

**Schenectady County Community College
Begley Library and Instructional Technology Center**

How to Find Information on Criminal Justice

I. REFERENCE BOOKS and CIRCULATING BOOKS

To find Books about Criminal Justice, look in BLISS, Begley Library's Online Catalog (<http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>) then, do the following:

- Select "Find Books"
- Select "Find Books in this Library"
- In the search box, type in a search term of your own **OR** choose a SUBJECT HEADING from the list below to get you started:

Arrest Detectives Police ethics Bail Gangs Police science Crime and criminals
Imprisonment Police training Criminal investigation Juvenile courts Prisons
Criminal justice Juvenile delinquency Probation Criminal law Law enforcement
Prosecution Criminal procedure Parole Punishment Community policing Police
Rehabilitation of criminals Corrections Police administration Secret service

NOTE: ALL books in the Library are organized by CALL NUMBERS. The Call numbers for Criminal Justice material begin with the letters **HV4000** - **Circulating books with call numbers beginning with HV are located on the 2nd floor (upstairs).**

Some useful reference books are: (Reference Books are located directly behind the Reference Desk – 1st Floor)

Title/Author	Call Numbers
Encyclopedia of Crime & Justice. (Dressler - 4 Vols.)	REF HV6017 .E52 2002
Handbook of Crime and Punishment. (Tonry)	REF HV6789 .H25 1998
Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics, 2001	REF HV7245 .N37b
Crime and Justice Annual Report, 1992-1999	REF HV7282 .A22a
The American Dictionary of Criminal Justice (Champion)	REF HV7411 .C48 2005
World Encyclopedia of Police Science and Penal Systems (Kurian)	REF HV7901 .K87 1988
Criminal and Civil Investigation Handbook.	REF HV8073 .C694
The FBI. A Comprehensive Reference Guide.	REF HV8144 .F43 T48 1999
Correctional Officer Resource Guide. 3rd ed.	REF HV8670 .C76 1997
Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 1999 National Reports.	REF HV9103 .S69 1999
Dictionary of American Penology (Williams)	REF HV9304 .W54 1996
The Encyclopedia of American Crime	REF HV 6789 .S54 2001
Encyclopedia of World Crime. (Nash - 6 Vols.)	REF HV6017 .E54 1989
Historical Dictionary of Terrorism (Anderson)	REF HV6431. A537 2002
Encyclopedia of Terrorism (Combs)	REF HV6431. C65 2001
Terrorism: 1996-2001: A Chronology	REF HV6431. M4992 2002
Crime in the United States, 1998-2003	REF HV6787 .A3
City Crime Rankings 1999	REF HV6787. C58 1999
Crime State Rankings 2000	REF HV6787. C77 2000
Criminal Justice Research in Libraries and on the Internet. (Nelson)	REF HV7419 .N45 1997
Criminal Justice Information: How to Find it, How to use it (Benamati, et al)	REF HV7419.5 .C75 1998
The Encyclopedia of Police Science. (Dowling)	REF HV7901 .E53 1995
Historical Dictionary of Law Enforcement	REF HV7903. R67 2001
Encyclopedia of Capital Punishment of the United States	REF HV8694. P35 2001
Encyclopedia of Juvenile Justice (McShane)	REF HV9104. E58 2003
Directory of Juvenile and Adult Correctional Departments, Institutions, Agencies and Paroling Authorities.	REF HV9463 .D57 2004
LEGAL REFERENCE RELATED TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE –	
The Call Numbers begin with KF (Circulating Books) and REF KF (Reference Books)	
Constitutional Law for Criminals. (Klein)	REF KF4550 .K53 1992
Homeland Security Law Handbook 2003	REF KF6075. A32 A5A5
Criminal Law Digest	REF KF9214. C7 1983
Domestic Violence: From a Private matter to a Federal Offense (Barnes - 3 vols)	REF KF9322 .D66 1998

II. Looking for Magazine and/or Journal Articles - Electronic Databases –

- <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>
- Select “Find Articles”
- Select “List of All Databases A-Z”
- See below (II A) for names of databases which are useful for **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

A. Some databases useful for searching for research/magazine articles in **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** include:

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)	PsychArticles
Lexis-Nexis Academic	Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection (EBSCO)
New York Newspapers	CQ Researcher
New York Times Full Text Archive	Opposing Viewpoints
*Virtual Reference Library (Gale)	*World Almanac (OCLC)

*Denotes an electronic database which DOES NOT contain traditional articles, but rather an overview about a particular topic. For example, if you select “**World Almanac**” and type in Arson, it will give you an overview of what arson is, etc.

The **Virtual Reference Library** allows you to search different TYPES of encyclopedias (Law Encyclopedia, Encyclopedia of Forensics, etc) and is a more ROBUST source of GENERAL information – **Good to use to get a research project started.**

B. Looking for Magazine and/or Journal Articles – Print Subscriptions – Located to the LEFT of the REFERENCE DESK

CORRECTIONS MAGAZINE (1981 – JUNE 1983)	LAW AND CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS (1975 – 2003)
CORRECTIONS TODAY (RETAIN 5 YEARS)	LAW AND ORDER (1975 – 2001)
CRIME AND DELIQUENCY (1970 – PRESENT)	NAT'L INST. OF JUSTICE JOURNAL – SEE REFERENCE
CRIMINAL LAW BULLETIN (1977 – 2002) MICROFILM	POLICE CHIEF
CRIMINOLOGY (1979 – 2004) MICROFILM	POLICE MAGAZINE (1980 – 1983)
FBI LAW ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN (1978 – 2004)	POLICE STUDIES (1988 – 1994)
FEDERAL PROBATION (1973 – 2004)	PRISON JOURNAL (1985 – 2002)
JOURNAL OF FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION	SECURITY (1974 – 2004)

NOTE: Consult the Library's Periodicals List (at reference desk) current information regarding the titles owned by the Library.

III. MEDIA MATERIALS

To find videos, etc. about **Criminal Justice**, look in BLISS, Begley Library's Online Catalog (<http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>) then, do the following:

- Select “Find Books”
- Select “Find Books in this Library”
- Select “Advanced Search” at top of screen.
- Type in search term or Subject Heading
- Scroll down to “Limit Search to:”
- Find pull-down menu for “Limit by Collection” and select the type of media you wish to search for.
- Click the “Go” button below.

IV. INTERNET WEBSITES

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:
<http://www.usdoj.gov/>

NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFERENCE SERVICE:
<http://www.ncjrs.gov/>

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND FIREARMS:
<http://atf.treas.gov/>

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
www.dhs.gov/

FEMA:
<http://www.fema.gov>

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT & CORRECTIONS TECHNOLOGY CENTER:
<http://www.nlectc.org>

Many more Criminal Justice links from the page of Prof. George Dowdall of Saint Joseph's University, who authored the book, *Adventures in Criminal Justice Research*:
<http://www.sju.edu/%7Egdowdall/>