The following books offer guidelines, best practices, and case studies relating to restorative justice programs and healing circles, particularly in educational contexts; the list was compiled for CSB/SJU’s 28th Annual Peace Studies Conference, “Restorative Justice, Peacebuilding & the Use of Circles in Minnesota’s Schools and Communities.” Book descriptions come from publisher websites or WorldCat. All books are available through the CSB/SJU Libraries.

**Changing lenses: Restorative justice for our times**  
*Clemens HV8688 .Z437 2015*  
*Changing Lenses* offers a framework for understanding crime, injury, accountability, and healing from a restorative perspective. Uncovering widespread assumptions about crime, the courts, retributive justice, and the legal process, *Changing Lenses* offers provocative new paradigms and proven alternatives for public policy and judicial reform.

**Circle forward: building a restorative school community**  
*Clemens LB2822.8 .B66 2015*  
*Circle Forward* is a resource guide designed to help teachers, administrators, students and parents incorporate the practice of Circles into the everyday life of the school community. This resource guide offers comprehensive step-by-step instructions for how to plan, facilitate and implement the Circle for a variety of purposes within the school environment.

**Circle in the square: building community and repairing harm in school**  
*Clemens LB3013.3 .R52 2012*  
Nancy Riestenberg writes about challenges facing school communities and how restorative measures--specifically Circles--create a safer space for for all. She brings heart to subjects like bullying and other violence, suspension, drug use, and staff conflicts. The book focuses on strategies that actually work for the whole school community and the community in which they live.

**Doing democracy with circles: engaging communities in public planning**  
*Clemens JS331 .B275 2010*  
What could be more profound than sitting in a circle with others and listening together as you try to explore what really matters, what really can happen now? This book presents a do-able, understandable, non-threatening way that planners can learn along with community members about issues that concern them.
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Handbook of forgiveness
Alcuin BF637.F67 H36 2005
This book summarizes the state of the science in the research, practice, and teaching of forgiveness. Chapters approach forgiveness and reconciliation from a variety of perspectives, drawing on related work in fields such as biology, personality, social psychology, clinical psychology, developmental psychology, philosophy, neuroscience, and international/political implications.

Handbook of restorative justice: A global perspective
Alcuin HV8688 .H36 2006
A collection of original, cutting-edge essays that offer an insightful and critical assessment of the theory, principles, and practices of restorative justice around the globe. Its diverse essays explore the various methods of responding nonviolently to harms and also examine the dimensions of restorative justice in relation to criminology, victimology, traumatology and feminist studies.

The handbook of victim offender mediation: An essential guide to practice and research
eBook: In the book’s catalog record, click on the “Check eResources” link and select the “Full Text Online” option
This book provides practical guidance and resources for offering victim mediation in property crimes, in minor assaults, and, more recently, with crimes of severe violence, including with family members of murder victims who request to meet the offender.

Heart of Hope: A guide for using peacemaking circles to develop emotional literacy, promote healing and build healthy relationships
Clemens HV1421 .B69 2010
Heart of Hope provides specific formats for conducting effective Circles around developing emotional literacy and building healthy relationships.
Just schools: a whole school approach to restorative justice

Ebook: In the book’s catalog record, click on the “Check eResources” link and select the “Full Text Online” option

Restorative justice can create an ethic of care and justice that makes schools safer and happier, not only through reducing conflict, but also in terms of developing active citizenship skills, good self-esteem, open communication, and teamwork in students. This practical handbook presents a whole school approach using peer mediation, healing circles, and conference circles.

Justpeace ethics: A guide to restorative justice and peacebuilding

Clemens HV8688 .S28 2008; Alcuin HV8688 .S28 2008

This simple companion to justpeace ethics helps those struggling with how to respond to conflict and violence in both just and peaceful ways. The book offers practical examples of how analysis, intervention, and evaluation can be rooted in a justpeace imagination.

The little book of circle processes: A new/old approach to peacemaking

Clemens HM1126 .P73 2005

Peacemaking Circles are used in neighborhoods to provide support for those harmed by crime and to decide sentences for those who commit crime, in schools to create positive classroom climates and resolve behavior problems, in the workplace to deal with conflict, and in social services to develop more organic support systems for people struggling to get their lives together.

The little book of restorative justice: Revised and updated

Clemens HV8688 .Z44 2014

Zehr proposes workable principles and practices for making Restorative Justice possible in this revised and updated edition of his bestselling, seminal book on the movement. He first explores how restorative justice is different from criminal justice, and then presents Restorative Justice practices. This resource is also suitable for academic classes and workshops, for conferences and trainings, as well as for the layperson interested in understanding this innovative and influential movement.
The little book of restorative justice for colleges and universities: repairing harm and rebuilding trust in response to student misconduct
Clemens LB2344 .K37 2013

Here’s a call to colleges and universities to consider implementing restorative practices on their campuses, ensuring fair treatment of students and staff, while minimizing institutional liability, protecting the campus community, and boosting morale.

The little book of restorative justice for people in prison: Rebuilding the web of relationships
Clemens HV8688 .T64 2006

Restorative justice, with its emphasis on identifying the justice needs of everyone involved in a crime, is helping restore prisoners’ sense of humanity while holding them accountable for their actions. The author shows how these practices can change prison culture and society. Written for an incarcerated audience, and for all those who work with people in prison, this book also clearly outlines the experiences and needs of this under-represented part of our society.

New directions in restorative justice: Issues, practice, evaluation
Clemens HV8688 .I58 2005

This book addresses a number of developments in restorative justice, and is based on papers from the 6th International Conference on Restorative Justice in Vancouver. It is concerned with several new areas of practice, with sections on restorative justice and youth, aboriginal justice and restorative justice, victimization and restorative justice, and evaluating restorative justice.

Peacemaking circles: from crime to community
Alcuin HV9279 .P73 2003

A time-tested paradigm for healing relationships, Peacemaking Circles explores how communities can respond to crimes in ways that address the needs and interests of all those affected. Based on indigenous teachings combined with current research in conflict resolution, the Circle process builds an intentionally safe space. Though the book relates the process to criminal justice, the explanation of Circle philosophy and practice can be readily applied to hurts and conflicts in other areas of life.
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The pocket guide to restorative justice
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This pocket-sized guide covers every stage of the process, from how a facilitator should prepare for taking on a new case, through initial contacts with victim and offender and facilitating meetings, to recording and evaluating a case. This is an invaluable companion for any professional needing to know about restorative justice.

Reconstructing restorative justice philosophy
eBook: In the book’s catalog record, click on the “Check eResources” link and select the “Full Text Online” option

This book takes bold steps in forming philosophical foundations for restorative justice. It integrates various disciplines such as law, criminology, philosophy, and human rights into restorative justice theory.

Reframing campus conflict: student conduct practice through a social justice lens
Clemens LB2345 .R44 2009

How many hate or bias incidents occurred on your campus this past year? Did any students opt out of filing formal charges? Complementing the "Model Student Disciplinary Code", this book opens up a whole new range of approaches and models that readers can adapt to their institutional circumstances.

Repositioning restorative justice
Alcuin HV8688 .R46 2003

This book’s central theme is the positioning, or repositioning, of restorative justice in contexts where it can offer hope to communities both fearful of crime and looking for more socially constructive responses to crime. At the same time restorative justice practitioners seek how to reconcile the informal, participatory philosophy of restorative justice with formal legal processes and the need for legal safeguards.
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Restorative community justice: Repairing harm and transforming communities
Clemens HV8688 .R47 2001

An anthology of original essays, this book presents debates over practice, theory, and implementation of restorative justice. Attention is focused on the movement’s direction toward a more holistic, community-oriented approach to criminal justice intervention.

Restorative justice and criminal justice: Competing or reconcilable paradigms?
Alcuin HV8688 .R492 2003

This volume provides an analytic exploration of Restorative Justice and its potential advantages and disadvantages. Chapters of the book examine the aims and limiting principles that should govern Restorative Justice, its appropriate scope of application, its social and legal contexts, its practice and impact in a number of jurisdictions and its relation to more traditional criminal justice conceptions.

Restorative justice and responsive regulation
eBook: In the book’s catalog record, click on the “Check eResources” link and select the “Full Text Online” option

This wide-ranging book challenges us to develop a legal system that works more efficiently and fairly with a morally decent approach to social problems of all stripes.

Restorative justice dialogue: An essential guide for research and practice
Clemens HV8688 .U527 2010

This book provides a comprehensive foundation for understanding restorative justice and its application worldwide to numerous social issues. The authors blend theory, practice, empirical research, and case studies to discuss a range of topics from specific models of restorative justice to the role of facilitators in restorative justice dialogue.
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Restorative justice for juveniles: conferencing, mediation and circles
Clemens HV8688 .R472 2001

This book provides an up to date and critical account of recent developments in criminal justice which reflect restorative justice principles.

Restorative justice: how it works
eBook: In the book’s catalog record, click on the “Check eResources” link and select the “Full Text Online” option

This comprehensive guide provides an introduction to the philosophy of restorative justice and its practical application, showing how it can help both victims and offenders when harm has been done. The author uses case examples to illustrate how restorative justice can be used effectively to work with crime and its effects. Also includes a sections on confronting bullying in schools.

Restorative justice: ideals and realities
eBook: In the book’s catalog record, click on the “Check eResources” link and select the “Full Text Online” option

This book provides a critical perspective on the aspirations of advocates of restorative justice and the direction in which restorative justice is developing. It examines ways forward for the restorative justice movement – and the development of practices – with a coherent set of restorative justice ideals.

Restorative justice: Ideas, values, debates
Alcuin HV8688 .J64 2002

Restorative Justice: Ideas, Values, Debates is renowned worldwide as an accessible, balanced and invaluable analysis of the argument that restorative justice can provide an attractive alternative to traditional responses to crime.
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**Restorative justice in the United States: An introduction**
*Clemens HV8688 .D67 2007*

This book provides a thorough overview of the restorative justice system, emphasizing both its complex and controversial dimensions. It features a balanced approach to the topic, providing readers with discussions of definitional issues, public policy history in the United States, and a context of comparative ideology.

**Restorative justice on the college campus: promoting student growth and responsibility, and reawakening the spirit of campus community**
*Clemens LB2344 .R47 2004*

The book introduces the major restorative practices: accountability boards, conferencing, and victim offender mediation/dialogue; provides case studies; and speculates on the promise of restorative justice for today’s students.

**A restorative justice reader**
*Clemens HV8688 .R494 2013*

*A Restorative Justice Reader* brings together carefully chosen extracts from the most important and influential contributions to the literature of restorative justice, accompanying these with an informative commentary providing context and explanation. Classical readings are accompanied by more recent literature representing the most significant contributions to research, discussion and debate concerning restorative justice.

**Restorative justice, reconciliation, and peacebuilding**
*Clemens HV8688 .R4945 2014*

The twin concepts of reconciliation and restorative justice, both involving the holistic restoration of right relationship, contain not only a compelling logic of justice but also great promise for resolving peacebuilding’s tensions and for constructing and assessing its institutions and practices. This book develops not only the core content of these concepts but also their implications for accountability, forgiveness, reparations, traditional practices, human rights, and international law.
Restorative justice: Rooted in Respect (DVD)  
Clemens DVD HV8688 .R478 2010

Explore how restorative justice works to build community, restore relationships and speak to harm and conflict. Examine how perspectives and understandings of restorative justice have been broadened.

Restorative justice: Theories and practices of moral imagination  
eBook: In the book’s catalog record, click on the “Check eResources” link and select the “Full Text Online” option

Criminal and juvenile justice systems in the United States are in crisis. One response to this crisis has been restorative justice. Levad explores the moral imagination of restorative justice as an alternative framework for understanding and responding to crime, drawing together philosophical virtue ethics inspired by Aristotle’s discussion of equity as the highest form of justice.

Restorative justice today: Practical applications  
Clemens HV8688 .R496 2013

This book takes a hard look at the issues and concepts surrounding restorative justice and current restorative practices used in a broad range of areas today. In a time when the cost of prisons and jails is on the rise resulting in more offenders being kept out of the community, this timely book exposes readers to a range of restorative practices that can be implemented.

Restoring justice: An introduction to restorative justice  
Clemens HV8688 .V36 2015

This book explores the broad appeal and offers a brief history of the development of restorative justice. The book presents a theoretical foundation for the principles and values of restorative justice and develops its four corner post ideas of encounter, amends, inclusion, and reintegration.
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The spiritual roots of restorative justice
*Alcuin BL65.J87 S65 2001*

This interdisciplinary study explores what major spiritual traditions say about criminal justice in general and Restorative Justice in particular. Recognizing the ongoing interdisciplinary research into the complex relationships between religion and violence, the contributors clarify how faith-based principles of reconciliation, restoration, and healing might be implemented in pluralistic multicultural societies.

The sustainability of restorative justice
eBook: In the book’s catalog record, click on the “Check eResources” link and select the “Full Text Online” option

By analyzing six case studies of restorative conferencing events in the Republic of Ireland, the authors aim to address the salient question of how restorative conferencing for young offenders can facilitate an exchange process whereby forms of reparation and social regulation may be achieved.

Understanding victims and restorative justice
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This book examines the relationship between the rise of the “victim movement” and the emergence of “restorative justice.” It assesses their strengths and weaknesses in meeting the needs of victims as part of the overall response to crime.

Will the circle be unbroken? Aboriginal communities, restorative justice, and the challenges of conflict and change
*Alcuin E78.C2 D53 2005*

This book engages with the theory and reality of 'community' in an Aboriginal context, constructing a detailed portrait of patterns of daily life, agency, conflict, and disorder. The implications of these factors for the development, implementation, and sustainability of restorative justice projects are explored, with special attention to such prominent programs as conferencing, sentencing circles, and healing circles.
Interested in finding additional resources?
Try these subject heading links:
- Healing circles.
- Restorative justice.
- Restorative justice United States.
- Community-based corrections.
- Conflict management.
- Interpersonal conflict.
- Universities and colleges Discipline.

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