

Research Guide: Education and Diversity

◆ Identify a topic

To find an Overview of the topic and select key search terms and concepts, try a subject specific reference source such as :

- *Ochoa, George. Atlas of Hispanic-American history* / New York: Facts on File, c2001. [**REF E184.S75 O287 2001**]
- *Columbia chronologies of Asian history and culture* / New York: Columbia University Press, c2000. [**REF DS33 .C63 2000**]
- *Encyclopedia of Education*/ New York: Macmillan Reference, 2003. (available online via **Gale Virtual Reference Library**) [**REF LB15.E47 2003**]
- *Encyclopedia of women and gender : sex similarities and differences and the impact of society on gender* / San Diego, Calif. : Academic Press, 2001.
- [**REF HQ1115 .E43 2001**]
- *Gale encyclopedia of multicultural America* / Detroit, MI : Gale Research, c1995.REF E184.A1 G14 1995 v.1
- *Handbook of Research on Multicultural Education*/ San Francisco; Jossey-Bass, 2004.
- **REF LC1099.3.H35 2004**
- *Harvard guide to African-American history* / Cambridge, Mass. : Harvard University Press, 2001. **REF E185 .H326 2001**
- *Holiday Symbols and Customs* [**Ref GT3930.H65**]
- *Let's Celebrate Today: Calendars, Events, and Holidays* [**Ref GT3930.M35 1998**]
- *Multicultural education in the U.S.: a guide to policies and programs in the 50 states* / Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2000.
- [**REF LC1099.3 .M59 2000**]

◆ To locate Books & other materials in our library

Search **STL Catalog**, to find books on your topic:

BASIC search:

- **Subject word(s)** search examples:
Gender bias
Autism
Discrimination in Education-United States
Lesson Plans Black and/or Latino Children's Literature
- **Words anywhere (keyword):** Use this option for names or unique terms
Oppositional defiant
Hispanic literature children
Diverse learners

ADVANCED Search:

- Combine terms such as *adhd AND education*
- Use advanced search feature to limit to a specific **collection**:
Examples: **Word(s) anywhere:** *multicultural* (limited to **juvenile collection**)
Subject: *special education* (limited to **reference collection**)
Title: *Horn Book* (limited by **format - journals**)

- ◆ **Consult Databases available on the library's web page (lib.newpaltz.edu) to locate citations to journal articles about your topic.**

Eric, Education Research Complete, Academic Search Premier (Ebsco) - (Limit to journal articles in ERIC and “**peer-reviewed**” journal titles in Academic Search Premier). Search ERIC by itself to use the Thesaurus.

ERIC (CSA Illumina): use this version for topics related to human services, and related areas, including social welfare, social policy, and community development. The database abstracts and indexes over 1,406 serials publications. (May combine with Social Services Abstracts and/or Sociological Abstracts.)

Gale Literature Resource Center: good starting place for biographical information and criticism.

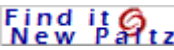

JSTOR: archival source for full text of articles from scholarly sources (Sociology, Literature, Education, African American Studies, etc.).

One File (Infotrac) – A great starting point to scholarly journals, and magazines (with some full text and images).

ProQuest Research Library - Access 3,000+ scholarly journals, magazines & (with some full text)

Examples of professional AND/OR peer-reviewed (scholarly) journals:

Educational Studies, Educational Research, The Reading Teacher, Art Education, Child Development, Gifted Child Today, Reading Research Quarterly

- ◆ Use  Find it at New Paltz for full text access (separate handout).
- ◆ Use  WebFeat to search multiple sources at one time (under WebFeat tab on STL home page – click on “Go to WebFeat Advanced Search.”)
- ◆ Do an Internet Search using your favorite search engine, making sure to evaluate the results according to: accuracy, currency, coverage, authority, objectivity. Use **Google Scholar** (go to Google and click on “more,”) then set your scholar preferences to SUNY New Paltz).