Library Catalog -- Locating Education Materials

In addition to the library catalog, try out the Library Home Page
<www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary>  Click on: Databases > Education for a wealth of resources.

I. CHILDREN'S BOOKS (JUVENILE FICTION AND NONFICTION)

Limit search to Juvenile collection by selecting “Juvenile” from the Limit to menu.

TIPS:
Children's books on particular topics (fiction or nonfiction)
Keyword search: e.g. rain forest? amazon (“?” searches forest or forests)

Children's books, nonfiction only:
Search: e.g. electricity “juvenile literature”
(All juvenile nonfiction books have “juvenile literature” in their subject headings.)

II. TEACHING RESOURCE BOOKS (CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES, LESSON PLANS, ETC.)

Limit search by selecting “Teaching Resources” from the Limit to menu.
Proceed with Keyword search.

Examples:
Social studies activity books
Keyword searches:
“social sciences” “middle school”  “social sciences” secondary
“social sciences” elementary  “civil war” elementary

Children's literature activities
Keyword searches:
“children's literature”  “children's literature” “language arts”
literature elementary  “literature based”
“young adult literature”  “language experience approach”

III. TEXTBOOKS

Limit search to Textbooks:
Keyword search, adding “text” to search. E.g. “language arts” text

STANDARD TOPICS: “language arts", music, “social sciences” [note: not social studies], English, mathematics, science, health, "physical education", etc.
IV. Media (not videos or DVDs)

Limit search to all Media such as kits, games, etc. except Videos & DVDs (see V)
Keyword - Boolean search by topic, adding AND media NOT (video? or DVD)

Example: science AND media NOT (video? or DVD)

V. Videos or DVDs

Limit search to Videos/DVDs by selecting Video/DVD from the Quick Limit menu.
Keyword search (use when searching by topic).
Add “children’s films” to further limit.