

SOCIAL ISSUES SUBJECT GUIDE

This guide has been prepared by a Librarian to help you find information on Social Issues. The information below will help you develop search strategies to find resources on the library catalogue, and information on databases and the Internet. If you need immediate assistance please Call for Help! at 905-653-READ (7323) during regular business hours or visit Global Librarian at <http://www.vaughanpl.info/services/ask.php> for 24 hour reference assistance.

General Social Issues Resources

Catalogue search: Go to www.vaughanpl.info to search the catalogue. Use the subject keyword search terms indicated below, these search terms can be used in both the catalogue and the databases. For catalogue help refer to *How to Search guide*.

Databases: Go to <http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/databases.php>

- *Canadian Reference Centre*
- *CPI.Q (Canadian Periodicals)*
- *eLibraryPLUS Canada*
- *Expanded Academic ASAP*
- *Health Source – Consumer Edition*
- *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*
- *ProQuest 5000*

Marriage and Family Relations

Search keywords:

- marriage
- family
- divorce
- marriage customs and rites
- teenage pregnancy
- single-parent families (or single mothers, single fathers)

Call numbers:

- Relationships between the sexes begins at **306.7**
- Marriage (and related issues such as same sex marriage) and the Family (and related issues such as single parent families) begins at **306.8**
- Marriage customs in different cultures begins at **392.5**

Substance Use and Abuse

Search keywords:

- drug abuse (and drug use)
- substance abuse
- heroin (and other specific drug names)
- alcoholism (and alcoholics)
- addiction

Call numbers:

- Addiction as a social issue begins at **362.29**
- Addition from a medical or health perspective begins at **616.86**
- Scientific information about drugs and their effects begins at **613.8**

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| <p>Rape and Abuse</p> | <p>Search keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rape • abused children • abused women • family violence • acquaintance rape (for date rape) • dating violence <p>Call numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rape and sexual assault begins at 364.153 and 362.883 • Abused children begins at 362.76 • Abused women, family violence begins at 362.8292 • Date rape and dating violence begins at 362.883 and 306.73 |
| <p>Violence and Crime</p> | <p>Search keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • problem youth • gangs • suicidal behavior (and suicide) • juvenile delinquents (and juvenile delinquency) • bullying • crime (and criminal) • violence <p>Call numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suicide begins at 362.28 • Youth violence begins at 303.6083 • Youth crime begins at 364.36 • Bullying begins at 302.3 • General works on crime begins at 364 |
| <p>Abortion</p> | <p>Search keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • abortion • contraception • birth control • teenage pregnancy <p>Call numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ethical and social aspects of abortion begins at 363.46 • Abortion and the law begins at 343.46 |
| <p>Cults</p> | <p>Search keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cults • names of specific cults, organizations, or individuals <p>Call numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cults can be found throughout the religion section but specifically at 291.909 |
| <p>Statistics on Social Issues</p> | <p>Websites: Go to http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/recommendedlinks.php for library recommended websites, search by subject and select “Statistics” category to access these resources.</p> <p>Databases: Go to http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/databases.php and select <i>E-STAT</i></p> |