

## Los Medanos College Library

# AIDS and HIV Resource Guide

Is AIDS or HIV the topic of your research assignment? Are you concerned about its effect on your personal health? Do you know someone who has the disease or virus and want to better understand his/her condition? This resource guide can help you find information on AIDS and HIV in the Los Medanos College Library

There are many types of material in the Library on AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). But, where should your research begin?

### REFERENCE BOOKS

For an overview of the topic, the Reference area, located on Level 3, is a good place to start. Here you can consult dictionaries, encyclopedias, yearbooks, almanacs, etc. for entries on AIDS and HIV. Listed below are examples of reference books which you might find worthwhile:

R131 .C233 Ref.	<i>The Cambridge World History of Human Disease</i>
RC46 .C423 2000 Ref.	<i>Cecil Textbook of Medicine</i>
RC41 .G35 1999 Ref.	<i>The Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine</i>
AY64 .I55 Ref.	<i>Information Please Almanac</i>
RC55 .M4 Ref.	<i>The Merck Manual</i>
AE5 .C683 Ref.	<i>The New Encyclopaedia Britannica</i>

At this point in your research, you probably have learned that AIDS and HIV are separate but related subjects. HIV is a virus that damages the body's ability to fight disease and infection. AIDS can develop in people whose immune system has been severely damaged by HIV.

### ONLINE CATALOG

For more on either subject, go to the online catalog. The online catalog is accessible via the Internet from the Library's home page at <http://www.losmedanos.net/library.htm>. Here you will learn which books, relevant to your topic, are available at the LMC Library and at the libraries at Diablo Valley College and Contra Costa College.

Select **exact SUBJECT Heading Search**, type AIDS, and click on the Search key. You will then see many subject headings for AIDS displayed, such as:

- AIDS (Disease)
- AIDS (Disease)-Government policy-United States
- AIDS (Disease)-Psychological aspects

## AIDS (Disease)-Social aspects

A separate subject search on HIV may provide additional relevant citations.

### CIRCULATING BOOKS

Here are a few examples of books on AIDS and HIV that can be borrowed:

RA644 .A25 A33214 1992	<i>AIDS Agenda: Emerging Issues in Civil Rights</i>
RA644 .A25 L364 1993	<i>AIDS, Health and Mental Health: a Primary Sourcebook</i>
RA644 .A25 A36477 1992	<i>AIDS: Opposing Viewpoints</i>
RA644 .A25 S48 1987	<i>And the Band Played On</i>
RC607 .A26 P63 1992	<i>As Real as it Gets: the Life of a Hospital at the Center of the AIDS Epidemic</i>
GV994 .A7 A3 1993	<i>Days of Grace: A Memoir</i>
RA644 .A25 S677 1997	<i>The Spread of AIDS</i>
RA644 .A25 A523 1999	<i>Victory Deferred: How AIDS Changed Gay Life in America</i>
RA644 .A25 B47 1993	<i>Women and HIV/AIDS: an International Resource Book</i>

Circulating books are located on Level 4 and can be checked out for 3 weeks.

If the citation indicates that the book you are interested in is classified as a "Reserve Book", it is located on Level 2. Because they are in great demand, you may borrow Reserve books for a more limited period of time.

You may find browsing the RA644 .A25 and RC607 .A26 areas of the books on Level 4 to be worthwhile, too.

You may request books from the library collections at Diablo Valley College and Contra Costa College at the Loan Desk on Level 3.

### VIDEO CATALOG

To locate videotapes on the topic of AIDS or HIV search the online video catalog. This video catalog is accessible via the Internet from the Library's home page at <http://www.losmedanos.net/library.htm>.

Do a Subject Search using the phrase AIDS disease. This catalog will provide you with the call numbers of videotapes in the Library.

Here are a few examples of videotapes on AIDS and HIV listed in the online video catalog:

VR 114	<i>AIDS: A Nurse's Responsibility</i>
VR 935	<i>AIDS the Legacy</i>
VR 1335	<i>A Conversation with Magic</i>

These videos can be found in the Audio Visual collection on Level 2.

## PERIODICALS

Because research on AIDS and HIV is rapidly advancing, you may want to use very current information on either subject. Magazines, journals and newspapers are best for this purpose, and they are especially worthwhile if you are focusing on a specific aspect of AIDS.

### Electronic Databases:

To find relevant articles on your topic, Electronic Databases may be useful. The following Electronic Databases provide full-text articles, abstracts, or citations to magazine, journal or newspaper articles. They are accessible from inside and outside of the Library, on and off campus, from the Library's website located at <http://www.losmedanos.net/library.htm>.

*Infotrac's Health Reference Center*  
*InfoTrac's Expanded Academic ASAP*  
*Ethnic Newswatch*  
*ProQuest Newspapers* (includes five major national newspapers)  
*SIRS Researcher*  
*Dialog @ CARL* (includes *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Contra Costa Times*, and *The San Jose Mercury News*)

### Print Indexes

These print indexes, which may be worthwhile to your research, are located on the Index Table and Index Shelves on Level 3:

*Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature*  
*Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*

For the very latest information, you may want to browse the table of contents of the most recent issues of the Library's health-related magazines and journals, such as:

<i>American Journal of Nursing</i>	<i>Nursing</i>
<i>Health</i>	<i>Nursing Research</i>
<i>Journal of Practical Nursing</i>	<i>Public Health Reports</i>
<i>New England Journal of Medicine</i>	<i>RN</i>

The most current issues of journals, magazines and newspapers are available in the Periodical Area of Level 3. Check the Periodicals List to learn the location of back issues of magazines, journals and newspapers in the Library. The list is accessible via the Internet from the Library's website at <http://www.losmedanos.net/library.htm>

Periodical materials cannot be checked out from the Library, but they may be copied.

## VERTICAL FILE

Another place to check for information on AIDS and HIV is the Vertical File located in cabinets behind the Reference Desk on Level 3. The AIDS and HIV folder is labeled "Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome" and contains clippings and pamphlets. These materials cannot be checked out, but they may be copied.

## INTERNET RESOURCES

AIDS and HIV information is available on the Internet. Some websites that may be of value to your research are:

AEgis <http://www.aegis.com>

HIV InSite <http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>

The Body: an AIDS and HIV Information Resource <http://www.thebody.com/index.shtml>

San Francisco AIDS Foundation <http://www.sfaf.org>

## LOCAL AIDS/HIV SERVICES

Contra Costa County AIDS Program Information & Services (925) 313-6770

Genard AIDS Foundation (925) 279-5347

Diablo Valley AIDS Center Food Bank (925) 686-3822

Pre-School & Community Council AIDS Services (925) 439-2061

### AIDS/HIV TESTING

To learn about AIDS/HIV testing available through the County of Contra Costa, call (925) 313-6771.

To make an appointment for HIV testing and counseling at the Planned Parenthood Center nearest you, call (800) 230-PLAN.

### FREE TELEPHONE HOT LINES

California HIV/AIDS Hotline (800) 367-2437

National HIV and AIDS Information Hotline  
for English speaking (800) 342-2437

for Spanish speaking (800) 344-7432

AIDS-HIV Nightline (800) 273-2437