A Research Guide for

Firearms and Gun Control

A research guide is an introduction to researching a topic. It lists the best introductory sources to help you start your research, but it is not a comprehensive bibliography of the topic. Please ask a reference worker for further assistance.

Scope

This research guide directs you to sources related to the issue of gun control and legislation regarding the use of firearms specifically in the United States.

- The Reference Collection – Reference works include encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and almanacs. These resources provide an “overview” and “summary” of data which refers the reader to more specific sources of information.

- General or Circulating Collection – books found in the general collection (or “stacks”) are typically more specialized on a variety of topics.

- The Periodical Collection – the periodical collection includes a wide range of publications which include newspapers, magazines and academic journals. This type of literature frequently offers the most current data for a variety of topics and specific in academic journals provides the latest research conducted in the professional field of study.

Call Numbers and Subject Headings

Call numbers are places to check in the library. Go to that location, and browse the shelves for books on that topic. Subject headings are suggested terms to use when searching the library catalog. For locating book items on Gun Control search the online catalog using the following subject terms.

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For related subject areas to this topic, see also:

- Constitutional Amendments United States
- Criminal Justice, Administration of – United States
- United States. Supreme Court
Reference Collection


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**General or Circulating Collection**

- **338.76834 B2757**  

- **344.730533 G9542**  

- **344.730533 Sp496**  

- **363.33 B8145**  

- **363.33 G5639**  

- **363.33 G876**  

- **363.33 G954o 2007**  

- **363.33 G9572v 2005**  

- **363.33 L3147**  

- **363.33 Sh284**  

- **623.44 D281**  

- **779.2092 C2734c**  

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Periodicals

- Print periodical titles are stored in the library’s Periodical Room.
- Online or digital periodical titles may be accessed from any computer with Internet capability through the library’s subscription database collection. Databases store thousands of periodical newspaper, journal and magazine titles – many of these collections available in full text.
- To view a comprehensive listing of the Mack Library’s periodical collection, select the A to Z Electronic Journals page listed under the “Online Resources – Databases, Alphabetical” link(s). Below under “Online Resources” are a listing of the most frequently used and relevant databases in addition to available, eBooks, LibGuides and recommended websites.

Online Resources

Databases

Academic OneFile (Gale)
“Academic OneFile is the premier source for peer-reviewed, full-text articles from the world's leading journals and reference sources. With extensive coverage of the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects, Academic OneFile is both authoritative and comprehensive.”

Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)
“Academic Search Complete is the world’s most valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with more than 9,100 full-text periodicals, including more than 7,900 peer-reviewed journals. In addition to full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for more than 13,600 journals and a total of more than 13,600 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc.”

CQ Researcher
“CQ Researcher is often the first source that librarians recommend when researchers are seeking original, comprehensive reporting and analysis on issues in the news. Founded in 1923 as Editorial Research Reports, CQ Researcher is noted for its in-depth, unbiased coverage of health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy.”

Criminal Justice Abstracts (EBSCO)
“Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text™ is the full-text counterpart of Criminal Justice Abstracts™, formerly a SAGE database. This resource includes bibliographic records and full text covering essential areas related to criminal justice and criminology. The increasing globalization of criminology is reflected in Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text’s coverage of hundreds of journals from around the world.”

International Security & Counter Terrorism Reference Center (EBSCO)
“This database offers information on virtually every dimension of security & counter-terrorism and is designed to inform the analysis process, as well as to enhance the general understanding of security and terrorism-related issues. ISCTRC provides a comprehensive Open Source Intelligence Resource for analysts, risk management professionals, and students.”

Points of View Reference Center (EBSCO)
“Points of View Reference Center contains a balance of materials from all viewpoints, including more than 1,300 main essays, leading political magazines from both sides of the aisle, newspapers, radio & TV news transcripts, primary source documents and reference books.”

Descriptions are taken from the Mack Library Online Resources page.
EBooks


LibGuides

Criminal Justice - http://libguides.bju.edu/crimejustice

Websites

GunCite - http://www.guncite.com/

NRA (National Rifle Association) - http://www.nra.org/home.aspx