



Library Notes



On the fast track to information . . .

Fall 2004

Multicultural Resources

The United States is an increasingly culturally diverse nation. According to the 2000 census, one in ten people living in the United States is foreign born. Being aware of cultural differences among diverse racial and ethnic groups and taking steps to apply knowledge of cultural differences is part of a number of courses at Mott.

Multicultural Resources are used by Mott College students enrolled in a variety of classes. These classes include Human Relations, Trans-cultural Nursing and Race and Ethnic Relations. The Mott Library offers information for these students in a wide range of formats:

Circulating Books

Cultures of the World – the Mott Library owns about 70 books in this series. Each book provides an overview of a country's culture and history.

Cultures and Customs – another series of books that provides background information on individual countries.

Reference Books

The World Book Encyclopedia of People and Places (Reference G 63 .W61 2004) – from climate to currency, from main rivers to major religions, each country in the world is given a 4 to 20 page overview.

Death and the Afterlife: A Cultural Encyclopedia (Reference GT 3150 .T25 2000) – this single volume “celebrates” the diversity of death beliefs and practices around the world.

WorldMark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life (Reference GN 333 .W67 1998) – this 4 volume set explores over 500 culture groups throughout the world shaped by geography, race, language, religion, nationality and ethnicity.

Online Resources

www.library.mcc.edu, choose “Online Resources”

Culturegrams Online Edition – the electronic version of a multi-volume reference book set that

has been around in print form for many years. Every country in the world is covered in a four page section that provides background on its people, lifestyles, customs and society.

General Reference Center Gold – the “old workhorse” at the Mott Library is a great place to go to find a variety of articles from magazines, journals and newspapers on a wide variety of cultures and countries. Examples include: Mennonites (94 references), Sherpas (27 references), Deaf (512 references) and Cajuns (105 references).

Professional Collection – unfortunately this database's title does not even hint at the valuable education resources it contains. Use it to find articles on multicultural teaching, learning and counseling.



On The Wire ... Web Sites of Interest

Lift Every Voice: Music in American Life
<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/speccol/exhibits/music/index.html> The University of Virginia Library's special exhibition that focuses on the history behind the United States' hymns, minstrels, patriotic songs and protest songs. The site includes audio clips, photographs and digital images of historical papers.

Seattle Community College's Television
<http://www.scctv.net/> The SCctv website broadcasts, 24 hours a day, their academic and vocational telecourses available to all at no charge. You can browse their calendar of programming to see what interests you. On Friday nights, at 9 pm PST, Professor Fred Fridays presents “Movie Marvels” which features a different horror film each week.

Boreal Forest Ecology
<http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/courses.hp/bio366/> Dr. Vicent St. Louis' course on Boreal Ecology from the University of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The heart of the website is contained in the lecture notes and course outline.