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## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDE

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### INTRODUCTION

Family and consumer sciences education prepares students to teach in child and family development, fashion and clothing, interior design and housing, food science and nutrition, consumer education, the hospitality industry, and resource management. The concentration in Family and Consumer Sciences Education from the Family and Consumer Sciences Department of Jacksonville State University offers academic background and field experience for people interested in teaching family and consumer sciences. Most of print sources (such as books, periodicals) related to family and consumer sciences education are located on 5<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> floor in Houston Cole Library. Electronic sources (such as databases) can be accessed via computer station on each floor.

### PRINT SOURCES

Books are important sources of basic information on a topic, providing necessary definitions, background information, and statistics. Books provide a foundation for research which can be supplemented by more current information from periodical articles. Books may also contain useful bibliographies which may lead to additional sources of research. When looking for books, consult the Library of Congress Subject Headings to select the proper term(s) to use as subjects under "Find Books (Library Catalog <http://library.jsu.edu/>)." The following table shows family and consumer sciences education in the Library of Congress System:

HC	Housing	HQ	Child Development
RA-RG	Health Education	TX	Consumer Education
LB	Education (course planning)		

Other subject headings can be: Home economics Study and teaching, Home economics Alabama, Home economics History, Home economics United States History and etc.

JSU students can also use ALLIES (Alabama Libraries Exchange Services, <http://library.jsu.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?PAGE=dbPage>) to borrow circulating books from UAB Sterne Library, University of Alabama, Auburn University, Auburn University at Montgomery, either on-site with the student ID or by requesting the items through the library catalog.

### ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Current print issues of periodicals to which the Library subscribes can be found at the Current Periodical Section on 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> floor. Older print issues of magazines and journals, usually bound into complete years or volume numbers, are located in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> floor Bound Periodical Section. You can also use Library subscribed electronic databases (<http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/>) to identify articles on particular topics in magazines, journals, and newspapers. The following are commonly used databases for family and consumer sciences education:

Database Title	Description	Full Text?
Academic Search Elite	Journal articles in all subject areas.	Yes

Applied Science Full Text	Journal articles in the applied sciences and technology.	Yes
Education Fulltext	Journal articles in education.	Yes
ERIC	Index to education publications	Yes
EBSCOhost's Education Database	Journal articles in education.	Yes
Expanded Academic ASAP	Scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers	Yes

Some of the core journals are:

Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Education (Electronic)

Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences/ The Journal of Home Economics (Call Number: TX1.J7)

Family Economic and Nutrition Review (Call Number: TX326 A1F35)

### OTHER RELATED SOURCES

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (<http://www.aafcs.org/>): National organization representing family and consumer sciences professionals across practice areas and content specializations.

International Federation of Home Economics (<http://www.ifhe.org/>): Provide an international forum for home economists to develop and express the home economics concerns for individuals, families, and households at the United Nations and among other international non-governmental organizations whose interests parallel those of home economics.

National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences

(<http://www.natefacs.org/>): An Affiliate of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Family and Consumer Sciences Education Division. Improves and strengthen teacher education in family and consumer sciences. Establish and improve standards of research in family and consumer sciences teacher education. Sponsor and otherwise support professional discussion in family and consumer sciences teacher education. Encourage and promote a sufficiently full and fair discussion of the pertinent facts involving concerns and legislation affecting family and consumer science teacher education and the improvement of work and family life. Also included full text articles from *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Education*.

Home Economics Institute of Australia (<http://www.heia.com.au/>): Educate, inform, and to act as an advocate to government, industry and the community for families and households, so that individuals can make informed choices in order to enhance their everyday living. Also included full text articles from *Journal of the Home Economics Institute of Australia*.

HEARTH (Home Economics Archive--- Research, Tradition, History)

(<http://hearth.library.cornell.edu/>): A core electronic collection of books and journals in Home Economics and related disciplines. Titles published between 1850 and 1950 were selected and ranked by teams of scholars for their great historical importance. The full text of these materials, as well as bibliographies and essays on the wide array of subjects relating to Home Economics, are all freely accessible on this site.