

IN FOCUS ...

Suicide and Euthanasia



A research guide to the collections of the
Cudahy Family Library
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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 suicide and euthanasia include:

- Advance directives (Medical care)
- Assisted suicide
- Depression in adolescents
- Depression in children
- Depression, Mental
- Euthanasia
- Life and death, Power over
- Right to die
- Suicidal behavior
- Suicide

Reference Books

Located on the open Reference shelves behind the Reference Desk

616.89 H167 *Caring for the Mind: The Comprehensive Guide to Mental Health*
- Includes information on depression and mental health.

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

American Association of Suicidology

<http://www.suicidology.org>

A nonprofit organization is dedicated to the understanding and prevention of suicide.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

<http://www.afsp.org>

Promotes understanding and preventing suicide through research and education, and reaches out to people with mood disorders and those affected by suicide.

Compassion and Choices

<http://www.compassionandchoices.org>

A nonprofit organization working to improve care and expand choice at the end of life.

Ethics Updates: Euthanasia and End-of-Life Decisions

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

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

Euthanasia.com

<http://www.euthanasia.com>

Contains articles and research mostly in opposition to euthanasia.

Euthanasia Research & Guidance

<http://www.finalexit.org>

Organization dedicated background research of assisted dying for persons who are terminally or hopelessly ill and wish to end their suffering.

Heartbeat: Grief Support Following Suicide

<http://heartbeatsurvivorsaftersuicide.org/index.shtml>

A support group for individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. Click on "words of comfort" for online educational resources.

Kristin Brooks Hope Center

<http://www.hopeline.com>

Articles about depression, suicide, and prevention with links for assistance.

National Center for Health Statistics - Suicide Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/suicide.htm>

Data from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention on suicide in the United States.

National Institutes of Mental Health - Suicide Prevention

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide-prevention/index.shtml>

Statistics and publications on suicide and its prevention.

National Right to Life Committee on Euthanasia

<http://www.nrlc.org/euthanasia>

Offers articles in opposition to euthanasia.

National Strategy for Suicide Prevention

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/suicideprevention>

Resources and statistics on suicide prevention activities worldwide.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

Offers 24-hour suicide prevention service as well as information on suicide prevention.

SAVE - Suicide Awareness Voices of Education

<http://www.save.org>

SAVE's mission is to prevent suicide through public awareness and education, eliminate stigma, and serve as a resource to those touched by suicide.

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy: Voluntary Euthanasia

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/euthanasia-voluntary/>

Article outlining the conditions necessary for euthanasia and arguments for and against euthanasia.

Suicide Prevention Action Network USA

<http://www.spanusa.org>

Dedicated to preventing suicide through public education and awareness, community action and federal, state and local grassroots advocacy.

Suicide Prevention Resource Center

<http://www.sprc.org>

Federally-funded organization that provides prevention support, training, and resource materials to strengthen suicide prevention networks.

Survivors of Suicide

<http://www.survivorsofsuicide.com>

Helps those who have lost a loved one to suicide resolve their grief and pain in their own personal way.



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