

# Education Resources at the RMU Library

**Reference:** All librarians at Robert Morris University have earned Master's Degrees in Library Science from an American Library Association accredited institution. Reference Librarians are available to assist students in the research process during most hours of the RMU Library's operation. Reference service is given on a first-come-first-serve basis. Students can also contact the reference librarians by phone, e-mail or i.m..

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1. Type in imrmulibrary: and then type your question
2. Send your text to 265010

**RMU Library Web Site:** The RMU Library Web site contains a plethora of RMU Library-related information including RMU Library policies, hours, research guides, and the RMU Library staff and faculty directory. The RMU Library Web site can be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.rmu.edu/library> or by connecting to RMU's main page at <http://www.rmu.edu> and clicking on the "Library" link located at the top of the page.

**ROBCAT:** All library materials (books, journal subscriptions, government documents, and media) are catalogued in ROBCAT, the RMU Library's online "card" catalog. ROBCAT is available via the RMU Library Web site and also at: <http://www.robcat.rmu.edu>

**Dewey Decimal Classification System:** There is a method to our madness.

The RMU Library uses the Dewey Decimal Classification System as the means for organizing the book collection. Books are catalogued and then arranged numerically by Library of Congress Subject Headings under the corresponding Dewey Decimal Call Number.

This quick overview is provided by BUBL, an Internet-based information service for the UK higher education community:

**000 Generalities:** *Includes:* computing, Internet, libraries, information science

**100 Philosophy and psychology:** *Includes:* ethics, paranormal phenomena

**200 Religion:** *Includes:* bibles, religions of the world

**300 Social sciences:** *Includes:* sociology, politics, economics, law, education

370 Education: general resources

370.115 Social education

370.7 Educational research

371 Schools and their activities

371 Schools and the Internet

371.1 School teaching  
371.3 Educational technology  
371.9 Special education  
372 Elementary education  
373 Secondary education  
374 Further education  
374.4 Distance education  
375 Curricula  
378 Higher education  
379 Public policy issues in education

**400 Language:** *Includes:* linguistics, language learning, specific languages

**500 Science and mathematics:** *Includes:* physics, chemistry, earth sciences, biology, zoology

**600 Technology:** *Includes:* medicine, engineering, agriculture, management

**700 The arts:** *Includes:* art, planning, architecture, music, sport

**800 Literature and rhetoric:** *Includes:* literature of specific languages

**900 Geography and history:** *Includes:* travel, genealogy, archaeology

**The RMU eLibrary:** The RMU Library subscribes to over 100 databases for scholarly research purposes. All currently enrolled students and currently employed faculty and staff are allowed to use these resources. The eLibrary is available 24/7 from any Internet-connected computer.

To access the databases:

1. Connect to the RMU Web site at <http://www.rmu.edu>
2. Click on the "Library" link located at the top of the page.
3. The RMU Library Web site will display.
4. Click on the "Find Articles and Databases" link located on the left side of the page.
5. Log in using your RMU username and password.
6. A listing of databases will display.
7. Click on the "Education" link to view a complete listing of education-related databases.

### **Specific Education Databases**

(Database descriptions taken from vendor's Web sites)

#### **Full Text Periodical Databases:**



**EBSCO's Professional Development Collection:** Designed for professional educators, this database provides a highly specialized collection of more than 550 high quality education journals, including more than 350 peer-reviewed titles. This database also contains more than 200 educational reports. Professional Development Collection is the most comprehensive collection of full text education journals in the world. **Please note that EBSCO's Professional Development Collection is part of the EBSCOhost collection of databases. Also note that not all articles indexed in the database are available in their entirety.**



**ProQuest Education Journals:** Offering complete information on hundreds of educational topics, this database covers almost 400 leading journals in the field. Nearly all of them offer articles in the three most popular formats.

**Please note that ProQuest Education Journals is part of the ProQuest interface. Also note that not all articles indexed in the database are available in their entirety.**



**Wilson's Education Full Text:** Education Full Text brings you comprehensive coverage of an international range of English-language periodicals, monographs and yearbooks. Full text of articles cover to cover, from hundreds of journals, makes this a one-stop source for research. Coverage includes 79 journals (37 with full text) not covered by ERIC's CIJE. **Please note that not all articles indexed in the database are available in their entirety.**

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### Index-only Databases:

**ERIC:** ERIC, the Educational Resource Information Center, provides access to education literature and resources. The database provides access to information from journals included in the Current Index of Journals in Education and Resources in Education Index. ERIC provides full text of more than 2,200 digests along with references for additional information and citations and abstracts from over 1,000 educational and education-related journals.

**Please note that only a small percentage of ERIC documents and journals articles are available in their entirety via the database. Many ERIC documents are available in full text on the web - just Google the ED number of document title to check.**

**Wilson's Education Retrospective Index (1929-1983):** This new database provides more than half a century of cover-to-cover indexing for an international range of English-language periodicals and yearbooks.

**Please note that no full text articles are available via the database.**

**Social Science Citation Index (1985 - Present):** The Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) provides access to citation information, article abstracts, and cited reference data found in over 1,700 social science journals. Subject disciplines include, but are not limited to: business, education, history, information science, management, nursing, political science, and psychology.

**Please note that no full text articles are available via the database.**

### Other Relevant Electronic Resources

**ProQuest's Dissertations and Theses A&I:** With more than 2 million entries, PQD&T is the single, central, authoritative resource for information about doctoral dissertations and master's theses. Dissertations published from 1980 forward include 350- word abstracts written by the author. Master's theses published from 1988 forward include 150-word abstracts. Titles available as native or image PDF formats include free twenty-four page previews. UMI offers over 1.8 million titles for purchase in microform, paper or electronic formats. **Please note that ProQuest's Dissertations and Theses A&I is part of the ProQuest interface. Any dissertations earned from an RMU doctoral are available in their entirety to current RMU students at no cost. All other dissertations will have to be interlibrary loaned or purchased by the student.**

## The RMU Library Doesn't Have the Journal That I Need!

Are you certain?...

1. Double-check for the periodical/journal by following the **Get It! @ RMU** links from your database search results screen; alternatively, select the **Find Journals @ RMU** link from the library homepage and search by journal title. The **Find Journals @ RMU** database lists all full text publications that are available in print at either RMU Library or are available in their entirety in one of the RMU subscription databases. **Find Journals @ RMU** can be accessed via the RMU Library Web site.

2. Ask the librarian!

### Beyond RMU!

There is a whole world out there!

**Interlibrary Loan:** Often students will come across citations for books and articles that the RMU Library does not have access to. In cases like this, often the librarian will recommend interlibrary loan. The RMU Library is part of a number of statewide and countrywide library consortiums. When students require a book or article we do not own, we then ask one of the consortiums if a member library will send the needed information via interlibrary loan.

There are a number of ways a students can start the interlibrary loan (ILL) process:

1. **Books Only!** Utilize the "EZ Borrow Interlibrary Loan" option on **ROBCAT**. Click on the link to search other Pennsylvania academic libraries for the desired book. If found, follow the screen instructions to request that the book be sent to RMU.
2. **For Books and/or Articles:** Select the **EZ-Borrow/Interlibrary Loan** link on the Library web site, <http://www.rmu.edu/library> and follow the directions posted there. ILL is for books not found via EZ Borrow, dissertations, and articles.

**Reciprocal borrowing agreements:** The RMU Library has reciprocal borrowing agreements with a number of academic libraries in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area. Stop in at the Moon Campus or Pittsburgh Library to fill out the appropriate paperwork. The completed form will allow you to check out books from other academic libraries. **Please note that the University of Pittsburgh does not participate in this program.**

**Public Libraries:** Most communities offer their residents public library services. These services include book borrowing, interlibrary loan, reference, and database access. Many small local public libraries have joined forces with regional and statewide consortiums to pool funds and provide users with a vast collection of information. Most public libraries also maintain large collections of resources for educators.

**Contact your local public library for more information.**

**Remember! Please ask the RMU Reference Librarians for research assistance when needed.**  
**We are here to help!**