Research Matters

Title: EE and Connecting Children to Nature Research Database

Background
This <u>database</u> was developed as a joint project of the Children & Nature Network and the North American Association for Environmental Education to provide a platform for accessing research related to environmental education and connecting children and nature.
The database provides multiple ways to search for articles, syntheses, and research summaries. Duke University helped write the research summaries. With over a thousand entries you can locate the most relevant research for your work.

Key matters raised in research - a summary
A useful video on the site explains the layers of research function that can be used, to access material in the database from requesting a summary to a full paper, from a topic as broad as conservation or to a more specific topic like 'water quality' education.

The database includes a high level search function that allows you to use key words, such as "climate change education," "professional development," or "nature deficit disorder," to search the research library.

You can also choose a broad category or uber term (Education, Conservation, Health, Social Justice, Human Development) to narrow your key word search, or simply to see everything under that category if you do not also use a key word.

An advanced search function allows you to narrow your search to a target audience, such as early childhood or young adult. You can also use the advanced search to combine a variety of more detailed search terms under the uber terms to find exactly what you are looking for.

Who is it useful for?
Those looking for research about environmental literacy, the benefits of connecting to nature, fostering environmental behaviours, and more. Educators will find this most useful, particularly if they do not have access to university libraries.

Where can you find it?
https://naaee.org/eepro/research/eeresearch/research-library-information

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