



## **PATHFINDER:** Drugs

This pathfinder will help you research drugs.

**SEARCH TOOLS:** Use the search stations in the library (or any computer in the school by using the URL 10.1.9.75:8080) to access the library's catalog to find materials in the library's collection.

**INTRODUCTORY MATERIALS:** Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation and other terms and ideas to expand your search terms.

**TERMS AND KEYWORDS:** Use the computer search stations to look for your book sources. You may try general words to find your subject like "drugs." This is a broad category so you may want to get more specific. Instead of just "drugs" try searching for the specific drug you are researching such as "marijuana" or "cocaine." Use the index in the back of the book for your specific, more detailed subject.

- drugs
- drug abuse
- addiction
- name of drug



**DEWEY NUMBERS:** The KHS Drew Library Media Center uses the Dewey Decimal System to catalog and organize materials. Begin your search for your drugs by using the following Dewey numbers:

361 - 364 The books in this section show the effects of drugs on society

613 - 618 The books in this section show the effects of drugs on the mind and body

**REFERENCE MATERIALS TO USE:** The books with a reference sticker cannot be checked out. However, you may make copies of the pages you need in them. Don't forget to copy the title page to use for your works cited page. Here are just a few of the books we have in the reference section that could help you out:

- REF 362.29 DRU Drugs and Society
- REF 613.8 DRU Drugs, alcohol and tobacco: learning about addictive behavior

- REF 615.1 BIG UXL encyclopedia of drugs and addictive substances
- REF 616.86 Substance Abuse Sourcebook

**INTERNET RESOURCES:** There are millions of websites with information on drugs. This can be a great source, however, make sure that the site you use has reliable, credible information. Here are some good sites to look at:

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/index.shtml> U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

[http://www.kidshealth.org/teen/drug\\_alcohol/drugs/know\\_about\\_drugs.html](http://www.kidshealth.org/teen/drug_alcohol/drugs/know_about_drugs.html) Teen Health -  
Drugs: What you should know

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/index.html> Office of National Drug Control  
Policy

**FICTION READING:** You may want to read a fiction book to supplement your research. Reading fiction books can give you a personal perspective. Here are some fiction books about this subject:

Smack by Melvin Burgess

Naked Lunch by William Burroughs

Crank by Ellen Hopkins

Glass by Ellen Hopkins

Stoner and Spaz by Ron Koertge

Dope Deal by Paul Kropp

Bottled up by Jaye Murray

Requiem for a Dream by Hubert Selby

**NON FICTION READING:** You may want to read a non fiction book (memoir or autobiography) to supplement your research. Reading these books can give you a personal perspective. Here are some non fiction books about this subject:

Dry by Augusten Burroughs

A Million Little Pieces by James Frey

Grace After Midnight by Felicia Pearson

Fear and Loathing: The Strange and Terrible Saga of Hunter S. Thompson by Paul Perry

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas by Hunter S. Thompson