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Library Resources for 2016 Delaware Teachers Institute Fellows

Research Guides—Start here!

These guides point researchers to relevant resources such as databases which provide access to scholarly literature, as well as journals, web sites, and campus resources. The contact information for subject specialist librarians is also available within each guide.

- **Theatre:** <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/theatre>
- **Art:** <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/art>
- **Literature:** <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/englishamlit>
- **Media:** <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/media>
- **Legal Studies:** <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/legalstudies>
- **History:** <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/history>
- **Education:** <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/education>
- **Public Policy:** <http://guides.lib.udel.edu/pubpolicy>

Databases/Get It!

The Library subscribes to over 360 databases that can help you to find scholarly articles on a variety of topics. Many of these databases will offer some full-text (electronic) articles.

Almost all library databases and eJournals can be accessed from off-campus. When connecting to the library from off-campus, you will be prompted to log in using your UDel Net ID.

Get It! is a system which allows researchers to access full-text articles. Look for the link to *Get It* beneath the article that you wish to access.

DELICAT Discovery: This catalog searches multiple information formats (books, maps, DVDs and journals, as well as individual articles, book reviews, eBooks, etc.). DELICAT Discovery contains all of the items held by the University of Delaware Library as well as the holdings of libraries around the world.

Services:

Interlibrary Loan: allows you to request items held by other libraries that are not available at UD. Articles requested through Interlibrary Loan are sent electronically to your Interlibrary Loan account in about 2 business days. Books requested can be picked up at the Interlibrary Loan Office, on the first floor of the Morris Library.

Article DELivery service: Interlibrary Loan staff will scan articles and book chapters from items in the University of Delaware Library print and microform collections and send them to your ILL account. A great timesaver!

Circulation: Delaware Teachers Institute Fellows may borrow books for 30 days (and may renew for longer borrowing periods as needed). Bound periodicals may be borrowed for 3 days, and media items such as DVDs may be borrowed from the Film and Video Collection for 14 days.

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Advanced Searching Tips

Thesauri: Always check to see if a database provides access to its thesaurus. Thesauri provide a list of the subject descriptors used by a database to reliably classify content. Browse the thesaurus for a subject descriptor that best matches your topic. Using this specialized term will allow you to search for articles that contain your topic as a main idea... not just those that incidentally mention your key terms.

Use quotation marks to retrieve phrases such as “reading skills” or “student motivation”. Remember that quotation marks make a search more specific, so while they can sometimes be helpful, they can also be restrictive, so use them carefully!

Truncation: Try using a truncation symbol (usually an asterisk, but sometimes a question mark or exclamation point) to retrieve various forms of a word. For example educ* will return results containing any of the following words: education, educate, educator, educates, educated, educating, etc. (Econom* will return economy, economics, economical, economist, etc.)

Use AND to connect your terms when you want both terms to be within each of the results that are retrieved. Use OR when either one of the terms would suffice. For example: literacy OR “reading skills”.

Need Assistance?

As you conduct your research this summer, remember that librarians are here to help! Please feel free to contact us through one of our digital services at: <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/ref/askalib/>

You can also contact me directly:

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