

## GAMBLING: GUIDE TO LIBRARY RESOURCES

### DEFINITION

"Problem gambling is gambling behavior which causes disruptions in major areas of life: psychological, social or vocational. The term 'problem gambling' includes, but is not limited to, the condition known as 'pathological', or 'compulsive' gambling, a progressive addiction characterized by increasing preoccupation with gambling, a need to bet more money more frequently, restlessness or irritability when attempting to 'chase' losses, and loss of control manifested by continuation of the gambling behavior in spite of mounting, serious, negative consequences." [NCPG website](http://www.ncpgambling.org)  
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### CLASSIFICATION AREAS

GN1-890	ANTHROPOLOGY
GN301-674	Ethnology; Social and cultural ethnology
GN406-517	Cultural traits, customs and institutions
<b>GN454.6</b>	<b>Gambling</b>
GV1-1860	RECREATION, LEISURE
GV1199-1570	Games and amusements
GV1221-1469.62	Indoor games and amusements
<b>GV1301-1311</b>	<b>Gambling. Chance and banking games</b>
HV6001-7220.5	CRIMINOLOGY
HV6251-6773	Crimes and offenses
<b>HV6708-6722</b>	<b>Gambling</b>

### REFERENCE RESOURCES

Blume, Sheila B. "Gambling As an Addiction." [Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol & Addictive Behavior](#) / Rosalyn Carson-DeWitt, editor in chief. New York, NY: Macmillan Reference USA, 2001. 559-565. REF HV5804.E53 2001

This article provides a brief history of gambling, the characteristics of gambling as an addictive disorder, its epidemiology, clinical characteristics, pathophysiology, identification and treatment. There is a bibliography.

Das, Ajit K. "Compulsive Gambling." [Encyclopedia of Psychology](#). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 2000. 231-233 REF BF31.E52 2000

This article focuses on compulsive gambling as a behavioral disorder and outlines patterns of behavior, causal factors, and treatment options. There is a bibliography.

Gambling: Opposing Viewpoints / James D. Torr, book editor. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2002. (Opposing Viewpoints Series) REF HV6710.G3143 2002

This anthology contains reprinted articles representing all points of view of the issue of gambling. Contents: Chapter 1. Is Gambling Immoral?; Chapter 2. How Serious Is the Problem of Compulsive Gambling?; Chapter 3. How Does Legalized Gambling Affect Communities?; Chapter 4. How Should the Government Regulate Gambling? Each chapter includes a bibliography.

Lorenz, Valerie. "Gambling." Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics San Diego, CA: Academic Press, 1998. 341-355 REF BJ63.E44 1998

This article provides an overview of the moral and ethical issues surrounding gambling, including the prevalence of gambling and pro-gambling interests, its history, pathological gambling and its effect on the family. There is a bibliography.

"Pathological Gambling." Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: DSM-IV. 4th ed. text revision. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association, 2000. 671-674. REF RC455.2.C4.D536 2000

This article offers a diagnostic synopsis of pathological gambling according to diagnostic features, associated features and disorders, specific gender and culture features, prevalence, familial patterns. Other forms of gambling are noted, including social gambling and professional gambling. It is also noted that problems with gambling may occur in individuals with Antisocial Personality Disorder.

Spunt, Barry. "Gambling." Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2002. 749-755 REF HV6017.E524 2002

This article provides an overview of the prevalence of gambling, types of gambling, pathological gambling, the connection of gambling with crime and/or substance abuse, and areas of research. There is a bibliography.

Steinberg, Marvin A. "Gambling Addiction: Assessment." Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol & Addictive Behavior / Rosalyn Carson-DeWitt, editor in chief. 2nd ed. New York, NY: Macmillan Reference USA, 2001. 551-555. REF HV5804.E53 2000

This article covers diagnostic features of pathological gambling including assessment, classification, and causative factors. There is a bibliography.

Steinberg, Marvin A. "Gambling Addiction: Epidemiology." Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol & Addictive Behavior / Rosalyn Carson-DeWitt, editor in chief. 2nd ed. New York, NY: Macmillan Reference USA, 2001. 555-559. REF HV5804.E53

This article covers the rapid growth of legalized gambling, the prevalence of problem gambling, subgroups at risk, the growth of state and national level councils on problem gambling, responsible gaming programs initiated by state regulatory bodies, and a summary of recommendations of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission (NGISC) in 1999. There is a bibliography.

Thompson, William Norman. Gambling in America: an Encyclopedia of History, Issues, and Society. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2001. REF GV1301.T47 2001

This book was written by a University of Nevada, Las Vegas, professor and gambling scholar. The focus is gambling in the Western hemisphere. There are nearly 200 entries ranging from a paragraph up to twenty pages in length on "people, places, events, laws and policies, and concepts concerning gambling as well as gambling equipment." There are separate entries for each state (or country), as well as for notable figures in gambling. Other entries cover the culture, economics, and legality of gambling. The book also contains a chronology, a glossary of gambling terms, an annotated list of relevant court cases, and a bibliography.

Thompson, William Norman. Legalized Gambling: a Reference Handbook. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1997. REF HV6710.T48 1997

This handbook examines legalized gambling and the civic and personal issues at stake. There is also a historical view of the gaming industry and its dynamic spread over the United States and Canada in many forms including casinos, state lotteries, charity bingo games, pari-mutuel betting, and video poker. Profiles of investors, players, and operators are included as well as a detailed chronology, facts, statistics, legislation, an annotated bibliography, and a listing of gaming-industry and related government organizations.

## **SUBJECT HEADINGS**

- Casinos
- Compulsive gambling
- Gambling
- Gambling-Economic aspects
- Gambling-Government policy
- Gambling-Law and legislation
- Gambling-Moral and ethical aspects
- Gambling-Psychological aspects
- Gambling-Social aspects
- Gambling on Indian reservations
- Internet gambling
- Lotteries
- Sports betting

## **SELECT JOURNALS**

[eGambling: the Electronic Journal of Gambling Issues](http://www.camh.net/egambling)

<http://www.camh.net/egambling>

[Gaming Research and Review Journal](#)

[Journal of Gambling Studies](#)

[Wager: Weekly Addiction Gambling Education Report](#)     <http://www.thewager.org>

## **JOURNAL INDEXES AND FULLTEXT DATABASES**

### **CQ Researcher**

Described as "a complete source for in-depth analysis reporting on the most current and controversial issues of the day", each issue of [CQ Researcher](#) covers a single topic, and features an abstract, overview, background, current situation, outlook, "special focus", chronology, pro/con, bibliography and footnotes. This database contains complete full-text reports from January 1991; 44 reports have been

published each year. Users may search by keyword or subject. There are several reports on gambling or aspects of gambling.

### **[EBSCOhost](#)**

Indexes thousands of journals and newspapers in all subject areas published since 1986, with full-text for many of these. Users may search the database by keyword, subject, or publication. Both scholarly and popular titles are indexed. While both [EBSCOhost](#) and [ProQuest Direct](#) index a number of different titles, there is a certain amount of overlap.

### **[ProQuest Direct](#)**

This comprehensive database provides access to thousands of current periodicals and newspapers, many of them updated daily and containing full-text articles from 1986, in all subject areas. Both scholarly and popular titles are included. Users may search by keyword, subject, or publication title. Many of the same titles that appear in [ProQuest Direct](#) are also indexed by [EBSCOhost](#).

## **WEB SITES**

### **[California Nations Indian Gaming Association](#)**

<http://www.cniga.com>

CNIGA is a non-profit group of seventy six federally-recognized tribal governments dedicated to protecting gaming rights on Indian lands by tracking and reviewing legal and policy issues. There are lists of member tribes and casinos (one of the few comprehensive online lists of tribal casinos in California), tribal and other regulators, and associate and professional members.

### **[Gambling and the Law: Understanding the Future of Internet Gambling](#)**

[http://www.gamblingandthelaw.com/internet\\_gambling.html](http://www.gamblingandthelaw.com/internet_gambling.html)

A lengthy article from I. Nelson Rose, professor of law, that offers a legal perspective on the future of Internet gambling primarily in the United States but drawing on experiences and precedents in other countries.

### **[Gambling Impact and Behavior Study](#)**

<http://www.norc.uchicago.edu/new/gambling.htm>

Comprises the report of the National Opinion Research Center at the University Of Chicago (NORC) to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission in 1999. This study focuses on adult gambling behavior and incidence, gambling among 16 and 17 year old youth, and the effect of casino locations on surrounding neighborhoods.

### **[National Council on Problem Gambling](#)**

<http://www.ncpgambling.org>

This is the official web site of the National Council on Problem Gambling, whose mission is to increase public awareness of pathological gambling, ensure the widespread availability of treatment for problem gamblers and their families, and to

encourage research and programs for prevention and education. Included is statistical information on adolescent gambling and problem gambling plus a chronology of significant events in the field of pathological gambling.

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