

# Early years

## A GUIDE TO FINDING INFORMATION

This guide outlines some of the resources held in Oxford Brookes University Library that you may find helpful. The majority of these are located in the library at the Harcourt Hill Campus either in the main collection on the ground floor, or in the School Experience Centre on the lower ground floor.

The **Catalogue** gives details of all material held in the library. It can be accessed from the library, the pooled computer rooms, or any Internet point at:

<https://oxfordbrookes.on.worldcat.org/discovery>

### **BOOKS**

Harcourt Hill Library holds the majority of the Education Collection. Books about the theory of teaching, child development and psychology of learning can be found on the ground floor. Materials for use in the classroom can be found in the School Experience Centre (SEC). This includes an extensive picture book collection covering early years through the primary age group. Headington Library holds most of the Psychology and Sociology Collection and information relating to Health Care.

### **SOME USEFUL SHELFMARKS**

<b>Shelfmark</b>	<b>Subject</b>
150	Psychology
153.152	Learning Methods
155.4	Child Psychology
305.231	Child Development: Sociology
371.26	Standards in Education
372.21	Early Years
823.910833	Picture Books (SEC)

## **GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS**

These are important sources of information in the field of education and are produced either by Central Government or Local Government Departments. Many of these are now available online from the Department for Education website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Library holdings can be found by using the keyword search facility on the catalogue. Some items are reference only.

## **REFERENCE COLLECTION**

Encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks and directories are kept in the Quick Reference Collection in the main collection. For example:

*Handbook of children's literacy*. London. 2004 (Quick Reference 372.6/HAN)

*Using wordless picture books: authors and activities*. Colorado. 1993 (SEC Reference 028.5/TUT)

Reference copies of textbooks are kept on the shelf next to their loan copies and can be identified by a red spine label.

## **JOURNALS**

These are an excellent source of current information. Library holdings can be found on the catalogue by searching by title or keyword and restricting the *Collection* to *Electronic & Printed Journals Catalogue*. This will indicate whether a print and/or electronic version is available, and where and how to find it. Some useful examples include:

*Child education* (J372.24C)

*Early years: journal of international research and development* (J372.21/I - print to 2012 plus electronic access)

*European early childhood education research journal*. (J372.216E – print to 2012 plus electronic access)

*Child education topics*

*International journal of early years education* (J372.21I – print to 2012 plus electronic access)

## **DATABASES**

Databases enable you to search the contents of a number of journals published on a particular subject. The search results will indicate in which journal the article is printed, which volume and issue, and will often provide a link to the full-text article. If a full-text link is not given, searching the library catalogue for the **journal title** will indicate if we hold the title in print. If the library does not hold the journal you need, you can still obtain a photocopy of the article by completing an interlibrary loan form.

The key database for education is the **British Education Index** (BEI); Multidisciplinary databases such as **Academic Search Complete** and the electronic journals service from **EBSCO** are also excellent sources of information should your topic cover more than one subject. These, and other databases, are all available from the Library homepage by choosing the 'Find a database (articles and more)' button under the 'Search' menu and selecting 'Education' from the drop down menu on the right. There is a 'one-stop search' option which will enable you to search all the education databases at the same time.

Guides on searching databases are available from the Education Subject Pages or in print from the Harcourt Hill Enquiry Desk.

## **ACCESSING ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

You'll be asked to log in to access the resources so you will need your Brookes student number and Brookes ("portal") password.

For a quick basic search use our **LibrarySearch** tab on the Library home page to search by topic across many of our print and electronic resources.

To search for more tailored Education resources go to Subject Help and choose the Early Years/Education link from the list of subjects in the drop-down menu on the right.

## **WEBSITES**

There is a great deal of information available on the Internet. Some useful Early Years Websites are listed below:

### **Early Years**

<http://www.peeple.org.uk/> (Oxford-based organization helping parents with their children's learning)

[www.early-education.org.uk](http://www.early-education.org.uk) (British Association for Early Childhood Education)

<http://www.education.govt.nz/early-childhood/> (Early Childhood Development New Zealand)

<http://ecap.crc.illinois.edu/> (Early Childhood and Parenting (ECAP) Collaborative US)

### **Central/Local Government**

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/earlylearningandchildcare>

[www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

### **Research**

<http://www.ioe.ac.uk/research/153.html>

(Research project on effective pre-school, primary and secondary education (EPPSE) from the University Of London Institute Of Education).

### **Social/Citizenship**

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/children-education-and-families> (Oxfordshire Family Information Service)

[www.ncb.org.uk](http://www.ncb.org.uk) (National Children's Bureau)

[www.ndna.org.uk](http://www.ndna.org.uk) (National Day Nurseries Association)

[www.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk) (Joseph Rowntree Foundation social policy and research development charity)

[www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)

<http://www.childbereavementuk.org/>

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

[www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/earlychildhooddevelopment> (Early Childhood Development site – **N.b** ignore the request for a password – just select cancel and it will launch the page)

### **Special Groups**

[www.nasen.org.uk](http://www.nasen.org.uk) (National Association for Special Educational Needs)

<http://www.education.gov.uk/popularquestions/childrenandfamilies/specialeducationalneeds>

[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)

### **Subject**

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/>

[www.booktrust.org.uk/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/)

[www.mathisfun.com/](http://www.mathisfun.com/)

[www.mathcats.com/](http://www.mathcats.com/)

## **MAKING CONTACT**

Your Academic Liaison Librarian for Early Years is Charlotte Olehnovics. Should you need help using or accessing any of the Library's resources, either in print or electronically, or would like to make an appointment, she can be contacted on **01865 488220**, at Harcourt Hill Library or via email at **educationlibrarians@brookes.ac.uk**