



## Curriculum Laboratory

# Searching for Multicultural Library Materials for Students

For further assistance using any of the resources in the Lab, please ask at the Curriculum Lab Information Services Desk. Visit [our site](#) through U of L Library's main page <http://www.uleth.ca/lib>.



## DEFINE YOUR TOPIC AND CHECK BASIC SOURCES

- **Educational Dictionaries and Encyclopedias** may assist you in defining your educational terms. There are several behind the Curriculum Laboratory Information Desk.
- Check [E-Reference](#) under "Basic Search Sites" on the Curriculum Laboratory Main Page. Select "Education" from the subject menu.

Multiculturalism is a term used mostly in Canada to counter the term "biculturalism" and can be defined as "a society that is characterized by ethnic or cultural heterogeneity; or, an ideal of equality and mutual respect among a population's ethnic or cultural groups" ([The Canadian Encyclopedia](#) (1988), p. 1401)

Multicultural literature can be used "as a window through which to view others, as a mirror to see oneself, or as a vehicle to go elsewhere." (Granahan, Louise M. (1999). Window, mirror and vehicle: the impact of multicultural children's literature. [Orbit](#), 30(3), 12)

The Curriculum Lab Staff have created a list of [Recommended Books For Promoting Multiculturalism](#).

Consult the following **bibliographic tools** for more multicultural books. Titles may be found in either the main library or curriculum Laboratory. The terms in brackets illustrate how a catalogue keyword search can lead to this item or others of a similar nature.

**A to zoo : subject access to children's picture books** / Carolyn W. Lima, John A. Lima (7th ed.) 011.62 Lim 2006 (*Ethnic groups in the U.S.*)

**Across cultures : a guide to multicultural literature for children** / Kathy East, Rebecca L. Thomas. 305.8 Eas

**Adventuring with books : a booklist for pre-K to grade 6** (13th ed.) 011.62 Boo 2002 (*Cultural groups; Multiculturalism*)

**Best books for children : preschool through grade 6** (8th ed.) / John T. Gillespie. 011.62 Gil 2006 Ref. (+ 2007 supplement) (*Indians of North America - Fiction*)

**Best books for junior high readers** / John T. Gillespie. Z 1037 B474 1991

**Best books for young teen readers, grade 7 to 10** / John T. Gillespie. 011.62 Bes (*Hispanic Americans - Fiction; Native Americans - Fiction*)

**Building bridges with multicultural picture books for children 3-5** / Janice J. Beaty. 370.117 Bea

**Canadian connections : experiencing literature with children** / Ron Jobe, Paula Hart. 372.64 Job

**Children's books from other countries** / Carl M. Tomlinson, editor. 011.62 Chi Ref.

**Children's literature arrangements : a thematic listing of books** / Glen Huser for Edmonton Public Schools. 011.62 Hus (*Multicultural stories*)

**Contemporary books reflecting Canada's cultural diversity** / Lisa L. Strong 971.004 Str

**Cultural connections : using literature to explore world cultures with children** / Ron Jobe. 306 Job

**Cultural journeys : multicultural literature for children and young adults** / Pamela S. Gates and Dianne L. Hall Mark. 305.8 Gat

Horn Book magazine. March/April 1995, vol. 71, no. 2. **Special issue on multicultural literature.**

**Kaleidoscope : a multicultural booklist for grades K-8** (3rd ed.) 016.3058 Kal

**Literature-based multicultural activities: an integrated approach** / Mary Beth Spann. 306.4 Spa  
**Reviews@EdmontonPublicSchools General Collection** (online). Available to Education students on the Digital Resource Subscriptions web page. (*Multiculturalism; Social Studies*)  
**Reviews@EdmontonPublicSchools Aboriginal Collection** (online). Available to Education students on the Digital Resource Subscriptions web page. (*Multiculturalism; Social Studies*)  
**Literature connections** / Edmonton Public Schools. 011.62 Lit (*Multiculturalism*)  
**Multicultural classroom** / Saskatchewan Association for Multicultural Education. 370.117 Mul  
**Multicultural friendship stories and activities for children ages 5-14** / Patricia L. Roberts. 370.117 Rob  
**The multicultural math classroom : bringing in the world** / Claudia Zaslavsky. 510.7 Zas Gr.EC-9  
**Native Americans in children's literature** / Jon C. Stott. PS 173 I6 S76 1995  
**Our family, our friends, our world : an annotated guide to significant multicultural books for children & teenagers** / Lyn Miller-Lachmann. Z 1037 M54 1992  
**Picture books for children** / Patricia Jean Cianciolo. (4th ed.) 011.62 Cia  
**Pika : database of Canadian children's books** / National Library of Canada. (Includes English and French books) [http:// www.nlc-bnc.ca/pika/](http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/pika/)  
**Through Indian eyes : the native experience in books for children** / Beverly Slapin and Doris Seale. (3rd ed.) 970.1 Sla



## GET RELEVANT CURRICULUM PUBLICATIONS

● **Alberta Education's Programs of Study** mandate what must be taught in Alberta schools. They serve as a starting point for all investigations of the Alberta school curriculum. All Programs of Study for each subject and grade are available **in print** (See the 375 section of the Curriculum Laboratory), as well as **online**.

● **Core Curriculum Documents** (e.g. guides to implementation, illustrative examples, teacher resource manuals, curriculum guides, etc.) give teachers **ideas on how to teach** the learning expectations and outcomes mandated in the Programs of Studies. Older core curriculum documents are found **in print only**. They are shelved in the **375** section of the Curriculum Laboratory under the specific subjects (**375 Art, 375 Math, 375 PhysEd.** etc).

**IN PRINT:** The **General Program of Studies** for **Elementary, Junior High** or **Senior High School** includes all subjects/grades and can be found in large binders in the Curriculum Laboratory. Multiple copies are found in the **375 Gen** section. If any of the core documents are shelved in a separate location, a **purple sheet** will direct you.

**ONLINE:** Visit Alberta Education's "Teachers" tab. The "[programs of study](#)" link will lead you to a list of subjects taught in Alberta. To view the **core curriculum documents** (support material, as defined above) for that subject, select "**learning and teaching resources**".

One manifestation of the diversity in Canadian society is multiculturalism. Multiculturalism is covered throughout the new Alberta Social Studies curriculum in every grade. Particular emphasis appears in:

- Grade 1, Topic 1: My World: Home, School, and Community
- Grade 2, Topic 1: Canada's Dynamic Communities
- Grade 4, Topic 2: The Stories, Histories and People of Alberta
- Grade 7, Topics 1 & 2: Canada : Origins, Histories and Movement of Peoples

- [The Curriculum Publications Chart](#) is posted on the ends of the Curriculum Publications library shelves and can guide you through the types of available curriculum documents for each subject <http://www.uleth.ca/edu/currlab/handoutsnew/currchart09.pdf>.
- For an overview of all types of curriculum publications see "[What Are Curriculum Publications](#)", found on our web page under "Handouts."
- "[Curriculum In a Nutshell](#)," found on the web page under "Handouts," provides a brief overview of the main online curriculum resources. ● **Alberta Education's Programs of Study** mandate what must be taught in Alberta schools. They serve as a starting point for all investigations of the Alberta school curriculum. All Programs of Study for each subject and grade are available **in print** (See the 375 section of the Curriculum Laboratory), as well as **online**.



## FIND BASIC AND SUPPORT RESOURCES RECOMMENDED BY ALBERTA EDUCATION

### IN PRINT:

- **Alberta Education maintains an [Authorized Resources Database](#).** Resources are available in three categories:
  - Student Basic:** Comprehensive resource that covers most objectives (i.e. textbook).
  - Student Support:** Covers one or some of the topics for that grade/subject.
  - Teaching:** Supports evaluation and implementation & is intended for teachers.
- A link to the **Resource Database** is found under **Basic Sites** on the upper right of the [Curriculum Laboratory main webpage](#).
- **Searching for recommended resources:** You can choose "Authorization Status", depending on whether you want *Basic*, *Support* or *Teaching* Resources.
- **The Curriculum Laboratory orders almost all of these resources from the LRC** (Learning Resources Center). You can search to see if we have them in the [Library Catalogue](#).

For example, for **Grade 1**, Topic 1 Social Studies, two basic texts with a multicultural focus are:

Many voices, grade 1 / Lynn Bryan.	300.7 Man Gr.1
Our world 1 : my community / Maryrose O'Neill.	300.7 Our Gr.1

For **Grade 2**, Topic 1, two of the basic student texts are:

Many voices, grade 2 / Lynn Bryan.	300.7 Man Gr.2
Our world 2 : Canadian communities / Don Massey.	300.7 Our Gr.2

For **Grade 4**, Topic 2, two of the basic student texts are:

Voices of Alberta : people, places and possibilities (Many Voices)	971.23 Voi Gr.4
Our Alberta / [Marcia Tyerman, Trudie BonBernard, Phyllis Cardinal]	971.23 Tye Gr.4

For **Grade 7**, Topics 1 & 2, some materials about our multicultural and bilingual country of Canada include:

Voices and visions : a story of Canada / Daniel Francis; contributing authors, Angus Scully and Jill Germain.	971 Fra Gr.7
Our Canada : origins, peoples and perspectives / [David Rees, Darrell Anderson Gerrits, Gratien Allaire].	971 Ree Gr.7

**ONLINE:**

● Find a wealth of curriculum-related information through Alberta Education's [LearnAlberta.ca](http://LearnAlberta.ca)\* (including audiovisual clips, lesson plans, games, experiments etc.)

● Click on "Programs of Study" to find resources for a specific outcome. Browse through the learner outcomes and look for these symbols:



Backpack symbol = **student resource**



Apple symbol = **teacher resource or lesson plan**

\*You will need a username and password. Refer to the "Digital Resources Subscriptions Passwords" handout distributed in PS I and PSII.

● Click on "Online Resource Centre" to find subscription sources that give related content or can be used for student-led research (eg. Encyclopedias, interactive books, atlases)

Learn Alberta is constantly adding new resources and already has a number that support International Languages, French and Aboriginal Studies instruction.

**Try the "Resource Search" tab:**

- Select International languages, French, or Aboriginal studies in the check boxes.
- Try entering one of languages covered in the International Languages curriculum: Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, Punjabi, Spanish, Ukrainian.



## FIND RELATED ASSESSMENT MATERIALS

**IN PRINT:**

● Check the titles you have already located (in step 3). Many teaching materials include a section on evaluation.

● Look up the title in the catalogue to see if there are **additional assessment volumes**.

● For textbooks, check the teacher's manual (or the additional volumes) for assessment materials.

**ONLINE:**

● Visit [The Alberta Assessment Consortium \(AAC\)](http://The Alberta Assessment Consortium (AAC))\* for assessment foundations, materials, unit plans, assessment templates, performance assessments etc.








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● Review our handout on [Evaluation of Students](#), found in the "Handouts" section of the Curriculum Laboratory's main page.




## SEARCH THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE

### Use the library catalogue to find other teaching materials:

-  fiction and picture books
-  eBooks
-  non-fiction books for K-12
-  manipulatives and interactive kits
-  maps, posters, audio sets
-  DVDs
-  books with teaching ideas

 Hint: **Limit your search to U of L Curriculum Laboratory** for practical teaching material by using the “**Modify Search**” option at the top of the results page or using the “**Advanced Search**”.

 [The handouts section](#) of our main web page provides you with many subject-specific guides including suggested search terms/search strategies for the Library Catalogue.

Try the following recommended search terms:

- Multiculturalism
- Pluralism (Social sciences)
- Multicultural education

Most books are about specific ethnic or cultural groups, so more specific subject headings will be assigned to materials such as:

- Japanese Canadians
- Japanese Canada
- Indians of North America Canada\*
- Ukrainian Canadians
- German Canadians
- Black Canadians
- Blacks Canada
- African Americans
- Japanese Americans

**If you want to find multicultural fiction**, you will only find a few items (generally short stories) under the subject heading "multiculturalism fiction", because more specific subject headings will be assigned to the books. The most effective search is to attach the word "fiction" to a specific ethnic or cultural group

eg. Indians of North America\* Canada Fiction, japanese canadians fiction, etc.

**An Advanced Search Tip: Use Truncation** (an asterisk substitutes for letters and makes your terms flexible)

- Native people\* Canada (which will search for Native people Canada **AND** Native peoples Canada)
- Japan\* Canad\* (which will search for Japanese Canada **AND** Japanese Canadian **AND** Japanese Canadians **AND** Japan Canada)

*\*Note that the Library Catalogue uses terms that are not considered culturally sensitive. Like most libraries worldwide, we use standard headings from the U.S. Library of congress. Recent changes in other controversial headings suggest there is hope for change in the future.*



## BROWSE THE SHELVES

- Get familiar with the **Dewey Decimal numbers (000-999) for your subjects of interest**. Once you know the numbers, you can also use them to browse in a school library. Find lists of relevant Dewey numbers on the [Specific School Subject Handouts](#).
- Signs on the ends of the Curriculum Lab's shelves break down the Dewey Decimal System into its broad categories.

A wealth of material on multiculturalism will be scattered throughout the Curriculum Laboratory, depending on whether you want the political, cultural, historical, or fictionalized aspect of it. The best way to find them is by searching the Library Catalogue.



## SEARCH THE INTERNET



Use our [Great Sites](#) link (found on our main page) to access a wealth of invaluable teaching resources:

- **Digital Resource Subscriptions, including:**
  - Reading activities and support materials
  - Audio and video clips with lesson plans and teacher guide
  - Career planning tools for students
  - Worksheet libraries
  - Assessment tools
- **Teacher's sites:** lists many of the main Internet sites used by teachers.
- **Lesson Plans**
- **Specific School Subject websites**
- **The Children's And Young Adult Literature** section of our main web page contains links to sites arranged into these categories: Reviews, Pathfinders, Awards, Wigham Family Collection, Literature Finding Sites, Author and Illustrator Sites, and eBooks.

[Eric Digests](#) (under great sites) provide short reports which give you an overview of a topic. Try the headings "multiculturalism" and "multicultural literature".

### Visit the following external sites:

Browse the [2Learn.ca site](#) for ideas, links, and articles. Material on multiculturalism can be found under the following themes: Cultural Diversity, Canadiana, and Aboriginal Peoples.

[Online resources for Canadian Heritage](#) (Canadian Museum of Civilizations) has information on multiculturalism under the section "Folk culture and popular culture".

[Canadian Museum of Civilization](#) has online resources for Canadian Heritage, including multiculturalism.

[National Library of Canada. Canadian Information by Subject](#) and search for the term "Multiculturalism".



## SEARCH FOR EDUCATION ARTICLES

If you are not finding what you need in curriculum documents, books, [www.learnalberta.ca](http://www.learnalberta.ca), or recommended websites, **consider searching for articles**.

Beside the “Find Articles” tab on the [library home page](#), click on the “**Databases by subject**” tab and scroll to “Education”.

These databases are a great place to start:

- **ERIC**: the world's largest source of information on educational research and practice.
- **ERIC Digests.org**: short reports which give a brief overview of any educational topic or issue.
- **CBCA Complete**: An interdisciplinary database providing access to the principal literature published in **Canada**, including education.
- **ProQuest Education Journals** or **Academic Search Complete**

Once you have chosen a database, type in search terms specific to certain ethnic groups, or try the following general terms in the journal indexes (e.g. multicultural\* and \_\_\_\_\_ )



## OTHER RESOURCES

- **LethSD Ed. Links**: Browse by grade level or search by keyword from hundreds of websites recommended by Lethbridge School Division.
- **Other School Jurisdictions** with links to their web pages.
- **Community resources**: such as [libraries](#), associations, businesses, museums, guest speakers, etc.
- **Still have questions and/or need more resources?**: Ask a virtual question through the [Comments and Questions](#) link on the curriculum laboratory's [Home Page](#).

### Contact people at various agencies:

- Local or provincial ethnic associations, ie. **Southern Alberta Ethnic Association - Multicultural Heritage Centre**, or, **Multicultural Women's Centre**
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- Neighbouring First Nations groups or Friendship Centres, ie. Sik-oo-h-kotok Friendship Society