



# Islam and the Middle East

## A Shake Library Guide

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Shake Library offers users information resources on a wide variety of topics. Users will find books, print periodicals, article and art databases, and directions to online resources. Please ask a reference librarian if you need any help.

### Finding Books in the Shake Library

To reach **VU WebCat** from [www.vinu.edu](http://www.vinu.edu), click on **Current Students**, and then on **Libraries**. Next, click on **Find Books**, and then **VU Webcat**.

Books, audio-visual resources and other items in the Shake Library may be located through VU WebCat. Subject headings related to Islam and the Middle East include the following:

*Afghanistan; Algeria; Bahrain; Bin Laden, Osama; Harem History; Honor Killings; Iran; Iraq; Islam; Islamic Fundamentalism; Jihad; Koran; Kuwait; Libya; Literacy; Morocco; Oman; Palestine; Qatar; Taliban; Turkey; Saudi Arabia; Yemen.*

### Reference Books with Information about Middle Eastern Countries

- *Statesman's Year-Book* (call number 305 S797s)
- *Times Comprehensive Atlas of the World* (call number 912 T583t)
- *World Almanac and Book of Facts* (call number 317.3 W927w)

### Selected Circulating Books with Information about the Middle East and Islam, Including Middle Eastern Poetry and Fiction (marked with \*)

- Coll, Steve. *Ghost wars: the Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001*. (call number 958.1045 B612g 2004)
- Furnish, Timothy. *Holiest Wars: Islamic Mahdis, Their Jihads, and Osama Bin Laden*. (call number 297.24 F989h 2005)
- Gerner, Deborah. *One Land, Two Peoples: the Conflict Over Palestine*. (call number 956 G376o)
- \*Ghosh, Amitov. *In an Antique Land*. (call number 916.2 G427i 1994)
- Giustozzi, Antonio. *War, Politics, and Society in Afghanistan*. (call number 958.10538w 1999)
- Hourani, Albert. *History of the Arab People*. (call number 909 H841h)
- Lewis, Bernard. *From Babel to Dragomans: Interpreting the Middle East*. (Ebook)
- Nafisi, Azar. *Reading Lolita in Tehran: a Memoir in Books*. (call number 820.9 N146r 2003)
- *Reaping the Whirlwind: the Taliban Involvement in Afghanistan*. (call number 958.1044 G852r 2001)
- \*Rushdie, Salman. *Satanic Verses*. (call number R953s)
- Rossi, M. L. *What every American Should Know About the Middle East*. (call number 956 R833w 2008)
- Seierstad, Asne. *The Bookseller of Kabul*. (call number 958.1 S458b 2003)
- Skaine, Rosemarie. *The Women of Afghanistan Under the Taliban*. (call number

305.4 s62w 2002)

- Soros, George. *The Bubble of American Supremacy: Correcting the Misuse of American Power*. (call number 327.73 B978b 2004)
- Yahiya, Emerick. *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Islam*. (Ebook)

## Periodicals

**Periodical holdings:** from [www.vinu.edu](http://www.vinu.edu), click on **Current Students**, then on **Libraries**. Next Click **Find Periodical Titles**. To find periodicals related to Islam and the Middle East, select the subject category **History & Archaeology**; then select **Middle East**.

Periodicals, including journals, magazines, and newspaper, are located in Shake Library print and microform holdings or through Shake Library databases.

### Shake Library Databases with Information about Afghanistan

Databases be searched for citations full-text articles from a wide variety of sources, including magazines and journals. Try searching **Afghanistan, Pakistan, Jihad**, etc.

- **EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier** provides access to a wide range of articles and citations useful for college writers.
- **SIRS** indexes articles and citations relating to social issues, including women's issues.
- **NewsBank TCR Collection** contains full-text newspapers from 1992 to the present.
- **Lexis-Nexus** provides access to a wide range of products, including world-wide news reports.

## Internet Resources

- *The Annual of Urdu Studies*—an online journal of essays and translations of interest to students of Urdu language and culture  
<http://www.urdustudies.com/>
- *CIA World Factbook*—an excellent reference source for general information about countries around the world  
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
- *CNN News*—a good source for news reports and video clips  
<http://www.cnn.com>
- *Department of Commerce Web Site*—often includes information about important political figures in each country  
<http://www.export.gov>
- *The Library of Congress Country Studies*—excellent reference source for general information and history  
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs>
- *The United Nations' Women Watch*—information about the human rights issues facing women in the Middle East, including genital mutilation and honor killing  
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch>