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[On the Library Shelves](#)

Guide to Bogus Institutions and Documents

This small volume published by the [American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers](#) (AACRAO) provides the reader with information and the tools to fight the battle of diploma fraud and bogus universities. No one list can cover all of the possibilities or remain continually current. However, the intent is to present the issues surrounding this serious problem, to learn how to detect what is bogus, and to offer institutions ways to protect themselves. Additionally, the book sets guidelines to help institutions handle cases of fraud that may still occur. There are many aspects to this issue that include, among others, higher education, security, consumer protection, government, and law enforcement. Many of the pieces in this volume previously appeared in publications connected to AACRAO; others are original works or those reprinted with permission.

Chapters cover such diverse topics as "Bogus High Schools in the U.S.," "Transcript Fraud...", issues connected to foreign institutions, their records, and verification of those records, "Diploma Mills...", and many others.

This volume makes very interesting and enlightening reading about a topic of growing concern in the world of higher education. **(378.2 GUI)**

Gang Profiles: an Anthology

Published by the National Gang Crime Research Center

There are a total of 22 articles included in this volume, all of which were previously published in the [Journal of Gang Research](#), the official publication of the National Gang Crime Research

Center. They provide a comprehensive and quality overview of the information available on American gangs, including some of the most violent and unusual gang groups in operation today. Along with the Crips, the Vice Lords, and Satan's Disciples, this book also explores Security Threat Groups, The Brotherhoods, Skinheads, and many others.

If you want a book that will explain the various gangs, their agendas, and the concerns they pose to law enforcement and to society at large, this is the book to read. **(364.1066 GAN)**



[These Just In](#)

There are two recently-received reports that have been added to the ***Report Index***. The first, [Directory of Maryland Municipal Officials 2007](#), lists all of the municipal agencies by county as well as all of the municipalities in the state with important information (e.g., population, county in which located, legislative district, etc.). You might want to know that Sykesville has a population of 4433 individuals and 19 paid municipal employees.

[Sheriff's Guide to Effective Jail Operations](#) comes from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, and it outlines the efforts a sheriff should put forth to enable jail administrators to manage their jails effectively. In addition, this publication presents information to help sheriffs analyze problems in order to arrive at ways to improve the situation, manage liability issues, and upgrade operations within their facilities. Along with much useful information, this guide includes recommendations for the new sheriff to consider

in order to learn more about their specific facility and to identify potential problems and concerns.

This publication is based on the Resource Guide for Jail Administrators published by the NIC and is designed to serve as a companion piece to that guide.

Recent Acquisitions

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics 2003 – United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics

REF. 364.973 UNI

Physicians' Desk Reference 2006

REF. 615.1 PHY

Personal Report for the Administrative Professional (new magazine subscription)

Located on the magazine shelves in the middle of the library

Fun Reading



Consider the MPCTC library when thinking about giving away books in good condition. There is a fun reading section located in the stacks and it would be great if we could expand our offerings to those in the agency. Join the ranks of those utilizing this selection of books for fun reading.

Don't Forget

If you know what projects you will be working on over the next several months, please let me know. As I review my sources for purchase considerations, I can be on the lookout for materials that match your research/teaching needs. With more lead time, there is a better chance that what you need will be available when you need it.

As I Mentioned Previously...

Back in the fall, I mentioned a great resource that bears mentioning again. The **Government Reference Service** of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the central library resource in Baltimore City, provides a tremendous service to Maryland state government employees. Any document (journal article, federal or state government document, or special report) that is not available either in-house or from various Internet sources can be requested from them. Additionally, the **Government Reference Service** will search databases that cannot be accessed without a purchased subscription and send results to the requester.

This is obviously an important resource to utilize when the need arises and the more we use the **Government Reference Service**, the greater the likelihood that this service will not be discontinued.

Special points of interest:

- Always check the circulation desk for the most current issue of Training Notes.
- You can read the Carroll County Times online but nothing beats the rustling of those newspaper pages. The daily issue is available at the circulation desk.**
- Current magazines are on the clear shelves in the center aisle of the library. If you don't see the issue you need there, be sure to check the periodical boxes located on the shelves in the marked area.
- Speaking of magazines, don't forget that we subscribe to the Criminal Justice Periodical Index online. Just go to <http://proquest.umi.com/login> to search for journal articles. Not all of them will be available to you in full-text format but I can help you locate what you need.
- If you need a book that isn't available in our collection, I can request it on interlibrary loan. The process is relatively simple and items are usually sent within a few days. All you need to do is contact me with the bibliographic information and I can do the rest.

** If you borrow the newspaper to read during lunchtime or your break, please remember to return it to the circulation desk. I try to keep a week's worth of issues on hand to which our staff can refer.**

