



Problem Gambling Library

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Problem Gambling library grows rapidly

With over 6,000 items in the library we have had to expand the shelf space to accommodate them all. The library has five vertical files full of articles about gambling, problem gambling and related subject areas. Ten five tier book shelves are weighed down with stock on subjects ranging from generic gambling information, Maori and Pacific peoples, Asian, women, youth, mental health, health promotion, NZ gambling, crime, consumer protection, psychology, psychotherapy, counselling, treatment, best practice, advertising, policy, attitudes and behaviours, prevalence, regulation and legislation.

Access to these items is mainly via the library webpage www.pfgnz.org.nz/library/. Items can be ordered online and they are scanned or posted to clients. For those who chose to visit there is plenty of space to study or read. There is also a DVD player available to catch up with the latest gambling DVD releases.



New Books added in August/ September

A new community **Directory of support services 2009** for Auckland by Raeburn house is a valuable networking tool for counsellors and health promotion teams.

The Auckland City Council published their **Gambling venue policy review—option for consultation** in July 2009. A stark reminder of the where the next battle must be fought over TLA policies.

Finn and Schoech (2009) provide an interesting discussion on **Internet-delivered therapeutic interventions in human services**. They present current research on online interventions for counsellors, social workers and psychologists.

A graphic novel made from Schwartz's **Roll the bones. The history of gambling** provides an insight into the 'fathers' of Gambling.

**Please come and visit the library at PGFNZ Auckland Office
Level 1, 128 Khyber Pass Road, Grafton, Auckland.
Hours are 8.30am - 5.00pm during the week**



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Women

From Australia comes a DVD called **The machine and me**. Produced by Women's Health in the North this DVD is a documentary about the lives of four women who became problem gamblers through pokie machines. The women participated in a community theatre group storytelling project and the DVD shows how the women worked through the process realising that playing the pokies was not about winning.

Pacific peoples/Women

The Pacific longitudinal study on Pacific mothers and gambling has just published an article after two years of study. **Two years on: Gambling amongst Pacific mothers living in New Zealand** by Perese, Bellringer, Williams & Abbott. The article highlights the importance of studies in examining areas of risk and protective factors in relation to the development of problem gambling

Behaviour/Risk

A literature review on **Gambling and risk behaviour** carried out by Van Brunshot at the Albert Gaming Research Institute in March 2009 discusses its comorbidity with alcohol use, drug use, smoking and suicidal behaviour. It links the behaviours together and draws on sociological, psychological and economic accounts.

https://dspace.ucalgary.ca/bitstream/1880/47229/1/Gambling_and_Risk_Behaviour_Literature_Review_March_2009.pdf

Children

The UK National Lottery Commission released their 2009 report **British survey of children, the National Lottery and Gambling 1008-9. Report of a qualitative survey**. The survey was conducted by Ipsos MORI Social Research Institute in conjunction with the Centre for the Study of Gambling at Salford University. The survey found that gambling participation is down amongst children and suggest it could be due to education campaigns and advertisements on problem gambling, and also new legislation limiting access to gambling like the

slots. The rate had decreased from 17% to 9% on slots, and 5% to 2% on the lottery.

Crime

Williams & Walker examine what happens when offenders with gambling issues re-enter the community in their article **Does offender gambling on the inside continue on the outside?** Insights from Correctional Professionals on Gambling and Re-Entry. Correctional professionals from Nevada (high gambling availability) and Utah (no legalized gambling) discuss the issue and its impact in their respective locations. While gambling in prisons and jails may be common, offender gambling issues upon re-entry reportedly are associated with substance abuse and the commission of crime. Both groups felt ill equipped with resources to deal with the issue.

Advertising

An article in Journal of Gambling Studies September 2009, 25 (3): 273-295 by McMullan and Miller **Wins, Winning and Winners: The Commercial Advertising of Lottery Gambling** discusses a sample of 920 lottery ads from Atlantic. They found that there was an "ethos of winning" in the ads with embedded words, signs, myths, and symbols surrounding lottery gambling and conveyed a powerful imagery of winning and little reference to the actual odds of winning. The ads were especially designed for young people creating a positive orientation to wins, winning and winners. They concluded that enticing people with the prospects of huge jackpots, attractive consumer goods and easy wins, showcasing top prize winners, and providing dubious depictions that winning is life-changing was narrow and misleading and exploited some of the factors associated with at-risk gambling.

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