

Substance Abuse

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

FICTION

Smack by Melvin Burgess, 1998.

Teen Fiction Burgess

This book follows the lives of two young people in England as they run away from home and struggle to support their heroin addiction. The narrative is composed of the perspectives of the young people and the people around them. They end up dealing with homelessness and prostitution in this gritty tale. (Grade 8)

NONFICTION

Gateway Drugs by Noel Merino (ed.), 2008.

j616.86 G259

Explores the concept of the gateway drug and answers questions such as: "Are gateway drugs harmful?" and "What is the relationship between gateway drugs and other drugs?" Part of the Opposing Viewpoints series and offers different perspectives from multiple authors on the subject of Gateway Drugs. (Grade 8)

The Hidden Story of Drugs by Karen Latchana Kenney, 2014.

j616.86 K36h

This book offers personalized stories of drug abuse and the effects on the lives of those who choose to use them. It also contains descriptions of certain popular drugs and the effect they have on the body. Includes glossary. (Grades 6-8)

The Facts about Amphetamines by Francha Roffe Menhard, 2006

j616.864 M544f

Describes what an amphetamine is, what it does to the body, the legal implications of using amphetamines, and how to get treatment. (Grades 7-8)

Drug Abuse by Hal Marcovitz, 2009.

j616.86 M321d

This book talks about substance abuse and its effect on society. It includes such topics as "Drug Abuse in America" and "The War on Drugs." There is also a list of discussion questions and a list of drug addiction and drug enforcement organizations and their contact information. (Grades 7-8)

Discovering Wes Moore by Wes Moore, 2012.

j B M825d

Wes Moore discovers another person named Wes Moore from his own childhood neighborhood and explores the factors that created the differences between him and the other Wes Moore. Factors such as

the influence of family and mentors could have potentially made all the difference for the other Wes Moore, who ended up doing drugs and committing crimes and is now serving life in prison. (Grades 6-8)

Alcohol by Heather Lehr Wagner, 2003.

j 616.861 W133a

Part of the "Drugs, the Straight Facts" series, this book explores the effects of alcohol on the body and discussed the concept of alcoholism. (Grade 8)

Hooked: When Addiction Hits Home by Chloe Shantz-Hilkes (ed.), 2013.

j 616.86 H782

A series of anecdotes about young people dealing with addicted family members. A great resource for teens in these situations to realize they are not alone. (Grades 6-8)

Drugs: Teen FAQ Series by Ann Kramer 2010.

j 616.86 K89d

Addresses common questions teens may have about drugs and drug usage. Includes chapters on marijuana, club drugs, amphetamines and cocaine, hallucinogenic drugs, heroin, solvents, steroids, and prescription drugs. (Grade 7-8)

I've Got This Friend Who by Anna Redev (ed.), 2007.

j 616.860835 I94

Work created with the help of KidsPeace, a national children's crisis charity. With the help of six teens this book explores teen perceptions of alcohol and other drugs as well as includes the "why" behind the reasons kids begin engaging in these kinds of behaviors. The book is conversational in tone due to transcription of the teen's responses to the prompts. Also includes facts and figures. (Grade 8)