Exam Papers
The Library makes available print versions of exam papers for the last three years. These are held behind the Library desk and can be borrowed for a one hour loan period. Electronic versions of exam papers are available through Blackboard.

Electronic Resources

Databases
The Library subscribes to a number of Internet databases. The databases most relevant to Early Childhood are as follows:

- **Academic Search Complete**
  Multi-disciplinary database containing full-text for nearly 9000 journals.

- **Business Source Complete**
  Provides access to business journals & company profiles.

- **Emerald Insight**
  Access to 175+ journals from MCB University Press. Subjects include Business, Education & Training etc.

- **Infotrac General One File**
  A multi-disciplinary database of articles from over 10,000 journals, magazines and newspapers. The database is updated daily, and contains millions of items, of which approximately 60% are in full text.

- **JSTOR**
  Is an archive of academic journal back issues in the areas of business, education and law. There are 112 titles in the collection.

- **LexisNexis News & Business** - provides access to online news and business sources including Irish newspapers.

- **Research Starters—Sociology**
  Offers topic overviews with comprehensive content on 500 topics and quality study guides written by subject experts.

- **Sage Online Journals**
  Abstract/citation searching across a range of topics including Childhood Studies.

- **Science Direct**
  Full-text access to journals in the areas of Business, Economics and Social Science.

- **Social Science & Humanities Library (T&F)**
  Access to over 1600 journals in the social science and education.

- **Social Sciences (H.W. Wilson)**
  Full-text access to a range of journals covering topics across the Social Sciences.

Web of Science
Provides cited reference searching across the Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities.

**Wiley Online Library** - allows citation/abstract searching of a broad multidisciplinary collection including Social Sciences.

The majority of the above listed databases can be accessed from outside I.T Carlow. For **Off-Campus** log-in, users will be asked to enter their I.T Carlow network log-in and password. Please contact Library staff for more information.

Access to all of our online resources are available through the Library website at:

www.itcarlow.ie/library/home.htm

Need more help?
If you have any difficulty in using any of these resources, please contact your Liaison Librarian.

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**Introduction**

Welcome to the Library service of the Institute of Technology, Carlow. The services provided by the Library include book lending, individual and group study facilities, photocopying, information retrieval service and access to a range of online databases.

The Library holds a broad range of resources both printed and electronic to support the area of Childhood Studies. These include books, journals, databases, official publications, newspapers and various other items.

To facilitate the research process, this guide provides a brief outline of how to search for these different types of material.

**Library Catalogue**

The Library catalogue is the starting point for locating information on a particular subject. It is a searchable listing of all materials held in I.T. Carlow libraries.

Users can complete an initial search under a variety of search terms such as **Author** and **Title**. Alternatively, more search options are available by selecting **ADVANCED SEARCH**. This allows users to search under a larger variety of search terms such as **Keyword, Subject or Shelf Number**. Users also have the option to limit their search results to particular item types such as a current journal or a particular library location.

The online library catalogue also acts as an information portal to quality web-based resources, e-journals and databases.

The Library catalogue can be accessed at: [https://libsearch.itcarlow.ie](https://libsearch.itcarlow.ie)

**Books**

Books are arranged by subject according to the Dewey Classification System. Each book in the Library is assigned a Dewey shelf number that identifies its subject matter. This number can be found on the spine of the book.

The following is a broad outline of the Dewey shelf numbers that are relevant to Early Childhood Education:

- 150 Psychology
- 155.4 Child Psychology
- 300.72 Research Methods
- 301 Sociology
- 302 Social Psychology
- 305.23 Childhood Studies
- 306 Cultural Sociology
- 306.85 Family Studies
- 345.015 Child Law
- 361.3 Social Work
- 361.61 Social Policy
- 362.7 Ethics
- 372 Early Education
- 372.21 Child Development
- 618.92 Child Health / Pediatrics

The book collections are divided into three categories. The general lending book collection from 001-699 is located on the ground floor (Stack 1-11) with the 700s—900s located on the first floor (Stack 21). Items from this collection can be borrowed for a loan period of one week.

The short loan collection is located on the ground floor (Stack 11). This collection contains items that are in high demand and can be borrowed for a period up to 48 hours.

The Reference collection is located on the first floor (Stack 22-23) and contains items such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, directories and handbooks. This collection also holds textbooks that are in high demand and are for library use only.

**E-Books**

The Library subscribes to a number of e-book platforms which are relevant for Early Childhood Education. These include:

- The Ebook Central platform covers all subject areas, providing access to over 85,000 titles.
- Emerald Social Sciences E-books.

These can be accessed via the Databases listing at: [http://libguides.itcarlow.ie/az.php](http://libguides.itcarlow.ie/az.php)

**Journals**

The Library subscribes to a number of print journal titles in the area of Early Childhood. The current year’s journals are located in Stack 20 on the ground floor beside the Law Reference collection. Back issues of Early Childhood journals are located in the Journal Archive section (Stack 12-16).

Journals are often a source of the most current information on a topic and are arranged in subject order like books using Dewey shelf numbers.

**E-Journals**

Apart from the print journals to which the library subscribes, there are over 30,000 journals, newspaper and magazine titles available in full-text to IT Carlow users via subscriptions to online databases. Off-campus access to these resources is also available to all staff and registered students of the Institute.

To do a one-stop online search of these resources users can use the EDS Discovery Service. Using Basic or Advanced searching, users can browse for relevant material.

Users can also browse the listing of available resources by discipline through this Discovery service, available at: [www.itcarlow.ie/library/services/eds.htm](http://www.itcarlow.ie/library/services/eds.htm)

Click the **Publications** tab to browse our collection of e-journals by discipline.