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Welcome to the "Introduction to Education Resources" tutorial. My name is Meg Grotti,

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and I'm the Librarian responsible for the library collections that support the School of Education.

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Let's get started by looking at the library home page.

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There are several items here worth getting to know. The first is DELCAT Discovery.

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This system contains the records for all of the books, journals, DVDs, maps, and government documents held by the UD Library,

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as well as records from libraries all around the world.

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DELCAT Discovery is fairly simple to search when you're just starting out; however, if you use DELCAT Discovery

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it's likely that you will come across items that we do not have here at UD.

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This title is one example of a book that is visible in DELCAT, but which is not held by our library.

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In this case, you will need to request the book using Interlibrary Loan.

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Books requested through Interlibrary Loan can take up to two weeks to arrive.

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Articles are sent electronically to your Interlibrary Loan account in about two business days.

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If you have borrowed materials from the library and would like to extend your borrowing period,

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you can do so by clicking here, logging in with your UDelNet ID and password, and renewing your items.

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Education-specific resources can be found within the education research guide.

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To find this guide, simply change the search icon from DELCAT Discovery to Research Guides and search for the word "Education".

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Databases provide access to education research published in education journals.

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We'll come back to these in a moment.

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I have also included pages specifically on video resources available through the Library for educators,

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education research journals, information on tests and measures, and Open Access materials.

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Related guides contain more specific information on areas of inquiry within the field of Education.

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Let's take a closer look at a selection of databases that are most often used to conduct education research.

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Education Source is the largest and most complete collection of full-text journals in education research.

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It includes over 2,000 full-text journals and covers all areas of education inquiry.

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ERIC covers unpublished document literature and published journal literature.

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It contains some full-text items. ERIC's coverage is from 1966 to the present;

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however, ERIC documents published prior to 1966 are available on microfiche.

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PsycINFO is an electronic index which lists articles with abstracts published in psychology journals

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and chapters in books from 1806 to the present.

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This database is useful for topics relating to education psychology, special education, counseling, student mood and motivation, etc.

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Web of Science is a huge database covering many subjects.

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It provides access to scholarly journal literature from more than 8,000 scholarly journals.

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Web of Science provides unique citation searching tools that can be used to discover seminal articles on a topic.

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JSTOR is an entirely full-text database of back issues of core journals in the humanities, social sciences and sciences.

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It includes the complete digitized back files of over 1,000 scholarly journals.

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It's important to remember that because JSTOR indexes back issues, it does not always contain the most current volumes of journals.

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Therefore, if you're searching for current research, be sure to look in additional sources.

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This is just a sample of some of the main resource used by education scholars,

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and I encourage you to explore the education research guide further.

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However, navigating these resources takes some skill and practice.

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Please see the "Search Strategies for Education Students" tutorial for information about how to search these research databases.

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And--of course--remember your Librarian is also a great resource.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever assist you in your research!