Are You Doing Research On Indigenous Peoples And Criminal Justice?

The Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies at U of T has a dedicated Library & Information Service.

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----- Books -----  
(A TCard is required to sign books out; but members of the public are welcome to come to the library to browse and use material onsite.)

The library catalogue provides access to the holdings of all 44 libraries within the UT Library System; this system is by far the largest in Canada and one of the top five among North American universities.

Example:

----- Journals & Search Engines -----  
(Wifi and remote access to most journal search engines are restricted to members of the UT community; however, visitors to the library may access the search engines from our public desktop computers and read/download articles. But the Indigenous Studies Portal and NCJRS are both publicly accessible.)

Multidisciplinary Search Engines/Databases draw from most major disciplines, a very useful feature for research on indigenous peoples and their concerns.

Recommended Search Engines:
• UT Library search engine
• ProQuest (strong in the social sciences)
• EBSCO (strong in the areas of criminal justice and the law)

Subject-Specific Search Engines Or Databases:
• Bibliography of Native North Americans
• Indigenous Studies Portal
• First Nations Periodical Index
• Criminal Justice Abstracts

• NCJRS (National Criminal Justice Reference Service; US-based but with good Canadian content)
• Index to Canadian Legal Literature
• Index to Legal Periodicals and Books
• HeinOnline (excellent for Canadian and international legal materials; not necessarily available in the holdings of universities without a law school)

Journals that have published relevant material:
• Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice
• Canadian Journal of Native Studies
• Indigenous Law Journal
• Canadian Native Law Reporter

Sample journal articles dealing with Canadian indigenous peoples:


--- Statistics ---

(publicly available at the Stats Can website)

- Statistics Canada, Juristat
  - Juristat is Statistics Canada's primary source for crime and criminal justice statistics. Juristat produces statistics on crime, homicide, youth and adult courts and corrections, and shelters for abused women. Juristat also regularly publishes thematic issues on such topics as Aboriginal justice, female offenders, impaired driving, sexual offences, and hate crime.
  - Juristat is available electronically, free of charge, from v. 16, no.10 (196) onwards. Earlier issues are available in print at the Criminology Library.

--- Grey Literature ---

'Grey literature' refers to document types produced on all levels of government, academics, business and industry in print and electronic formats that are not controlled by commercial publishers. Private sector and government and NGO reports, for example, may well be useful resources, but would not appear if one searches only scholarly databases or periodical databases. Our librarian, Andrea Shier, is very knowledgeable about how to search the 'grey literature' for reports and documents that are relevant for policy research purposes and that are neither scholarly nor popular books and articles.

The Canadian Public Policy Collection is a digital library of grey literature that brings together reports from government, associations, universities, and think tanks. Documents from this source can also be searched in the UT Library catalogue. This collection is not accessible to members of the public unless they visit our library/information service and use our desktop computers.

Sample Documents:

- Violent victimization of Aboriginal people in the Canadian provinces, 2009
- Violent victimization of Aboriginal women in the Canadian provinces, 2009
- Victimization and offending among the Aboriginal population of Canada

--- Legislation & Case Law ---

Recommended Sources:

- Quicklaw (requires TCard)
- CanLII (Canadian Legal Information Institute) (publicly available)
- ELaws of Ontario (publicly available)
- Canadian Native Law Reporter (requires TCard)

Examples of Legislation: (all legislation publicly available)

- Indian Act R.S.C., 1985, c.15
- Constitution Act, 1982 (UK), Part II, s.35
- Royal Proclamation: George R, Proclamation, 7 October 1763 (3 Geo III)

Examples of Case Law: (much case law, including these three examples is available from CanLII or the Supreme Court and Ontario Court of Appeal websites)


--- Government Publications ---

Recommended Sources:

- Canadian Research Index (requires TCard)
- Google Canadian Government Documents - Searches Canadian government publications at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government (publicly available)

Sample Documents:


--- Primary Sources ---

(With the exception of Indigenous Studies Portal, every other source in this list requires a TCard)

Primary sources provide first-hand documentation of events at the time of their occurrence.

Examples: legislation, case law, treaties, statistics, newspapers, magazines, speeches, diaries, letters

Recommended Sources:

- Early Canadiana Online
- Early Encounters in North America
- Confidential Print: North America, 1824-1961
- Indigenous Studies Portal (publicly available)
- North American Indian Thought and Culture
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers – Globe and Mail and Toronto Star

Sample Documents:


For opening hours of the library and other information, please visit http://criminology.utoronto.ca/library/