Introduction

Education is a very broad term used to describe all aspects of teaching theory and practice, inclusive practice, educational psychology, counselling and even social work, social pedagogy and educational research. The University libraries use the Dewey Decimal Classification scheme (See Wikipedia’s Dewey Decimal entry for a quick introduction) to organise books and other materials. Education is at 370, part of social science, located on Floor 6 of The Sir Duncan Rice Library along with the Teaching Resource Collection (TRC) for teaching practice.

This guide aims to give you a very quick introduction to the various resources available to you. If you would like any further information or help with finding and using resources, please contact the Social Science Subject Team based on Floor 6 of The Sir Duncan Rice Library or the Information Consultant for Education, Claire Molloy. Email: c.a.l.molloy@abdn.ac.uk.

How is The Sir Duncan Rice Library laid out?

**Ground Floor:** Here you will find the Returns Room, the Welcome Desk, and the Hardback Café.

**Floor 1** has the Information Centre, Heavy Demand Area (HD), some PCs, comfy seating and the map collections.

**Floor 2** has the IT classrooms, the Seminar Room, microfilm and the Journals Collection.

**Floors 3 to 7** hold the subject collections:

- 3 = history and geography
- 4 = language, literature and music
- 5 = business, science and engineering
- 6 = anthropology, education, politics, international relations, sociology and the TRC
- 7 = generalia, computer science, philosophy, religion and divinity, and psychology.

In addition, the subject floors 3-6 have a subject team office, PCs, Co-Labs (collaborative working spaces) and Silent Study Rooms. Please note the TRC on Floor 6 is an area for group discussion rather than a silent study area.

Floor 7 has two bookable Group Study Rooms for students, a Break Out Room and a Flexible Learning Area.

**Assistive Technology Booths** are available on Floors 1 and 4. Height-adjustable study tables are available on all floors.

**Closed Access Stores:**

Our lesser-used material is kept at one of our closed access stores. When in Primo, our Library Portal, click on Availability, then Hold and we will retrieve the item - usually within 24 hours - for you. Requested material can be usually collected from the Heavy Demand Area on Floor 1. Ask the Floor 6 staff for help.
Books

Where in the Library do I find my books?

Each subject has a Dewey Decimal number – Education is 370, but you will find useful material on topics such as child development and autistic spectrum disorders at 150 for Psychology; 360 covers Social Work, 306 is Anthropology, 100 is Philosophy and so on!

You will find useful material on almost every floor in the Library, although most Education material is on Floor 6. See the useful shelfmarks list below.

If my books are all over the Library, how do I find them?

Primo will tell you which floor and where on the shelf an item is and whether it is out on loan, electronically available or in one of our stores.

Please ask the Subject Team on Floor 6 for help if you need it.

Do you have e-books?

We now have many of the books you need in e-format available 24/7 and they can never be recalled from you! Some can even be downloaded onto your own device.

Where do I find them?

- The main way is to check Primo. The Books+ tab lists the 1000s of titles we have full immediate e-access to.
- The Articles+ tab in Primo details 1000s more titles from e-book providers (as well as articles, book reviews and more).
- You can also go directly to one of our main electronic book providers such as Ebook Central and here you can search the full-text of over 110,000 books.

Useful guides

QG DBS004 Ebook Central Guide

NOTE:

If you are a part-time distance student with the School of Education, then a special postal service is available to you. Information can be found within your course in MyAberdeen - look out for the Library Resources or Materials section on the left-hand menu.

Useful shelfmarks

| 155.4  | Child psychology (on Floor 7) | 373  | Secondary education (Floor 6) |
| 200s   | Religion (on Floor 7)         | 374  | Community Learning (Floor 6)  |
| 370.1  | Philosophy of education (Floor 6) | 374  | Further Education (Floor 6)   |
| 370.15 | Educational psychology (Floor 6) | 374  | Adult Learning (Floor 6)      |
| 370.7  | Teacher training and the professional development of teachers (Floor 6) | 375  | Curriculum (Floor 6)          |
| 370.72 | Educational research (Floor 6) | 378  | Higher education (Floor 6)    |
| 371    | School management, administration and organisation (Floor 6) | 401  | Language (on Floor 4)         |
| 371.334 | Educational technology (Floor 6) | 501  | Science education (on Floor 5) |
| 372    | Primary education (Floor 6)   | 613.7 | Physical Education (on Floor 5) |
| 372.6  | Literacy – primary (Floor 6)  | 740  | Art (on Floor 4)              |
| 372.7  | Numeracy – primary (Floor 6)  | 780  | Music books, scores (on Floor 4) and CDs (Floor 1 Music Room) |

NOTES:

1) Not all items fall neatly into these shelfmarks – use Primo to identify subject areas.
2) Items related to teaching practice such as class resources, textbooks, puppets etc. can be found in the Teaching Resource Collection (TRC) on Floor 6. A library guide all about the TRC is available here: UG EDU005 Teaching Resource Collection guide.
How to find reading in your area - Journals

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<th>What is a journal?</th>
<th>These come out <strong>periodically</strong>, that may be monthly, quarterly, yearly; sometimes referred to as periodicals. They contain articles detailing research, practice, theory or policy in all areas of education whether it be schools, communities or adult learning.</th>
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<td>Where do I find them?</td>
<td>The majority of journals are now available electronically. If you have the details of what you want, you can use Primo to search the Articles+ tab for the article title – use Advanced Search, and select ‘Title’. If you only have a topic in mind and don’t know where to find articles the best thing to do is use one of the resources listed in the Databases section below. The current subscriptions to paper-only Education journals can be found on Floor 2 at Per 370 but, as with books, some useful ones may be with Psychology at Per 150 or Philosophy at Per 100. If you are a <strong>distance learner</strong> and cannot come into the Library, we will copy articles (within copyright law) and post them to you free of charge.</td>
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How to find reading in your area – web resources

**Lots of resources can be used to find journal articles, reports and conference papers in your subject area.**

**British Education Index (BEI):** [http://search.ebscohost.com/](http://search.ebscohost.com/)
The BEI is designed to aid the identification of appropriate literature by people investigating aspects of education and training. It provides details of over 300 education and training related journals published in the UK, report and conference literature and working papers.

**PsycINFO:** [https://openathens.ovid.com](https://openathens.ovid.com)
This database from the American Psychological Association (APA) contains nearly 2.3 million citations and summaries of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, books, and dissertations, all in psychology and related disciplines such as counselling, sociology, education, linguistics, anthropology and others, dating as far back as the 1800s.

**OECD iLibrary:** [https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/)
is the online library of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) featuring its books, working papers and statistics and is the gateway to OECD’s analysis and data. It contains content published by the OECD Development Centre and PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) amongst other sources [https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/education](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/education).

**UK Data Archive:** [https://www.data-archive.ac.uk/](https://www.data-archive.ac.uk/) is the UK’s only nationally-funded research infrastructure for the curation and provision of access to social science data. The service provides unified access to the UK’s largest collection of social, economic and population data for research and teaching purposes covering a range of different disciplines.

**Useful guides**

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<th>OG EDU004 Education resources – how to find scholarly information (including quick guides to the BEI and PsycINFO)</th>
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<td>This can be obtained directly from Claire Molloy or found in the ‘Finding Journals’ section of ‘Library Resources’ in your MyAberdeen course.</td>
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Reference management

There are many different free and ‘freemium’ resources available to help you with your reference management. To compare, try using Wikipedia’s entry on Comparison of reference management software. UoA subscribes to RefWorks. A guide is available within your MyAberdeen course under ‘Library Resources’ in the folder Referencing.

Any questions?

Contact the Information Consultant for the **School of Education**, Claire Molloy: c.a.l.molloy@abdn.ac.uk.