Search dictionaries, encyclopedias to define terms and read an overview of a topic

Gale Virtual Reference Library: Gale Encyclopedia of Children's Health: Infancy through Adolescence (3rd ed. 2016)
In-depth coverage of pediatric diseases and disorders, with issues related to physical cognitive and behavioral development. e.g. Piaget autism

Search for OC Library circulating books, e-books, reference books, videos/dvds, plus Reserve items held behind the Circulation counter

Basic Search e.g. early childhood education canada outdoor play bears juvenile fiction piaget child? young child? behavior
Limit to 1-4 important words, no sentences!
child? finds child, children, childhood
Filter by: videos/dvd/streaming video for media items online for e-books

Request titles held in other Okanagan College campus libraries

Browse the circulating collection / media / reference shelves at:
Child Psychology BF 721-723
Children’s Games GV 1203-1220
Child Rearing HQ 768-792
Education, Preschool to Kindergarten LB 1140-1499
Education, Primary LB 1501-1547
Children’s Literature (Deakin Collection) PZ 7-8
Pediatrics RJ 100-500

Keep updated on professional issues, look for these journals & magazines in Kelowna at Periodicals shelves (Level 3)
Young Children (NAEYC National Association for the Education of Young Children)
Zero to Three
Access Tip!
For off-campus/wireless access to OCtopus (EBSCO Discovery Search engine), at Hello Guest prompt, enter MyOkanagan username (current OC ID number) & password.

Type in your terms examples:  piaget behavior preschool child* outdoor play preschool autism young child* confidentiality “early childhood” bears juvenile fiction

Look for Research Starters examples: piaget daycare programs autism

Tips! child* finds child, children, childhood “phrase”

Look for Research Starters, at top of results

In the left menu column, Tick Print Books only


Move the date-slider, to limit to results from recent years only eg. 2013-2018

Limit to results in a particular group of sources, on bottom of left menu column under Databases [you may have to click Show More] click on a specific education database e.g. Professional Development Collection or ERIC

Results: Add to Folder, select for Print / Email / Save
Use Cite tool on right menu column of detailed result & select APA formatting

ECED LibGuide tab: Start your Research

Search OCtopus for Books, Media, Articles, and More!

ECED LibGuide tab: Writing + Citing (APA style)

- Keep details of your sources, cite them (in-text) in your essay & list them on a References page at the end of your paper or presentation.
- Library WebPage > Style & Citation Guides (APA, Chicago, MLA) for examples of sources cited in APA format
- OC Library’s online APA Citation tutorial
- Sample paper in APA style for organization, title page, in-text citations & references.

ECED LibGuide tab: Help

- Ask librarians at the Library Research Help desk
- Contact ECED librarian, Michelle Ward (Kelowna) email: mward@okanagan.bc.ca