HOW TO BEGIN RESEARCH

- Compile a list of subject key words. You will use them when researching.
- Think of synonyms (words that mean the same thing).
- Check the spelling. Searching in the library catalog or databases won’t correct your spelling.
- Start small. Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering more.
- Create a rough outline. Based on the information you have already collected, write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

When should I use books?
- For in-depth overviews or historical background on a subject.
- Look for books using the Catalog on the Library website.

When should I use a database?
- For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area.
- Access databases from the Useful Links bar in the Catalog.

When should I use the Web?
- For demographic statistics or VERY current information that has not yet been published academically.
### Books
The following are Library of Congress Call Numbers for possible Education research topics:

#### Education
- **E** American History
  - E 75-99 Indians of North America
  - E 97 Native American Education
- **L** Education
  - LB Theory and Practice
  - LB 1139 Early Childhood Education
  - LB 1555-1602 Elementary Ed.
  - LB 1603-1696 Secondary Ed.
- **LC** Special Aspects of Education

### Print Journals

#### Early Childhood Education
- Exchange (Childcare Information Exchange)
  - HV 854 .C46
- Parents
  - HQ 755.8 .I2595 P3
- Reclaiming Children and Youth
  - HV 741 .A16
- Young Children
  - LB 1140 .A1 J6

#### Education
- Adult Education Quarterly
  - LC 5201 .A33
- American Education Research Journal
  - L 11 .A66
- Child Development
  - HQ 750 .A1 C45
- Child Welfare
  - HV 701 .C52
- Educational Researcher
  - L 11 .A1
- Exceptional Children
  - LC 4031 .T7
- Journal of Educational Psychology
  - LB 1051 .A2 J6
- Monographs for the Society for Research in Child Development
  - LB 1028 .A1 J69
- Phi Delta Kappan
  - LJ 121 .P4
- Teaching Exceptional Children
  - LC 3950 .T4

### Websites

#### Montana Education
- Montana Office of Public Instruction
  - [http://opi.mt.gov](http://opi.mt.gov)
- Montana Content Standards and Instruction

#### General Education
- Education World
  - [http://www.educationworld.com](http://www.educationworld.com)
- Smithsonian Source: Sources for Teaching American History
  - [http://www.smithsonianiansource.org](http://www.smithsonianiansource.org)

#### Early Childhood Education
- Reading Rockets
  - [http://www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org)
- Crayola

#### Secondary Science
- Science Education
  - [http://www.scienceeducation.gov](http://www.scienceeducation.gov)
- EPA Studies
  - [http://www.epa.gov/students](http://www.epa.gov/students)

#### Statistics
- Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey
  - [http://opi.mt.gov/Reports&Data/YRBS.html](http://opi.mt.gov/Reports&Data/YRBS.html)
- National Center for Education Statistics
  - [http://nces.ed.gov](http://nces.ed.gov)
- US Census Bureau-Native American/Alaska Native Information
  - [http://www.census.gov/aiian](http://www.census.gov/aiian)

### Databases

#### EBSCO Host
- Provides online access to several Health and Educational research publications.
  - Health
    - CINAHL with Full Text
    - Health Source-Consumer Edition
    - Health Source-Nursing/Academic Medicine
    - AHFS Consumer Medical Edition
  - Education
    - Teacher Reference Collection
    - Academic Search Elite
    - MAS Ultra-School Edition
    - Professional Development

#### Credo Reference
- Encyclopedic entries on Health and Education. A good place to start basic research.