfilm back issues are now located in Room 028 on the Lower Level (around the corner from the computer cluster). Free paper copies may be made from microfiche or microfilm. Ask for assistance at the main Information Desk on the Main Level. In all formats, periodicals are filed in alphabetical order by title of the journal.

If you have a citation to a periodical article you are looking for, and it does not appear that the library owns a physical copy of the periodical, please check at the Reference Desk for assistance in locating an electronic version of the article.

### ***Online journal locating service:***

Lamson Library now subscribes to an electronic **Journal List** system. This is a master alphabetical list (by title of journal) of all journals that will tell you the following:

1. whether Lamson Library has any physical copies of the journal, and
2. whether the journal is available in full text electronically via any of the databases to which Lamson Library subscribes, and
3. whether we have been given direct access by the publisher to the online version of the journal.

To search this, click “Journal List” under “Find” on the Library Home Page. Then, type the TITLE of the journal in the “Find” box, and hit “Enter”.

For each journal listed, if we have physical copies of the journal in Lamson, the note “Lamson Library” will appear under the journal title. You can click on this **Lamson Library** link to view the record of the journal in the online library catalog. If the journal is available in full text in a database, the database name(s) will be listed, and you can click on the name of the database to be taken to the publication details for that journal in the chosen database. Included with these details will be links by year to full text articles from that journal. If the direct online version of the journal is available, you will see a link “EBSCOhost EJS” or the publisher’s name. Click this to be taken to the online journal.

## **V. KEY WEB SITE FOR STATISTICS ON CHILD WELL-BEING**

### **America’s Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being.**

<http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/>

This Web site is produced by the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, a group put together in 1994 to foster coordination and integration among 20 Federal agencies that produce or use statistical data on children and families. *Note: This Web site is on LOLA, the online library catalog, with a link to the site.*

## **VI. FINDING SELECTED WEB SITES FROM LIBRARY HOME PAGE**

### **A. WEB SITES ON LIBRARY CATALOG (LOLA)**

The library regularly adds Web sites to the online library catalog. These may be found in two ways:

1. Click “Search Library Catalog”. Do a regular search by SUBJECT, TITLE, OR KEYWORD, and retrieve initial results. Then, click “Limit/Sort Search” at top of screen, and change the box next to “MATERIAL type” to “WEB SITE”. Click the “Submit” button at the bottom.
2. From the initial Library Catalog screen, click the “Advanced Search” button. Scroll down to the box headed “Material Type” and select “WEB SITE”. Thus, any type of search done (Subject, Words, or Title) will search and retrieve ONLY Web sites.



## B. COLLECTIONS OF EDUCATION WEB SITES

For a large collection of Web sites on Education compiled by Librarian Gary McCool, from the Library Home Page, click on “Resources by Subject” (under “Find” at the left), then choose “Education (ED)”. To jump to the links to Education Web Sites, click on “Web Sites” in the box at the top, then on “Education Web Sites”. Here will be an annotated list of about 11 pages of links to active Web sites on Education, organized under 26 sub-headings.

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