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# Early Childhood Education

## Library Subject Guide

<http://library.nlc.bc.ca>

*Information literacy is a set of abilities requiring individuals to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information."*

Association of College and Research Libraries

The Early Childhood Education discipline focuses on the early education and care of young children. The Northern Lights College programs prepare students to meet community needs for quality care and education of children, and fulfill provincial licensing requirements for Early Childhood Education professionals at the Certificate and Diploma levels.

**Ask a Librarian** for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

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### REFERENCE:

Consulting dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Reference librarians on those campuses will research these materials for faculty and students. Simply fill out the "Ask the Librarian" form on the library webpage or contact the library directly. Some titles of interest located in the reference section are:

### Dawson Creek Reference Collection

PS 8081 J66 2000	Canadian children's books	HV 5199 C32 O44 2001	FAS/FAE resource handbook
HV 854 C566 1992	Child care resources catalogue	LC 4705 L434 1998	Learning disabilities sourcebook
PN 1008.5 C66 2001	Continuum encyclopedia of children's lit	BF 431 M45 2005	The Mental measurements yearbook

### Fort St. John Reference Collection

PS 8081 J66 2000	Canadian children's books	LB 1139.23 I68 1992	International handbook of early child
HV 854 C566 1992	Child care resources catalogue	LB 15 L46 2002	Learning theories, A to Z
HV 5199 C32 O44 2001	FAS/FAE resource handbook	BF 431 M45 2005	The Mental measurements yearbook
LB 1139.23 E53	Encyclopedia of early childhood educ	HQ 778.5 D644 2003	Occupational standards for child care

### CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

To assist you in browsing the collection, try the following areas:

GV	games	HV	day care centers	LB	child study; handicrafts
HQ	child study	LB	preschool education	PZ	children's literature

### LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles in an electronic database or books in the online catalogue containing the keyword(s).

## Examples of keywords:

child care	early childhood education	nursery schools	toddler education
childcare facilities	early childhood programs	play groups	
child-centered development	infant education	preschool	
day care	kindergarten	primary education	

## PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS:

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of particular interest to students. To check for campus and holdings, search the title in WebCat.

Periodical Title.....	Library Holdings.....	Campus Library
Bulletin	2006-current	FSJ
Canadian Children	2005-current	FSJ
CAYC	2004-current	FSJ
Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood:	<b>Online access via WebCat</b>	ALL
Early Childhood Educator	1997-current	FSJ
Interaction	1997-current	FSJ
Reclaiming Children & Youth	2005-2006	FSJ
Young Children (YC)	1987-current	FSJ

## DATABASES & INDEXES

access: <http://nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>

**Academic Search Premier:** Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available. 1984-present. Updated monthly.

**Canadian Newsstand:** Major Canadian newspapers 1994- current. Fulltext. Daily CBC news transcripts.

**CBCA Fulltext Reference:** Monographs and journal articles from over 150 Canadian educational journals, many fulltext.

**ERIC:** Education, educational psychology, physical and special education. 1966-current.

**ESTAT:** Statistics Canada database with Census data, CANSIM time series, & environmental data

**Humanities & Social Science Index:** Provides coverage in literature, sociology, anthropology, geography, etc. 1983- present. Updated monthly.

**Ingenta:** Indexes over 17,000 scholarly journals in all subject areas.

**PsycINFO:** Psychology and related behavioral and social science. 1887-current. Some fulltext.

**Social Sciences:** indexes journals in the social sciences.

## WEBSITES

### Associations/Organizations

Canadian Childcare Federation: [http://www.cccf-fcsgc.ca/home\\_en.html](http://www.cccf-fcsgc.ca/home_en.html)

Canada Childcare Directory: <http://www.canadachildcaredirectory.com/>

Child & Family Canada: <http://www.cfc-efc.ca/>

Childcare Research and Resource Unit - Canada: <http://www.childcarecanada.org/>

CLAS - Early Childhood Research Institute on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services: <http://clas.uiuc.edu/>

Coalition of Child Care Advocates BC: <http://www.cccabc.bc.ca/>

Early Childhood Educators in BC: <http://www.ecebc.ca/>

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

National Network for Childcare: <http://www.nncc.org/homepage.html>

National Youth in Care Network: <http://www.youthincare.ca/>

UNICEF: <http://www.unicef.org/>

- Publications: <http://www.unicef.org/publications/index.html>

### Government

Childcare Human Resources Sector Council: <http://www.ccsc-cssgc.ca/english/#>

Human Resources and Social Development Canada: <http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/>

Ministry of Children and Family Development – BC: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/mcf/index.html>

- Child Care: <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/index.htm>

- Early Childhood Development: [http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/early\\_childhood/](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/early_childhood/)

Ministry of Health – BC: <http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/ccf/index.html>

- Community Care Facilities Branch: <http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/ccf/index.html>

## Childhood Development

Dr. Mac's Amazing Behavior Management Advice site – student behaviour: <http://www.behavioradvisor.com/index.html>  
Encyclopedia On Early Childhood Development: [http://www.excellence-earlychildhood.ca/liste\\_theme.asp?lang=EN&act=32](http://www.excellence-earlychildhood.ca/liste_theme.asp?lang=EN&act=32)  
Tufts university Child & Family Web Guide: <http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/>  
Zero To Three: <http://www.zerotothree.org/>

## Children's Literature

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site: <http://www.carolhurst.com/>  
Children's Literature Web Guide: <http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/>  
PIKA – Canadian Children's Literature Database: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/pika/>

## Educational Tools and Lessons

A-Z Teacher Stuff: <http://atozteacherstuff.com/>  
CanTeach.ca: <http://www.canteach.ca/index.html>  
Carol Gossett's Kindergarten Connection: <http://kconnect.com/>  
Edvisors.com: <http://www.edvisors.com>  
Resources, Lesson Plans and Activities for Kindergartens: <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/pages/listkindersu.html>  
Zoom School - on-line elementary school classroom with lessons: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/school/>

## General

Awesome Library – K-12 Education resources directory: <http://www.awesomelibrary.org/>  
Clearinghouse on Early Education and Parenting (CEEP): <http://ceep.crc.uiuc.edu/>  
CYC-NET - the International Child and Youth Care Network: <http://www.cyc-net.org/>  
Early Childhood Education On Line LISTSERV: <http://www.umaine.edu/eceol/>  
Early Childhood.com: <http://www.earlychildhood.com/>  
Education Virtual Library – Charles Stuart University: <http://www.csu.edu.au/education/library.html>  
Educator's Reference Desk: <http://www.eduref.org/>  
ERIC Information Resources Center: <http://www.eric.ed.gov/>  
Knowledge Loom: <http://knowledgeloom.org/index.jsp>  
Roehampton University Subject Guide on Early Childhood Education:  
<http://studentzone.roehampton.ac.uk/library/subjectresources/education/eceres.html>  
Watato World - Early Childhood Education and Child Care Resources: [http://melanet.com/watoto/early\\_child.html](http://melanet.com/watoto/early_child.html)

## Journals Online

Children's Advocate: <http://www.4children.org/childadv.htm>  
Early Childhood Research & Practice: <http://ecrp.uiuc.edu/>  
The Future of Children: <http://www.futureofchildren.org/>