Finding Multicultural Materials

Multicultural refers to books, regardless of genre, that have as the main character a person who is a member of a racial, religious, or language culture other than European-American. The Goldstein library has a large collection of multicultural works spread throughout the library. For a short list of some materials you should see the Juvenile literature and other information resources for ESL students document.

How to search for multicultural materials

By Subject

1. Go to the Goldstein Library site: [http://www.goldstein.cci.fsu.edu](http://www.goldstein.cci.fsu.edu)

2. From here you can search by subject heading. This allows for advanced searching by subject. Some common subject headings would be “multicultural”, “ethnic” and “bilingual”. Type in “multicultural” in the first box. In the box beside it select the option to search by subject headings. Click Submit.

3. On the Search Results screen, the column on the left allows the search to be narrowed. You can narrow the results to the Goldstein Library by clicking on ‘FSU Goldstein Library’ under Library/Collection.
4. From here you can further limit the search results if desired. For example, once the search has been limited to the Goldstein library, if you would like to find books for very young children you can click the ‘Easy and Picture Books’ tab under the Library Collection heading. This will only display results from Goldstein’s Easy Collection.
By Award

1. Go to the Goldstein Library site: http://www.goldstein.cci.fsu.edu

2. As an example, to do a search for the Coretta Scott King Award winners, type “Coretta Scott King Award” into the search box. In the box below it select the option to search by subject headings. This allows for advanced searching by subject. Click Submit.

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5. The results page should return a list of results who have won or been nominated for the Coretta Scott King Award. Most award winning books are shelved separately, so you will need to click on the detailed record for the item to find its location. For example, this is a part of the detailed record for the book Copper Sun by Sharon Draper. It is focused on the bottom of the record, which is where the NOTES are listed. You can see that this book is located in the “Other Awards Display” collection.
Online Multicultural Resources

Awards for Multicultural Youth Literature. Available at [http://www.pages.drexel.edu/~dea22/multaward.htm](http://www.pages.drexel.edu/~dea22/multaward.htm)
Webpage sponsored by Drexel University that lists most awards for multicultural juvenile literature.

Cooperative Children’s Book Center’s page on Multicultural literature. Available at [http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/multicultural.asp](http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/multicultural.asp)
Webpage sponsored by the University of Wisconsin that includes many online resources like booklists, and links to other relevant pages about multicultural literature.

Online digital library of children’s books from around the world, most written in their native languages.

FSU Resources

Online

**Children's literature comprehensive database**
Contains more than 75,000 critical reviews of children's books, ranging from the earliest baby board books to novels and nonfiction for young adults.

**Encyclopedia of multicultural education**

**Teaching Books**
Teaching Books makes instantly available original, in-studio movies of authors and illustrators, audio excerpts of professional book readings, guides to thousands of titles and a wealth of multimedia resources on children's and young adult literature.

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