Libraries

Selected Education Resources
Dobbs Ferry and other campus libraries

Finding Books and Audiovisual Materials
Books on education topics are available in both the Reference and circulating collections in all of the Mercy libraries. The Dobbs Ferry and Bronx campuses have the largest education collections, but books and other materials at any campus library (including government documents available in the federal depository collection at the Yorktown campus library) can be transferred to the Mercy library most convenient to you. Just ask a librarian for a “system loan” request form. Books in libraries worldwide can be searched in WorldCat and can be requested through the libraries’ Interlibrary Loan service.

Books on general education topics are typically found in the “L” call number area of the libraries, but other sections of the collection, including psychology, sociology, medicine, and law, will also be of interest to education professionals and students. Books and audiovisual materials (videos, DVDs, etc.) owned by the Mercy libraries can be searched by keyword, author, title, subject, or call number in the Books and Media Catalog on the library web page.

Finding Curriculum Materials
The Dobbs Ferry, Bronx, Yorktown, and Manhattan campus libraries all have curriculum materials centers which include K-12 textbooks, teacher planning books, support materials, and New York City and State “syllabi,” including learning standards. (Links to NYC and State learning standards are also included in Websites by Subject--Education on the library web page.) The textbook and support materials are shelved according to the New York State Curriculum Frameworks, and all the items may be borrowed. Although most of the materials in the curriculum libraries are included in the Books and Media Catalog, a good way to locate items in these collections is to browse the shelves.
**Finding Children’s and Young Adult Books (fiction and non-fiction)**
A small collection of children’s and young adult literature, organized by call number, is located in a separate section on the main floor of the Dobbs Ferry campus library, directly behind the stairwell just ahead of the entrance. These books are listed in the *Books and Media Catalog* and can be checked out. The Bronx, Yorktown, and Manhattan campus libraries have similar books in their Curriculum libraries.

**Finding Test Reviews**
The Mercy libraries do not acquire published tests but provide material for assessing them. The **Mental Measurements Yearbook** series (formerly known as “Buros”) is available in the Reference collections of the Dobbs Ferry, Bronx, White Plains, and Yorktown campus libraries and is also online on the library web page in *Databases by Subject—Education* and *Psychology* subject categories. Dobbs Ferry subscribes to many of the journals cited in the *MMY* bibliographies. For a more detailed overview of test evaluation material at Dobbs, consult the “Tests and Measurement Resources” guide in the Education/Counseling section of *Course/Subject Guides* on the library web page.

**Finding Articles in Journals, Magazines, and Newspapers**
The libraries subscribe to a number of indexes to articles in journals, magazines, and newspapers that are appropriate for research on education-related topics and which can also provide useful material for lessons. The online indexes, which are searchable by keywords, subjects, authors, and article titles, are listed by subject in the *Databases by Subject* section of the library web page and alphabetically by database name in *Databases A-Z*. Indexes to newspaper articles and to magazine and journal literature covering a wide range of subjects and fields are located in the “General Databases” subcategory of *Databases by Subject*. Indexes to professional journal literature in specific fields are listed under subject categories.

**Education Abstracts**, in the “Education” subject category, provides indexing and abstracts for articles in nearly 750 peer reviewed and specialized periodicals that cover education topics. (A description of its coverage and content is in *Databases A-Z*.) Some of the articles are available in online full text, while others are available in the periodical collections at one or more of the campus libraries. The green ArticleLinker icons under citations without HTML or PDF full text links provide information about the availability of the article in
print format and/or online in other databases and e-journals to which Mercy subscribes. If we don’t have the periodicals, we will be happy to assist you in placing an Interlibrary Loan request for the article.

The ERIC database, also in the “Education” category, is the most widely used index to journal articles and “grey literature” for education research. (A description of its coverage and content is in Databases A-Z.) In addition to citations and abstracts for every item in the database, ERIC currently includes the full text of many educational documents (EDs) from 1966 to present. The Dobbs Ferry and Bronx campus libraries have additional documents on microfiche, from 1981 to July 2004 at Dobbs and from 1966 to July 2004 at the Bronx. A small number of full-text journal articles are included in the ERIC database.

The green ArticleLinker icons under citations without HTML or PDF full text links provide information about the availability of the article in print format and/or online in other databases and e-journals to which Mercy subscribes.

Primary Search, InfoTrac Junior, and Science Reference Center, accessible from Databases A-Z on the library web page, are searchable databases of magazine articles and reference materials developed for use by K-12 students. Much of the material is available full-text.

The Periodicals Locator on the library web page is a searchable and browsable list of all the journals, magazines, and newspapers available from the Mercy Libraries in any format (print, microfilm, online). The "Mercy Periodicals" link at the top of this page includes lists of Current Periodical Subscriptions (by Subject) at the Mercy campuses.

Finding Websites
A list of recommended websites for education-related research is on the library web page in Websites by Subject. Additional recommendations are included in the “General Introduction to Education Resources” guide, developed by Bronx campus librarians, in Course/Subject Guides-Education/Counseling on the library web page.

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