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Social Work

Library Subject Guide

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Association of College and Research Libraries

"Social workers apply their skills to a wide range of concerns. People most often associate social work with services to the disadvantaged members of society. That is only one dimension of their work. Social workers also work with people with physical or mental health concerns, with families in crisis, street youth, seniors, criminal offenders, victims of trauma, and so on. Working with individuals, families and groups, however, is only part of the picture. Many social workers work on a larger scale, providing services to improve social conditions and plan for better communities. Others are trained in social policy and work to plan or improve social programs and benefits for the nation's or province's citizens. Many social workers specialize in research, studying such problems as those related to family issues, child abuse, poverty and unemployment." British Columbia Association of Social Workers

Northern Lights College offers a Social Service Diploma Program, plus 2 additional courses: SOWK 200 - Introduction to Social Work Practice, and SOWK 201 - Introduction to Social Welfare

Ask a Librarian for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

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REFERENCE

Dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Some titles of interest located in the **Reference Section** are:

Dawson Creek Reference Collection

Canadian encyclopedia of social work	HV 12 C36 2005
Encyclopedia of Canada's peoples	FC 104 E56 1999
Encyclopedia of Social Work	HV 35 S62 1997 - 2003
Encyclopedia of Women and Gender	HQ 1115 E5 2001
Social Work Dictionary, The	HV 12 B37 2003
Social Worker's Desk Reference	HV 40 S64 2002

Fort St. John Reference Collection

Encyclopedia of Canada's peoples	FC 104 E56 1999
Fort St. John Community Directory	HV 110 F6 F67 2002
Human Rights and Social Work	HV 41 H86 1994
Public Services & Quality Of Life	HM 17 A32 1988
Social Work Dictionary, The	HV 12 B37 2003
Social Worker's Desk Reference	HV 40 S64 2002

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

To assist you in browsing the collection for materials on Social Work, try the following areas:

HM-HZ for general materials on Social Work

BJ Ethics	KE Canadian Law	H Social Sciences
LC Special Education	HN Social history, social problems	HQ Family, Marriage, Women
HV Social pathology, social and public welfare, criminology		

LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles in an electronic database or books in the online catalogue containing the keyword(s).

Examples of keywords:

aboriginal	abusive parents	aged-home care	alcoholism
child abuse prevention	child welfare workers	children's rights	counseling
crisis intervention	disability	drug addiction	elder care
equality	family violence	poverty	public welfare

PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of interest to Social Work students: To check for campus and holdings, search the title in Webcat, the library catalogue.

Periodical Title

Abilities	Canadian Children	Canadian Journal of Counseling
Canadian Public Policy	Canadian Social Work (CASW)	Canadian Social Work Review
Families in Society	Health & Social Work	Social Work

DATABASES and INDEXES

access: <http://nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>

Academic Search Premier: Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available. 1984-present. Updated monthly.

Bibliography of Native North Americans The bibliographic database covers all aspects of native North American culture, history, and life from sixteenth century to the present. It covers a wide range of topics including archaeology, multicultural relations, gaming, governance, legend, and literacy.

Canadian Reference Centre: Includes leading Canadian periodicals and leading U.S. & U.K. periodicals in full text, full text reference books; 96,600 full text biographies and an Image Collection of 116,000 photos, maps and flags, including 80,000 Canadian images.

CPI.Q: Provides coverage on current events, health, technology, arts, history, culture and business. 415 Canadian periodicals with 165 full text. 1988 - current, updated weekly.

First Nations Periodicals Index: Contains journals of mainly Canadian Native content. This index is a tool providing access to information about First Nations.

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition: Full text and citations for over 560 scholarly journals focusing on many medical disciplines. 1990 - current,

Health Source: Consumer Edition: Consumer health information of nearly 300 full text and citations in consumer health periodicals, 1100 health-related pamphlets; 135 health reference books, and over 4,500 Clinical Reference Systems reports. 1990 - current.

MAS Ultra: Contains full text for nearly 550 magazines, 91,600 biographies, 75,000 primary source documents, and 250 reference books. 1984 - current.

PsycArticles: Psychology fulltext articles from 49 peer-reviewed journals pub, by Amer. Psychology Assoc. 1988- current

PsycINFO: Psychology and related behavioral and social sciences. Updated monthly. Some links to fulltext titles.

ELECTRONIC JOURNALS

Canadian Social Trends - full text available through Canadian Reference Centre, Academic Search Premier, and CBCA Reference databases.

Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood – full text available through Webcat, the Library catalogue

FREE ONLINE JOURNAL

Critical Social Work: <http://www.criticalsocialwork.com/>

WEB SITES

Aboriginals

Aboriginal Canada Portal: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/index.html>

♦ Health and Social Services: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/ao20017.html>

Assembly of First Nations: <http://www.afn.ca/>

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, The: <http://www.abo-peoples.org/>

Institute of Aboriginal People's health (IAPH) - Publications and Resources: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/8583.html>

Treaty 8 Tribal Association: <http://www.treaty8.bc.ca/welcome.php>

Disabilities

DAWN Canada - DisAbled Women's Network Canada: <http://www.dawncanada.net/>

DisabilityWeblinks.Ca: <http://www.disabilityweblinks.ca/>

Independent Living Canada: <http://www.cailc.ca/>

Persons with Disabilities Online – Government of Canada: <http://www.pwd-online.ca/>

Family

BC Ministry of Children and Family Development: www.gov.bc.ca/mcf
Canadian Childcare Federation: <http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/index.shtml>
BC Childcare Acts and Legislation: <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/legislation.htm>
ChildTrends: <http://www.childtrends.org/>
Child Welfare Information Gateway (USA): <http://www.childwelfare.gov/>
Child Welfare League of Canada (CWLC): <http://www.cwlc.ca/>
National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (Canada): http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/nfcv-cnivf/familyviolence/ao_e.html
Status of Women in Canada: <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/>

General

Caledon Institute of Social Policy: <http://www.caledoninst.org/>
Canadian Council on Social Development (CCSD): <http://www.ccsd.ca/>
♦ Free statistics: <http://www.ccsd.ca/facts.html>
Canadian Heritage - Human Rights Program: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/pdp-hrp/index-eng.cfm>
Canadian Policy Research Networks, Inc.: <http://www.cprm.org/>
Canadian Social Research Links: <http://www.canadiansocialresearch.net/>
Intute: Social Sciences: <http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/>
Policy.ca - monitoring Canada's public policy research: <http://www.policy.ca/>
Social Work and Social Welfare in Canada: <http://socialpolicy.ca/>
UNICEF publications by subject - full text: http://www.unicef.org/publications/index_pubs_subject.html
University of British Columbia's Subject Resources for Social Work: <http://toby.library.ubc.ca/subjects/subjpage1.cfm?id=17>

Health

BC Centre for Disease Control: <http://www.bccdc.ca/default.htm>
BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health: <http://www.bccewh.bc.ca/>
BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/pssg/>
▪ Crystal Meth Secretariat: <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/crystallmeth/>
Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE): <http://www.catie.ca/>
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse: <http://www.ccsa.ca/>
Canadian Mental Health Association <http://www.cmha.ca/bins/index.asp>
♦ BC Edition: <http://www.cmha-bc.org/content/about/news/news.htm>
Health Canada Online: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/>
Ministry of Children and Family Development: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/mcf/>
▪ Children and Youth with Special Needs: http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/spec_needs/index.htm
Office of the Provincial Health Officer (BC): for public health reports and goals <http://www.hls.gov.bc.ca/pho/index.html>
Public Health Agency of Canada: <http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/>
RCMP: Drug Situation in Canada: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/drugs-drogues/index-eng.htm>

Poverty

BC Housing: <http://www.bchousing.org/>
▪ Provincial Homelessness Initiative (PHI): <http://www.bchousing.org/programs/homelessness>
BC Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance: <http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/bcea.htm>
BC Office of Housing and Construction Standards: <http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/housing/>
▪ Homelessness – full text - volumes 1 – 4: <http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/housing/homeless/vol1.htm>
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA): <http://www.policyalternatives.ca/>
▪ Living on Welfare in BC: Experiences of Longer-Term "Expected to Work" Recipients – full-text: <http://www.policyalternatives.ca/index.cfm?act=search&term=%EF%82%A7%09Living+on+Welfare+in+BC&submit=Search>
PovNet : 'for advocates, people on welfare, and community groups and individuals involved in anti-poverty work': <http://www.povnet.org/>

Social Work Associations

BC Association of Social Workers: <http://www.bcasw.org/>
Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (CASSW): <http://www.caswe-acfts.ca/en/>
Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW): <http://www.casw-acts.ca/>
Canadian Social Work Discussion Group Forum - to discuss general practice issues: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/csocwork/>
In Critical Demand - Social Work in Canada: <http://www.socialworkincanada.org/>
International Federation of Social Workers: <http://www.ifsw.org/nal>
National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - USA: <http://www.socialworkers.org/>
• Social Work Portal: <http://www.socialworkers.org/swportal/>

Search Engines

Scirus: <http://www.scirus.com> – can download full text theses, under preferred web sites