

## **SUBJECT GUIDE: *Toys, Play and Gender Identity***

Keywords to use when searching **eLibrary**, **databases** and print indexes:

*Play - psychological aspects (eLibrary)*  
*Toys - psychological aspects (eLibrary)*  
*Toys social aspects (eLibrary)*  
*Gender (or Class, or Ethnic) Identity (eLibrary)*  
*Toys and Gender (databases)*  
*Children AND sex differences (databases)*

### **HOW TO FIND:**

#### **Internet Resources**

- **Individual Web Sites**

<http://gozips.uakron.edu/~susan8/parinf.htm> An article called "Parental Influence on Children's Socialization to Gender Roles."

- **Search Engines**

Go to a search engine (**Google**: <http://www.google.com>, **Ask**: <http://www.ask.com> etc.) and type in Gender and toys (or other keywords), for a list of sites with many links to this subject. Most search engines also have directories by subject. For links to some search engines go to ***Additional Links and Resources*** under English 201A Workbook.

- **Google Scholar**

From Google home page select ***Scholar*** at the top of the page. If you type in Gender and Toys, you get a list that includes citations and full-text scholarly articles.

- **Subject Directories**

Choose an academic subject directory, such as ***Internet Public Library*** <http://www.ipl.org>, or ***Infomine*** <http://infomine.ucr.edu>. Type in your keyword. For links to other subject directories go to ***Additional Links and Resources*** under English 201A Workbook.

## Books from the Cuesta College Library

- From the Library's home page <http://library.cuesta.edu> under **Find a Book**, select **eLibrary** and type a keyword or phrase (for instance: Toys psychological aspects) in the *Search* field. Books are arranged by the Library of Congress Classification System and are found in the bookstacks by this number. For a good introduction on using LC call numbers go to York University's LC page <http://www.info.library.yorku.ca/yorkline/lc/lc.html>
- Your teacher may have placed books on Reserve at the Circulation Desk in the lobby. Check there, or click on **Reserve Desk** above the search box in **eLibrary**. You can search by your instructor's name or the course number.
- Online books (eBooks) are also accessed from **eLibrary**. The eBook call number is ONLINE and the URL link is provided.
- To access eBooks or any other library resource from home use your myCuesta login. You can find the library page through myCuesta on the Resources tab, or use the library home page.
- Subject encyclopedias, found in the **Reference** book stacks, have good background articles. Use the Index at the end of the set and look under the term *Architecture* or *Architects*. The *Dictionary of Art* (ref N 31 D5 2002) covers all aspects of art and architecture, from ancient times to the present.

## Books from other libraries

- On the Cuesta Library's home page <http://library.cuesta.edu>, look under **Find a Book** and choose **Other Library Catalogs**.
- Request books from other libraries by using the online link to the [Interlibrary Loan Request](#) form, found under **Find an Article** on the Library home page <http://library.cuesta.edu>. Allow 7-10 working days to receive your materials.

## Periodicals (Journals, Magazines, Newspapers) in online databases

- Cuesta subscribes to the following online databases: [EBSCOhost](#), [SIRS](#), [NewsBank](#), and [National Newspaper Index](#). They can be accessed from the Library's home page or your myCuesta page at Cuesta or from home. Simply use your myCuesta login.

## Periodicals in print indexes

- *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature* (ref AI 3 R48) is a general periodical print index that can be searched by author or subject. Use *Readers' Guide* to get a list of citations for articles. Then go to the [Cuesta College Periodical Holdings List](#) (PHL) to see if Cuesta carries the journal title for the articles you want.

*Readers' Guide* is especially useful for historical topics, since it goes back to 1900. It also indexes periodicals not indexed in online databases. Link to a *Readers' Guide* tutorial:

<http://lib.northern.edu/infolit/tablesversion/lessons/lesson5/readersguide.htm>.

- Other Cuesta Library Resources

Go to [Additional Links and Resources](#) under English 201A Workbook to find links to many research aids.

If you need help the Reference Librarian will be happy to assist you! [Library Hours](#), Reference/Information Desk: 546-3157.

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