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Pečjak, S. and Gradišar, A. (2012). *Bralne učne strategije* (2nd, augmented and supplemented ed.). Zavod RS za šolstvo.

Pinterič, A., Deutsch, T. and Cankar, F. (Eds.). (2012). *Inkluzivno izobraževanje slepih in slabovidnih otrok in mladostnikov*. Zavod RS za šolstvo.

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Rupnik Vec, T. (2015). *ePortfolio of a Student*. Zavod RS za šolstvo. <http://www.zrss.si/pdf/eportfolio-of-student.pdf>

Zgaga, P. (Ed.). (2019). *Inclusion in education: reconsidering limits, identifying possibilities*. Peter Lang. <https://doi.org/10.3726/b15452>

- **Anonymous monographs**

Publication manual of the American Psychological Association: the official guide to APA style (7th ed.). (2020). American Psychological Association.

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Kerndl, M. (2013). *Diferenciacija in individualizacija pri pouku književnosti v tretjem triletju osnovne šole*. [Doctoral dissertation]. Univerza v Mariboru, Filozofska fakulteta.

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Leskovec, M. (2005). *Delo, izrazna oblika, pojavna oblika: kaj uporabniki res iščejo?* [Bachelor's thesis]. Univerza v Ljubljani, Filozofska fakulteta.

Polšak, A. (2006). *Razvojni problemi kmetijstva na Kozjanskem s posebnim ozirom na socialnoekonomске razmere*. [Bachelor's thesis]. Univerza v Ljubljani, Filozofska fakulteta.

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Učni načrt. *Dvojezična osnovna šola. Geografija* (2011). Ministrstvo za šolstvo in šport: Zavod RS za šolstvo.

http://www.mss.gov.si/fileadmin/mss.gov.si/pageuploads/podrocje/os/devetletka/predmeti_narodno/Geografija_obvezni_dv.pdf

Učni načrt. *Ekonomska geografija: ekonomska gimnazija: izbirni predmet (35 ur)* (2020).

Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost in šport: Zavod RS za šolstvo.

Učni načrt. *Program osnovna šola. Geografija* (2011). Ministrstvo za šolstvo in šport: Zavod RS za šolstvo.

https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MIZS/Dokumenti/Osnovna-sola/Ucni-nacrti/obvezni/UN_geografija.pdf

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Act Amending the Placement of Children with Special Needs Act. (2012). *Uradni list RS*, No. 90/12.

<http://pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO6453>

Placement of Children with Special Needs Act. (2011). *Uradni list RS*, No. 58/11, 40/12 – ZUJF,

90/12 and 41/17 – ZOPOPP. <http://pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO5896#>

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Jelen, S. (2015). Kaj je dobro vedeti o avtorskih pravicah pred izdelavo, objavo in uporabo e-vsebin. In A. Sambolić Beganović and A. Čuk (Eds.), *Kaj nam prinaša e-Šolska torba: zbornik zaključne konference projekta e-Šolska torba* (pp. 31–39). Zavod RS za šolstvo.

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Kregar, K., Trškan, S., Lanišek, N., Pančur, J. (2020). Avtomatsko zaznavanje vrtač z metodo slikovnega ujemanja. *Geografija v šoli*, 28(1), 33–40.

Rutar Ilc, Z. (2013). Kaj ima kognitivna znanost povedati učiteljem? *Vzgoja in izobraževanje*, 54(6), 2–10.

Urbanc, J. (22 August 2020). Klariči pri Brestovici – prezrti vir pitne vode. *Delo: Sobotna priloga*, 62(193), 18–19.

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Marentič Požarnik, B. (2020). Visokošolska didaktika in didaktično usposabljanje visokošolskih učiteljev pri nas. *Andragoška spoznanja*, 26(2), 15–32. <https://doi.org/10.4312/as.26.2.15-32>

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Atlas Slovenije [cartographic material] (2005). 4th revised edition. 1 : 50,000. Mladinska knjiga.

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Kozler, P. (1852). *Zemljovid slovenske dežele in pokrajin [cartographic material]*.

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Čepar, N. (13 June 2020). *Današnji dan kot vzmet za lepšo prihodnost*. Delo.si. <https://www.delo.si/novice/slovenija/danasnji-dan-kot-vzmet-za-lepso-prihodnost-328829.html>

Zavod RS za šolstvo. (n. d.). *Formativno spremljanje*. <https://www.zrss.si/strokovne-resitve/ponudba-resitev/formativno-spremljanje>

UNESCO. (n. d.). *Charting together for Education to #SaveOurFuture*. <https://en.unesco.org/news/charting-together-education-saveourfuture>

- **Unrecoverable and oral sources**

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