

# IN FOCUS ...

## Capital Punishment



A research guide to the collections of the  
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## **Books and Audiovisual Materials**

CountyCat, the library catalog, lists all the books and audiovisual materials found at the Cudahy Family Library. You can search the catalog from the library computers or from a remote location such as your home computer via the internet at <http://countycat.mcfls.org>. Some of the subject headings related to capital punishment include:

- Capital punishment
- Death row
- Executions and executioners
- Imprisonment
- Prisons

## **Magazines and Journals**

You can access thousands of magazine and journal articles through EBSCOhost, an electronic database available through CountyCat, the library catalog. These articles may be accessed from any computer in the library or from a remote location such as your home computer via the internet at <http://countycat.mcfls.org>. From the main screen, click on the “Subscription Databases” link and then choose EBSCOhost.

## Selected Internet Sites

### **ACLU Capital Punishment Project**

<http://www.aclu.org/capital>

The Capital Punishment Project (CPP) challenges the unfairness and arbitrariness of capital punishment while working toward the ultimate goal of abolishing the death penalty.

### **American Bar Association Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project**

<http://www.abanet.org/moratorium/>

Working to obtain a nationwide moratorium on executions.

### **Amnesty International**

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/death-penalty>

Amnesty International works for an end to executions and the abolition of the death penalty everywhere.

### **Before the Needles**

<http://users.bestweb.net/~rg/execution.htm>

Historical information and statistics on capital punishment. Includes graphic information.

### **Bureau of Justice Statistics: Capital Punishment Statistics**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/cp.htm>

Capital punishment statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice.

### **Campaign to End the Death Penalty**

<http://nodeathpenalty.org>

Organization dedicated to the abolition of capital punishment in the United States.

### **Clark County Prosecuting Attorney: Death Penalty**

<http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/death/death.htm>

Information from the Clark County, Indiana, prosecuting attorney in support of capital punishment.

## **Criminal Justice Legal Foundation - Death Penalty Information**

<http://www.cjlf.org/deathpenalty/DPinformation.htm>  
Information in support of capital punishment.

## **Death Penalty Focus**

<http://www.deathpenalty.org>

Dedicated to the abolition of capital punishment through grassroots organizing, research, and the dissemination of information about the death penalty and its alternatives.

## **Death Penalty Information Center**

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org>

A non-profit organization serving the media and the public with analysis and information on issues concerning capital punishment.

## **DPInfo**

<http://www.dpinfo.com/>

Articles and links to pro-capital punishment information.

## **Ethics Updates: Punishment and the Death Penalty**

<http://ethics.sandiego.edu/Applied/DeathPenalty/>

Site “dedicated to promoting the thoughtful discussion of difficult moral issues” from the University of San Diego.

## **Frontline**

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/>

Frontline, the PBS program, has done several shows relating to capital punishment. Search for “capital punishment” to review the programs and related materials online.

## **John Stuart Mill’s Speech in Favor of Capital Punishment**

<http://ethics.sandiego.edu/Books/Mill/Punishment/index.html>

Text of a speech given in 1868 by one of the era’s great thinkers.

## **National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty**

<http://www.ncadp.org>

NCADP provides information, advocates for public policy, and mobilizes and supports individuals and institutions that share our unconditional rejection of capital punishment.

## **Pro Death Penalty.com**

<http://www.prodeathpenalty.com>

Includes many articles and statistics in support of capital punishment.

## **U.S. Supreme Court opinions**

<http://neuro.law.cornell.edu/supct/search/>

Searchable database of U.S. Supreme Court opinions; search “capital punishment or death penalty” for listings.





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