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HIV/AIDS Bibliographies: Resources for the Somali-American Community

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INTRODUCTION

The Resource Library of the Columbus AIDS Task Force is committed to providing information for and about specific communities and cultures affected by HIV/AIDS. The city of Columbus, Ohio has many African-born residents who have relocated from the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. Clinicians report an increasing incidence of HIV in this population, and express concern that complex cultural issues complicate HIV prevention and education in the Somali community. At this time there is little published information about HIV/AIDS in Somali communities. There are, however, good resources to learn more about Somali history, culture, and the experience of new residents in the United States. This bibliography, prepared in June 2003, provides an introduction to these resources.



WEBSITES

<http://somalinet.com/>

Includes business and entertainment information about Somali-American communities.
Accessed June 16, 2003

http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/Country_Specific/Somalia.html

A directory of on-line resources on Somalia. Accessed June 16, 2003

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/amed/somalia/somalia.html>

Summary of Somali resources from the Library of Congress.
Accessed June 16, 2003

<http://www.sfaf.org/policy/immigration/>

Provides an online version of "HIV & Immigrants: A Manual for AIDS Service Providers" from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.
Accessed June 16, 2003



BOOKS & PAMPHLETS

Adam, H. A. and Ford, R. Eds. (1997). *Mending rips in the sky: Options for Somali communities in the 21st century*. Lawrenceville, NJ: Red Sea Press.

A 673-page academic overview from the discipline of Somali Studies, available in the Black Studies Library at OSU.

Hitchcock, R. K. & Osorn, A. J., Eds. (2002). *Endangered peoples of Africa and the Middle East: Struggles to survive and thrive*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Includes a chapter, "The Somali of the Horn of Africa", available in the Main Library at OSU.

Teenage refugees from Somalia speak out (1997). New York: Rosen Publishing Group.

Available at several branches of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, which also includes a number of Somali fable children's books in their catalog.

United Way of Franklin County (2000). *A snapshot of Somali immigrants in Columbus, Ohio*. Neighborhood Partnership Center, Columbus, Ohio.

Available on reserve at several branches of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Three locations, Columbus, Ohio, Minneapolis, MN, and Lewiston, ME, have the largest Somali communities in the United States.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

"*A New Beginning*" -- A newsletter from the Office of Minority Health at the Columbus Health Department, providing health information for immigrant communities. For more information, contact Fred D. Johnson, Jr. at 645-1542.

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