

## Concordia University Libraries

# Support for HIV/AIDS Research

## Collections

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### ***Journals:***

As members of the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) we offer access to a strong collection of core online journals and resources in all subject areas, on par with that of any Canadian comprehensive university. In 2009 the Libraries acquired access to Haworth Press journals. This collection provides online access to *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, *Feminist Media Studies*, *International Journal of Sexual Health*, *International Journal of Transgenderism*, *Journal of Bisexuality*, *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Issues in Education*, *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Mental Health*, *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services*, *Journal of LGBT Youth*, *Journal of Gender Studies*, *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services*, *Journal of HIV/AIDS Prevention in Children & Youth*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, *Journal of LGBT Health Research*, and *Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling*.

Some of the HIV/AIDS journals to which the Libraries have online access or print subscriptions are *A & U* (Art and Understanding), *AIDS and Behavior*, *AIDS Care*, *AIDS Education and Prevention*, *AIDS Patient Care and STDs*, *Current HIV Research*, *HIV Medicine*, *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*, and some major medical journals including the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*, and the *Lancet*.

### ***Online Research Databases:***

The Libraries subscribe to a multitude of bibliographic databases that serve individual disciplines in the humanities, social sciences and fine arts. With coverage from 1972 to the present, Gender Studies Database indexes the literature of sexuality studies, gender studies, and sexual diversity issues. Additional databases relevant to HIV/AIDS research include: Sociological Abstracts, Academic Search Premier, ERIC, PsycINFO, Alternative Press Index, Communication Studies Abstracts, International Political Science Abstracts.

### ***Books & Audio Visuals:***

Due to the interdisciplinary interest in Sexuality and HIV/AIDS Studies, multiple library subject funds purchase relevant monographic material, including: Sociology & Anthropology, Applied Human Sciences, History, Political Science, Psychology, Education, Religion, Communication Studies, Fine Arts & Cinema, Literatures in English, Women's Studies.

### ***Special Funds & Collections:***

Material acquired via annual Development Fund applications for Sexuality Studies enhances our standard library collections in sexuality and sexual health. Items acquired through this fund consist of important journal back runs, multi-volume research sets, expensive monographs and audio-visual material. A notable example: the ***Royal S. Marks AIDS Activist Video Collection***, a unique set of 10 DVDs documenting AIDS activism during the June 1989 Fifth International Conference on AIDS in Montreal.

Acquired in 1997 and certified as a Canadian Cultural Property, the historical ***Gay and Lesbian Literature Collection*** complements our regular holdings in gay and lesbian studies. Contents include non-fiction scholarly works that depict the representation of homosexuality in Western society since the late 19th century, as well as an impressive number of small Canadian and international gay and lesbian magazines, such as a complete run of *After Stonewall* (Saskatoon), *Angles* (Vancouver), *Berdache* (Montreal), *Body Politic* (Toronto), *Ça s'attrape!* (Montreal), *Rites* (Toronto), *After Dark* (USA), *Babilonia* (Italy), *Christopher Street* (USA), *Fag Rag* from 1971 to 1987 (USA), *Gai Pied* (France), *Gay Left* (UK), *Gay Sunshine* (USA), and *Mattachine Review* (USA). Despite their relatively recent origins, these magazines are quite rare among Canadian collections. Subsequent gifts from several donors have supplemented this collection.

## **Services**

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### ***Subject Librarians and Research Consultations:***

In addition to daily reference desk and online chat services, Subject Librarians such as the ones for Sexuality Studies and for Anthropology, Sociology & Women's Studies are available for one-on-one consultations and for research guidance of any kind.

### ***HIV/AIDS Research Guide:***

Our online HIV/AIDS Research Guide (<http://library.concordia.ca/research/subjects/hiv aids/>) offers a list of appropriate databases, relevant web sites, and a federated search box for simultaneous searching of multiple databases. It is the only entry on our listing of Research Guides that deals with a specific subject area instead of a general discipline.

### ***Library Workshops:***

We offer a variety of relevant library workshops, including: an annual HIV/AIDS Research Workshop; a multi-part and multidisciplinary workshop for PhD Humanities and Specialized Individual Program (SIP) students; a series of workshops for faculty and graduate students on topics such as current awareness feeds (RSS) and advanced bibliographic management software use.

### ***Online Services:***

Services such as Interlibrary Loans, Article Delivery, Electronic Reserves and Findit@Concordia facilitate a more seamless research process by offering print material in electronic format and by allowing easy access to materials held in any location worldwide.