

Key Resources for Early Childhood Studies

Contact details for further help are at the end of this guide.

The resources in this guide will help you learn more about your subject. The best place to start your search is Discover, which provides you with easy access to thousands of books, eBooks, journal articles and much more. You can access Discover and other key resources via the Library website, LJMU student homepage and MyLJMU portal.

Remember, your modules also have reading lists in Canvas with links to recommended books, eBooks, journal articles and other subject resources.

Books and eBooks

There is an extensive collection of books and eBooks on all aspects of Early Childhood Studies. You can browse what is available in your subject area or look for specific titles by searching **Discover**.

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Type a book title or keywords and select the search icon
- From the results screen, you can filter your results by selecting **Books**
- Select a book title to see more details and availability
- eBooks will have links to view online
- Print books will show number of copies and location

Print books have a class number and are organised numerically by that number on the shelves. Common class numbers are shown below:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Childhood Development | 155.4 |
| Child Protection | 362.7 |
| Early Childhood Studies | 305.23 |
| Early Years Education | 372.21 |
| Education Theorists | 370.1 |
| Educational Psychology | 370.15 |
| Educational Research | 370.78 |
| Pre-School Education | 372.21 |
| Special Education | 371.9 |

Journals

Journals are published on a regular basis and contain up-to-date information. Journals contain articles focussing on specific topics written by subject specialists.

To find individual journal titles on your subject area:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Journals** option
- Type a journal title you wish to access and select the search icon
- Select a journal title to see more details and availability
- eJournals will have links to view online
- Print journals will show number of issues and location

List below are some popular titles:

British Educational Research Journal
 British Journal of Educational Psychology
 Cambridge Journal of Education
 Children & Society
 Early Childhood Research Quarterly
 Education 3-13
 International Journal of Development Education and Global Learning
 International Journal of Early Years Education
 International Journal of Educational Development
 Journal of Early Childhood Literacy
 Journal of Research in Special Educational Needs
 Research in Education

Databases

You can search for journal articles using **Discover** or via individual databases. There are different types of databases. For example:

- **Full-text Databases** provide access to full-text information such as journal articles, book chapters, reports, standards, statistics and legislation
- **Abstracting and Indexing Databases** are searchable indexes, you can view the abstract or summary for each resource. If full text is available follow the link, if not you can request an Inter-library loan.

To access a database:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Databases** option
- Select **Early Childhood Studies** to see suggested databases or type the name of the database in the search box and select the **search icon**
- Select the database title to see more details and note any log-in requirements
- Select the database link

Academic Full-Text Databases

The databases below are listed in alphabetical order.

Bloomsbury Education and Childhood Studies

Contains country-specific article content on a wide range of topics within the six education levels of early childhood, childhood, youth, primary, secondary and higher education. The articles are

structured to make easy comparisons between countries and an understanding of education systems as well as childhood and youth experience.

Education Research Complete

Provides indexing and abstracting of over 2100 journals with full text access to 1200 scholarly research, 500 books and monographs. Covering all areas and level of education, from early childhood to higher education.

ERIC

Provides coverage of journals, conferences, government US government documents, reports on education related areas.

JSTOR

Provides access to more than 12 million academic journal articles, books and primary sources in 75 disciplines.

OECD iLibrary

The online library of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) featuring its books, papers and statistics and is the gateway to OECD's analysis and data. It also contains content published by the International Energy Agency (IEA), the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), the OECD Development Centre, PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment), and the International Transport Forum (ITF).

ProQuest Central

Provides access to databases across all major subject areas and includes thousands of full-text scholarly journals, trade and professional titles, newspapers, magazines, dissertations, working papers, case studies, and market reports.

Sage Journals

A multidisciplinary database providing access to quality, peer-reviewed journals published by Sage.

ScienceDirect

The world's leading source for scientific, technical, and medical research. It is a multidisciplinary database, which provides full-text access to more than 16 million references from over 2,500 high-quality journals and over 39,000 books and major reference works. Digital archive dates back to 1823.

Social Care Online

The UK's largest database of social care information provided by the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE). Content, which is updated daily, includes research briefings, reports, government documents, practice and guidance, systematic reviews, journal articles and websites.

Taylor and Francis

A multidisciplinary database providing full-text access to quality, peer-reviewed journals published by Taylor & Francis, Routledge and Psychology Press.

UK Parliamentary Papers

Offers the working documents of the British government for all areas of social, political, economic, and foreign policy. Contains: Bills and Acts 1695-2021; Command Papers 1833-2021; House of

Commons Papers 1715-2021; House of Lords Papers 1714-1805; Hansard 1803-2005 - Journals 1688-1834; Debates 1774-1805; Histories and Proceedings 1660-1743.

Wiley

A multi-disciplinary database providing access to over 4 million articles from 1,600 journals, online book chapters and eBooks published by Wiley.

Abstract and Index Databases

Australian Education Index

A comprehensive collection of educational research documents relating to educational trends, learning, educational management, policy and teaching practices.

British Education Index

BEI covers all aspects of educational policy and administration, evaluation and assessment, technology and special educational needs. Indexing British education journals, theses and more, this resource is searchable by educational level and age group.

PsycInfo

An abstracting and indexing database from the American Psychological Association that provides access to journal articles, books, book chapters and dissertations in core psychology disciplines, behavioural sciences and mental health. Coverage is from the 1800s to the present and content is updated weekly.

Scopus

Multi-disciplinary abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: journals, books and conference proceedings, many with links to full text.

Web of Science

A powerful research platform and global citation index including over 161 million records for books, peer-reviewed scholarly journals, and conference proceedings across 254 disciplines. It includes access to the Arts and Humanities Citation Index (1975-), Science Citation Index Expanded (1970-), Social Sciences Citation Index Expanded (1970-). It also contains citation data, for example: journal impact factors and h-index to help you identify quality research.

Newspaper Databases

Factiva

Provides news from over 10,000 sources, including the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Dow Jones and Reuter's newswires and the Associated Press. Produced as a source of business information, it also contains articles from international (and British) newspapers, including national and regional titles, broadsheets and tabloids.

PressReader

Connects you to the world's newspapers and magazines. This includes over 7,000 newspapers and magazines from over 90 countries in over 50 languages in full colour, full-page format. App and webpage.

TV, Radio, Film, Documentaries and Video Databases

Academic Videos Online

Video materials with curricular relevance: documentaries, interviews, performances, news programs and newsreels, and more. Including Academy®, Emmy® and Peabody® award winning films, plus content from National Geographic, HISTORY®, BroadwayHD™ and much more

Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

Gives access to an archive of over one million TV and radio programmes from 2007 onwards, including all the main free-to-air TV channels. You can link, make short clips and playlists of content. Provides streaming access to over 25,000 films, documentaries and educational videos. New content added every month.

Kanopy

Provides streaming access to over 25,000 films, documentaries and educational videos. New content added every month.

Sage Knowledge Video: Education

New and original video productions, offering quick definitions, short tutorials and in-depth interviews for a range of academic viewpoints across the social sciences. Featuring extensive footage of practitioners in real-life professional settings, illustrating best practice and insights to mastering the theory, skills and techniques needed to succeed.

Teacher's TV

Video materials with curricular relevance: documentaries, interviews, performances, news programs and newsreels, and more

Statistics and Social Data Databases

Statista

Provides access to statistics, studies and reports on countries, industries and consumer markets. It has global coverage.

UK Data Service

The UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data resource, including UK census data and government funded surveys as well as qualitative and business data. The UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data resource, including UK census data and government funded surveys as well as qualitative and business data.

Websites

The content of websites is unregulated. Therefore, it is important that you check the quality and accuracy of information on the internet to ensure that it is reliable, accurate and of an academic standard. There are selected websites or search engines that you can use to help find appropriate information online, for example Google Scholar. If you find details for a relevant resource on the internet, you can check if LJMU has full-text access.

Further Help

The Academic Engagement Librarian for Early Childhood Studies is:

Jackie Fealey: j.fealey@ljmu.ac.uk

Please contact her to arrange a one-to-one appointment.

Guide by: Jackie Fealey
Updated: August 2024