SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Specker Library and on the web in the field of Criminal Justice. Please note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific need. You need a free ILLiad account to use inter-library loan. Ask any library staff member how to set one up or call 219-473-4373.

Calumet College Pegasus Resources: (the HV & KF sections in the general collection, library Tower- 1st floor, contains Criminal Justice books which can be checked out and taken home). All Pegasus materials are located in this library.


Criminal Justice -- sample online databases (periodical indexes) accessible through CCSJ:

Criminal Justice Periodicals Index (ProQuest) -- comprehensive database of U.S. and international criminal justice journals.
Academic Search Premier (multidisciplinary database) -- college-level articles on all topics; some full-text, some ILL.
WestLaw -- (legal database)—limited access, users must obtain passwords from the library.

To locate articles in professional journals and periodicals on campus or at home:
From the college’s homepage, www.ccsj.edu, click on library on the left-hand side of the page to go to the Specker Library homepage www.ccsj.edu/library. Then either click on the title “Journal Articles and Online Databases” (lower center), to see individual database titles or click on the tab marked “Databases” at the top of the page to search several at once.

Specialized U.S. websites dealing with Criminal Justice:
http://www.usdoj.gov/dea Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.
http://www.state.in.us/isp Indiana State Police.
http://www.isp.state.il.us Illinois State Police.
To help keep track of successful search terms and databases, and to avoid duplicating the same search, a research log might help. If you’re not certain how useful an article or website might be, print the first page. You can go back later for the rest.

Criminal Justice -- sample search terms and research log:


Research Log

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