Restorative Justice Annotated Bibliography

1. **Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime – Restorative Justice in Canada**
   This link provides an in-depth look at restorative justice in Canada, including where it comes from, how it is currently being used, and what the main differences are between youth and adult programs. As well, there is a comprehensive and honest analysis of the limitations of restorative justice in our current system. Even though it is written more like a paper, the language is still accessible and, even with all of the content, the document is not overly long.

2. **The John Howard Society of Alberta**
   This link takes you to one of the most broadly based restorative centres in the province. They conduct research, provide training to community members in six distinct areas across Alberta, and publish free resources for teachers who want to incorporate restorative justice principles into their classrooms. Their focus is more heavily skewed toward youth justice, but they provide services for people from all parts of the community.

3. **Correctional Service Canada**
   This link takes you to the Canadian government’s guide to restorative justice. The focus is on promoting public safety, and the website offers a brief overview of facts about restorative justice, as well as information about their specific restorative program, the Restorative Opportunities Program, which is a post-sentence mediation program. Additionally, the CSC provides an excellent list of resources available in each province and territory, under the Canadian Inventory of Restorative Justice Programs and Services, as well as links to various reports and publications.

4. **Alberta Restorative Justice Association**
   This link takes you to one of the non-profit organizations in Alberta that focuses on researching best practices for restorative justice, and on bringing volunteers together with already existing programs in the province. The ARJA publishes reports and educational material that can easily be accessed by anyone from their website. As well, they help other organizations maintain their existing restorative justice programs and develop new ones. This website would be a good place to start if you are looking at starting a restorative program in your community.

5. **Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Community Justice Forum**
   This link takes you to the information page for the restorative justice program championed by the RCMP—the community justice forum. The site gives a brief outline of the CJF process, and details the benefits of participating in one, as well as what qualifications you need to meet in order to participate. The only downside is that, in order to get information about CJFs in your specific area, you have to go to your local RCMP detachment in person.

6. **Simon Fraser University – Centre for Restorative Justice**
   This link takes you to the restorative justice research centre at SFU, located in Burnaby, BC. As the only university to have a dedicated research centre for restorative justice, the publications provide a unique perspective on how academia is approaching the growth of restorative justice in the Canadian justice system. While much of the research is focused on the state of restorative justice in British Columbia—the province with the largest number of restorative programs across Canada—many of their publications would be useful for any interested practitioners or educators.
7. **Mediation & Restorative Justice Centre**
   This link takes you to one of the non-profit organizations in Alberta, based in Edmonton, which focuses on training facilitators and building safer communities. The MRJC takes a unique approach to restorative justice, as many of their services are proactive—designed to be implemented into communities, workplaces, and schools *before* crime has been committed in order to further prevent its occurrence. They also provide training and traditional victim-offender based programs. Unfortunately, their presence within the province is not as large as other organizations.

8. **Restorative Justice Online**
   This link takes you to one of the largest online collections about restorative justice as it exists in the world. The site has an almost overwhelming wealth of resources, including a digital library, a frequently updated blog, video presentations, support forums, and links to relevant articles across the web. The information provided on the site is a collection of the most recent and important research, discussions, and programs in the field. If you are searching for a specific topic, it can be a bit difficult to parse out which ones relate to your geographic area, but there is the ability to search only for information as it relates to your continent.