



Q & A

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Q: Some of my colleagues have been accessing the ATA library for professional development materials. I'm planning some coursework and research of my own. Can the library help with that?

A: The ATA library stands ready to assist members with any informational aspect of either professional development or course-based inquiries. For example, the library's collection includes resources on research methodologies such as textual analysis and grounded theory, as well as indigenous, qualitative and quantitative resources. Preparing research, a thesis or other material for peer-reviewed publication? The library's resources cover topics including research analysis, neuro-education, media literacy, reading theory, educational technology, leadership, differentiated learning, professional learning communities and a host of emergent pedagogical issues, and include reports, reference titles and statistics together with historically important educational research and theory. Online databases support ongoing research and coursework, as do subject-specific Web links to peer-reviewed and authoritative online content. Professional library staff are available to assist with all library services. All resources, including French materials, circulate via Canada Post's book rate. Teachers outside of Edmonton can search the online catalogue, order their books, and have them sent to their home or school address (with return postage) at no cost. For more information on the full extent of library services, visit the Association's website at www.teachers.ab.ca and look under Publications.