

# Early Childhood Research Guide

**Find Articles in an UMSL Library Database**  
*Online resources are available on campus and remotely with a UMSL SSO ID and password.*

<b>ERIC and Education Full Text</b>	ERIC and <b>Education Full Text</b> are the primary database for education articles. ERIC indexes both journals and ERIC documents.
<b>PsycINFO</b>	<b>PsycINFO</b> is an excellent database covering psychology, psychiatry, counseling and testing. It is an additional source for education articles.
<b>SUMMON</b>	<b>Summon</b> is a Google-like search engine that indexes most of the UMSL Libraries' print and online resources. To view only scholarly articles, use one of the search limits on the left of the results screen.

**Tips for searching in an UMSL Library Database**

- Often the most efficient search is by **KEYWORD**: *early childhood - language development preschool - nutrition - achievement*
- Adding one of the following keywords to a search will help to focus your results: *early childhood, preschool, early, young children, etc.*
- Use the truncation or wildcard symbol (\*) to search variant word endings: develop\* = develop, develops, developer, developing, developed
- Combine unlike search terms with **AND** to narrow search results. Each article retrieved should contain all major concepts. *Early childhood and language and develop\**
- Limit your results by: Date, Education Level, etc.
- **DO NOT LIMIT your search to Full text in any UMSL database**  
 - Use [ARTICLE LINKER](#) or [Find Full-Text](#) to see if full text is available

## Find Books

- Begin at the [UMSL Library Catalog](#). Search the most important concepts as **KEYWORDS**.
- Many books are now in eBook format. For information click on the [Using eBooks](#) link.
- Remember to use the truncation symbol (\*) at the end of a word to pick up variant endings and combine search terms with **AND**. Example: *curriculum and eval\* and early childhood*
- When a book is unavailable from the UMSL Libraries or you are not finding enough books, you can search the [MOBIUS Union Catalog](#). When *requesting items* through MOBIUS remember UMSL students are in the **MERLIN** cluster.

## Useful Books

[Handbook of early literacy research](#), Vol. 3 [electronic resource] (2010)

[Handbook of research on the education of young children](#), 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. [electronic resource] (2012)

[Handbook of language and literacy: development and disorders](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. [electronic resource] (2014)

[Handbook of response to intervention in early childhood](#) [electronic resource] (2013)

[Key concepts in early childhood education & care](#) [electronic resource] (2011)

[SAGE Handbook of Play and Learning in Early Childhood](#) [electronic resource] (2014)

[Handbook of developmental disabilities](#)

Level 5 RJ506.D47 H356 2007

[Handbook of early childhood intervention](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

Level 5 RJ135 .H46 2000

[Handbook of educational psychology](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

Level 4 LB1051 .H2354 2006

[Head Start debates](#)

Level 4 LC4091 .H438 2004

[SAGE handbook of early childhood literacy](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

Level 4 LB1139. L3 S344 2013

## Internet Resources

- [National Association for the Education of Young Children - NAEYC](#)
- [HEAD START - Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center](#)

For additional help, please ask at the Reference Desk or call us at 314-516-5060.

You can also request a **Research Consultation** from the [libraries' homepage](#).

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