

Opening Day Collection: Terrorism Studies for an Academic Military Library

Introduction

The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) is this nation's national security research university. NPS provides "education and research programs that are relevant to the needs and interests of the Navy, Department of Defense, other military services and federal agencies" (Quick Facts, n.d.). Located in Monterey, CA, the school enrolls 1,800 students on campus and 850 off campus. These students are officers from all branches of the U.S. armed services and 60 other countries and are civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments. Students are selected based on outstanding performance, potential for promotion, and academic background.

The NPS mission, to "provide relevant and unique advanced education and research programs in order to increase the combat effectiveness of U.S. and Allied armed forces and enhance the security of the United States," supports its vision to be "the world leader in naval, defense, and national security-related graduate education and supporting research and prepare the intellectual leaders for tomorrow's national security forces" (NPS, n.d.).

Comment: Excellent discussion and overview

Islamic terrorist activity against the United States overseas and the American homeland has forced our government to reevaluate our national security. After the terrorist bombing of the World Trade Center September 11, 2001, America began to respond to a changed world climate. The creation of the Department of Homeland Security was one response. Another response is changes in the curricula at the Naval Postgraduate School with the addition of new faculty and an increase in courses focusing on Islamic studies, international terrorism, counterterrorism, *Jihad*, globalized *Jihadic* movements and war in the Middle East.

Comment: Do not personalize, use "the" government and delete "our"

The Dudley Knox Library (DKL) houses material that supports the research interests of faculty and students and the subjects taught at the Naval Postgraduate School. The library collection required expansion to cover these new courses and the research needs of new faculty. Financial resources have been made available through a special grant from the Department of Defense.

Comment: Good summation

A Survey of the Curriculum

The library surveyed the NPS course catalog to pinpoint the classes that studied terrorism, acquired the curricula for these classes, and examined their existing resources. They found that of the many departments at NPS several were offering majors in which Islamic terrorism was the focus of study: The Department of Defense Analysis had two majors: Special Operations and Joint Information Operations. The curriculum for Special Operations focuses on "instruction in irregular warfare, sub-state conflict, terrorism and counterterrorism, information operations," and other operations in U.S. defense and foreign policy (GSOIS, n.d.). Graduates receive an MS in Defense Analysis.

Comment: Interesting and informative

The curriculum for the Joint Information Operations major focuses on "the strategic and operational dimensions of information relative to the use of force as an instrument of statecraft"

(GSOIS, n.d.). The human dimensions of warfare (psycho-social) and classic military art and operations are studied. Graduates receive an MS in Information Operations.

The library selected the following courses, offered in the Department of Defense Analysis, on which to base their expanded collection in Islamic terrorism:

- *Jihadi* Information Operations
- Strategic Decision Making for Irregular Warfare
- International Perspectives on U.S. Special Operations
- Seminar on *Jihadi* Information Operations
- Dark Networks
- Terrorist Financing
- Countering International Terrorism
- Psychological Operations and Deception
- The Unconventional Threat in Homeland Defense
- Anatomy of Intelligence
- Anthropology of Conflict
- The Soul of the Sword: the History of Weapons
- International Terrorism
- Ethnic Conflict
- Political Anthropology: Methods of Social Control

Comment: Good idea to bullet these items

The School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS) Department of National Security Affairs offers majors in Regional Security Studies with a specialization in the Middle East and in Security Studies: Counter-terrorism. Graduates receive MA degrees in Security Studies.

The library also selected the following courses, offered in the Department of National Security Affairs:

- Islam
- Islamic Fundamentalism
- Right Across Cultures: Comparative Ethics in the World's Religions and Philosophies
- Survey of Middle East History to 1914
- U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East
- The Middle East in World Affairs
- International Terrorism
- Seminar on Terrorism Financing and State Response
- War in the Middle East
- Counterterrorism Policy and Strategy
- The Intelligence Dimension of Counterterrorism Security and Politics in Iran
- Middle East in the International Economy
- Politics and Security in Levant
- Politics and Security in the Arabian Gulf

Comment: Impressive but obviously useful selection of courses

- Seminar in Middle Eastern Politics
- Seminar on Middle Eastern Security Issues
- Arabic Language Maintenance
- Economics of Insurgencies for Security Building

Collection Development Policy

The objective of the new Terrorism Studies Collection is to provide quality research material that enables in-depth analysis of the subject. The scope of the collection includes analytical works by experts in the field published by academic presses, works based in professional experiences of journalists and others working in the field published by the commercial press, reference materials, and best sellers. Formats include print, e-books, e-resources, compact disks (cd's), video, and digital-on-demand resources. Contemporary works within the areas of terrorism, *Jihadi* movements, holy war, global terrorism, history of *Jihad*, *Al Qaeda* and retrospective core works on these subjects have been considered without limitation by country.

DKL assigns subject specialist librarians the collection development responsibilities to select books and materials to build the library's collections by working closely with faculty in their respective areas. The subject specialist librarian for The Center on Terrorism and Irregular Warfare has been assigned the responsibility to develop the Terrorism Studies Collection in consultation with faculty, staff, and students. Library staff, faculty, and students are encouraged to suggest materials that support classroom teaching, research, and study. A materials request form is available online. Gifts that come within the scope of the collection are accepted particularly those that contribute to the retrospective core works. The library reserves the right to determine titles it will add to the collection.

Comment: Excellent approach to gather information from the primary users

Order List

Abbreviations:

- CUP – Cambridge University Press
- OUP – Oxford University Press
- Pub Week – Publishers Weekly
- Lib Jour – Library Journal
- YBP – Yankee Book Peddlers

* First choice ^ Second choice + Third choice

Comment: Interesting notation!

Author	Title	Pub Date	Publisher Producer	ISBN ISSN	Price	40 % Off	Justification
^Akbar, M. J.	The Shade of Swords: Jihad and the Conflict between Islam and Christianity	5/02	NetLib	020333101X e-book	\$25.00	\$15.00	Recommended: Booklist, Library Journal, Pub Weekly
^Atwan, Abdel-Bari	The secret history of Al-Qaida	2/06	Saqi	863567606	\$33.63	\$20.18	Positive review: Washington Post

Comment: Current—hot topic!

^Ayubi, Nazih	Political Islam: Religion and Politics in the Arab World	10/91	Routledge NetLib	0415054427 e-book	\$81.99	\$49.19	Positive review: Choice	Comment: Wonderful variety in format
*Barber, Benjamin	Jihad vs. McWorld: Terrorism's Challenge to Democracy	7/96	Ballantine Books	345383044	\$15.00	\$9.00	Bestseller: LA & NY Times, Bos Globe, Wash Post	Comment: Good for a retrospective perspective
*Batatu, Hanna	The old social classes and the revolutionary movements of Iraq	1989	Saqi	863565204	\$69.27	\$41.56	Core collection	
^Benjamin, Daniel K. & Simon, Steven	The Age of Sacred Terror: Radical Islam's War Against America	10/03	Random House	1588362590	\$9.95	\$5.97	Recommended: Choice, Library Journal	Comment: I would suggest using the year in all of them—to be uniform and consistent
*Bergen, Peter L.	Holy War, Inc: Inside the Secret World of Osama bin Laden	2001	Simon & Schuster	0743234677 e-book	\$26.00	\$15.60	Highly recommend: Choice, Lib Journal, Pub Weekly	
^Bianchi, Robert	Guests of God: Pilgrimage and Politics in the Islamic World	9/04	OUP	195171071	\$39.95	\$23.97	Recommended: Choice, Library Journal Bestsellers	
^Bodansky, Yossef	Bin Laden: The Man Who Declared War on America	9/01	Random House	761535810	\$17.95	\$10.77	Recommended: Library Journal Bestseller List	
*Bonner, Michael David	Jihad in Islamic History: Doctrines and Practice	7/06	Princeton Univ Press	691124740	\$22.95	\$13.77	Core collection: Excellent review by academics	
*Bonney, Richard	Jihad: From Qu'ran to Bin Laden	3/05	Palgrave Macmillan	1403933723	\$35.00	\$21.00	Bestseller: Library Journal, Highly recommended: Choice	
*Burr, Millard J. & Collins, Robert O.	Alms for jihad: charity and terrorism in the Islamic world	4/06	CUP	531857309	\$30.00	\$18.00	Excellent: Choice	
^Carlucci, Kristin (ed.)	The SAIS Review of International Affairs	6/05	SAIS, Johns Hopkins Univ.	e-journal	\$34.00	\$20.40	Recommended: BJWA	
*Cook, David	Understanding Jihad	5/05	Univ of California Press	520244486	\$19.95	\$11.97	Essential title: Choice, Bestseller: Library Journal	Comment: Good to have so many academic titles in you list of first choice selections
^Cooper, Barry	New Political Religions, or an Analysis of Modern Terrorism	6/05	University of Missouri Press	826215314	\$22.50	\$13.50	Recommended: Choice	
*Davis, Joyce M.	Martyrs: Innocence, Vengeance, and Despair in the Middle East	11/04	Palgrave Macmillan	1403966818	\$16.95	\$10.17	Highly Recommended: Choice, Pub Weekly	
+Davis, Joyce M.	Between Jihad and Salaam: Profiles in Islam	3/97	Palgrave Macmillan	312217811	\$17.95	\$10.77	Booklist	
*DeLong-Bas, Natana	Wahhabi Islam: From Revival and Reform to Global Jihad	7/04	OUP	195169913	\$35.00	\$21.00	Highly recommended: Choice, Lib Journal	
*Devji, Faisal	Landscapes of the Jihad: Militancy, Morality, Modernity	8/05	Cornell Univ Press	801444373	\$25.00	\$15.00	Highly recommended: Choice	
*Eagleton, David	Holy Terror	11/05	Oxford U Press	199287171	\$22.00	\$13.20	Essential title:	

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Library Journal
 Bestseller:
 Publishers Weekly
 New York Times
 Book Review

+Ebadi, Shirin & Moaveni, Azadeh	Iran Awakening: A Memoir of Revolution and Hope	5/06	Crown Publishing	1588365468 e-book	\$17.95	\$10.77	Library Journal Bestseller: Publishers Weekly New York Times Book Review
+Eickelman, Dale F. & Piscatori, James	Muslim Travellers: Pilgrimage, Migration and the Religious Imagination	9/90	NetLib	0585381886 e-book	\$55.00	\$33.00	Comparative religion
*Ellens, J. Harold	The Destructive Power of Religion: Violence in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	11/03	Greenwood Publishing Group	027597958X	\$300.00	\$180.00	Bestseller: Library Journal Recommended: Choice
^Emirates Center for Strategic Studies (ed.)	Islamic Movements: Impact on Political Stability in the Arab World	9/04	Palgrave Macmillan	9948005457	\$35.00	\$21.00	Core collection
*Esposito, John	Unholy War: Terror in the Name of Islam	11/03	OUP	195168860	\$17.95	\$10.77	Bestseller: Washington Post
*Farouk-Sluglett, Marion & Sluglett, Peter	Iraq Since 1958: From Revolution to Dictatorship	4/01	Palgrave Macmillan	1860646220	\$18.95	\$11.37	Amazon 5 stars
*Fregosi, Paul	Jihad in the West: Muslim Conquests from the 7th to the 21st Centuries	10/98	Prometheus Books	1573922471	\$32.00	\$19.20	Highly recommended: Booklist Core collection
*Friedman, Thomas L.	Searching for the Roots of 9/11	2003	Discovery Channel Production DVD	736592539	\$89.95	\$53.97	Bestseller: Washington Post
*Friedman, Thomas L.	Longitudes and Attitudes: Exploring the World After September 11	10/02	Farrar, Straus & Giroux	0374704163 e-book	\$32.00	\$19.20	Bestseller: Barnes & Noble, Boston Globe, LA & NY Times, Chronicle
+Gardner, Frank	Witness to Hate: Reporting on al Qaeda	2005	ABC News Digital on Demand	1421331179	\$64.98	\$38.99	n/a
*Gerges, Fawaz A.	The Far enemy: Why Jihad Went Global	9/05	CUP	0511160135 e-book	\$27.00	\$16.20	Highly recommended: Choice, Chronicle of Higher Education
^Gerges, Fawaz A.	America and Political Islam: Clash of Interests or Clash of Cultures?	3/99	CUP	521639573	\$19.99	\$11.99	Washington Post Book World
*Gerges, Fawaz A.	The Journey of the Jihadist: Inside Muslim Militancy	3/06	Harcourt Trade Press	015101213X	\$25.00	\$15.00	Essential title: Choice, BookList, Lib Journal
^Gunter, Michael M.	The Kurdish Predicament in Iraq: A Political Analysis	3/99	Palgrave Macmillan	312218966	\$69.95	\$41.97	Recommended: Choicd Amazon 4 stars
*Habeck,	Knowing the Enemy:	2006	Yale Univ Press	300122578	\$17.00	\$10.20	Most valuable book:

Comment: Fairly expensive—how many pages in the volume?

Comment: Good variety in format

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Mary R.	Jihadist Ideology and the War on Terror						Library Journal Bestsellers: Booklist
^Halliday, Fred	Two Hours that Shook the World	6/02	Saqi	863563821	\$17.95	\$10.77	Core collection: Library Journal, Choice
*Halliday, Fred	Islam and the Myth of Confrontation: Religion and Politics in the Middle East	6/96	I.B.Tauris & Company	1850439591	\$22.50	\$13.50	Highly recommended: Choice
*Halliday, Fred	100 Myths about the Middle East	10/05	U of CA Press	530247205	\$39.95	\$23.97	Much needed book: Booklist
+Halliday, Fred	Nation and Religion in the Middle East	7/99	I.B.Tauris & Company	863560446	\$22.50	\$13.50	Choice, Ref & Research Book News
^Harik, Judith Palmer	Hezbollah: The Changing Face of Terrorism	4/04	Palgrave Macmillan	1860648932	\$24.95	\$14.97	Amazon 4 stars
*Hatim, Basil	English-Arabic/Arabic-English Translation: A Practical Guide	2/01	Saqi	863561551	\$33.55	\$20.13	Ref & Research Book News, Core collection
+Heffelfinger, Christopher (ed)	Unmasking Terror, 2: A Global Review of Terrorist Activities	11/05	Jamestown Foundation	967500958	\$29.95	\$17.97	n/a
*Johnson, James T. & Kelsay, John (eds)	Cross, Crescent and Sword: The Justification and Limitation of War in Western and Islamic Tradition	11/90	Greenwood Publishing Group	313273480	\$60.95	\$36.57	Core collection
+Kabbani, Rana	Letter to America: How Arabs View the United States	2003	BBC	736592172	\$64.98	\$38.99	n/a
^Kelsay, John	Islam and War: A Study in Comparative Ethics, the Gulf War and Beyond	5/93	Westminster John Knox	664253024	\$24.95	\$14.97	Recommended: Choice
*Kelsay, John & Johnson, James T. (eds)	Just War and Jihad: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives on War and Peace in Western and Islamic	5/91	Greenwood Publishing Group	313273472	\$91.95	\$55.17	Highly recommended: Library Journal, Choice
*Kepel, Gilles	Jihad: The Trail of Political Islam	3/03	Harvard Univ Press	674010906	\$17.50	\$10.50	Highly recommend: Lib Jour, Booklist, Pub Week, Choice
*Lia, Brynjar	Globalisation and the Future of Terrorism: Patterns and Predictions	11/02	Routledge	714582381	\$36.95	\$22.17	Core collection
+Marranci, Gabriele	Jihad beyond Islam	8/06	Berg	1845201586	\$29.95	\$17.97	Positive review: Choice
+Marshall, Will	With All Our Might: A Progressive Strategy to Defeat	4/06	Rowman & Littlefield Publishers	742551989	\$55.00	\$33.00	Reference & Research Book News
^Marty, John	When Faiths Collide	2005	Blackwell	1405112239	\$16.95	\$10.17	Recommended:

Comment: Might need a multiple copies, but at this price, the students can probably afford their own copy

Comment: Good to have a different (British) viewpoint

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Choice, Bestseller:
 Library Journal

*Milton-Edwards, Beverley	Islamic Fundamentalism since 1945	1/05	Routledge	415301726	\$20.95	\$12.57	Bestseller: Library Journal
+Milton-Edwards, Beverley	Islam and Politics in the Contemporary World	7/04	Polity Press	745627129	\$26.95	\$16.17	Highly recommended: Choice
^Milton-Edwards, Beverley	Islam and Violence in the Modern Era	5/06	Palgrave Macmillan	1403986185	\$85.00	\$51.00	n/a
*Milton-Edwards, Beverley	Contemporary Politics in the Middle East	10/06	Polity Press	745635946	\$26.95	\$16.17	Series title: Contemporary Policies in Mid East
Milton-Edwards, Beverley & Hinchcliffe, Peter	Conflicts in the Middle East since 1945	12/03	Routledge	415317878	\$18.95	\$11.37	Series title: Making of Contemporary World Core collection
^Moaveni, Azadeh	Lipstick Jihad: A Memoir of Growing up Iranian in America and American in Iran	3/06	Public Affairs	1586483781	\$13.00	\$7.80	Positive review: School Library Journal
^Moo-Young, Jullian & Youngsmith, Barron (eds.)	The Brown Journal of World Affairs	6/05	Brown University	e-journal	\$54.95	\$32.97	Recommended by SAIS
*n/a	Encyclopaedia of Islam Online	4/04	Brill Academic Publishers	9004138552	\$175.00	\$105.00	Core collection
+n/a	The Holy Wars	2004	None provided	1421310147	\$119.98	\$71.99	Recommended: Educational Media Reviews Online
+n/a	Suicide Bombers: Inside the Minds of Failed Martyrs	2004	Wide Angle	1421352737	\$129.95	\$77.97	Favorable reviews: Baltimore Sun
+n/a	Al Qaeda 2.0	2003	Discovery Channel Production	736582908	\$129.95	\$77.97	n/a
*Napoleoni, Loretta	Terror Incorporated: Tracing the Dollars Behind the Terror	5/05	Seven Stories Press	1583226735	\$17.95	\$10.77	Excellent review: Publishers Weekly
*Ouzgane, Lahoucine	Islamic Masculinities	2006	Zed Books	1842772759	\$25.00	\$15.00	Bestseller: Library Journal
^Pillar, Paul R.	Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy	6/05	Brookings Institute Press	9780815770	\$20.95	\$12.57	Positive review: New York Times Book Review
+Pintak, Lawrence	Seeds of Hate: How America's Flawed Middle East Policy Ignited the Jihad	1/03	Pluto Press, NetLib	0585489033	\$65.00	\$39.00	Reference & Research Book News
+Pollack, Kenneth M.	A Switch in Time: A New Strategy for America in Iraq	2/06	Brookings Institute Press	978081577	\$19.95	\$11.97	n/a
*Potter,	Security in the Persian	1/02	Palgrave	312239505	\$32.95	\$19.77	Highly recommend:

Comment: Good there are series available on the subject area

Comment: Excellent choice

Comment: Good variety in format

Comment: Great selection

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Lawrence	Gulf: Origins, Obstacles, and the Search for Consensus		Macmillan				Choice, Amazon 5 stars
*Rashid, Ahmed	Jihad: The Rise of Militant Islam in Central Asia	12/02	Penguin Group USA	142002607	\$15.00	\$9.00	Best works: Choice
*Reuter, Christoph	My Life Is a Weapon: A Modern History of Suicide Bombing	3/04	Princeton Univ Press	691117594	\$19.95	\$11.97	Bestseller: Library Journal, Publishers Weekly
^Reveron, Derek S. & Murer, Jeffrey Stevenson	Flashpoints in the War on Terrorism	8/06	Routledge	405954908	\$95.00	\$57.00	Positive review: BIP
*Ritchie, Nick & Rogers, Paul	The Political Road to War with Iraq: Bush, 9/11 and the Drive to Overthrow Saddam	10/06	Routledge	415397324	\$120.00	\$72.00	Series title: Contemporary Security Studies Core collection
^Rubin, Barry & Rubin, Judith Colp	Anti-American Terrorism and the Middle East: Understanding the Violence	1/05	Oxford U Press	195176596	\$16.95	\$10.17	Positive review: Global Research in Intn't Affairs
^Saikal, Amin	Islam and the West: Conflict or Cooperation?	1/03	Palgrave Macmillan	1403903581	\$32.95	\$19.77	Recommended: Choice, Amazon 5 stars
*Scheuer, Michael	Through Our Enemies Eyes: Osama bin Laden, Radical Islam and the Future of America	1/06	Potomac Books	1574889673	\$19.95	\$11.97	Positive review: Reference and Research News
^Scheuer, Michael	Imperial Hubris: Why the West Is Losing the War on Terror	8/04	Potomac Books	1574888625	\$17.95	\$10.77	Positive review: Publishers Weekly
Shienbaum, Kim & Hasan, Jamal (eds.)	Beyond Jihad: Critical Voices from Inside Islam	6/06	Academica Press	1933146195	\$74.95	\$44.97	Reference & Research News
^Syed, Mohammad Ali	The Position of Women in Islam: A Progressive View	8/04	State University of New York Press	791460967	\$19.95	\$11.97	Recommended: Choice, Library Journal Bestsellers
*Thakur, Ramesh & Sidhu, Waheguru Pal Singh (eds.)	The Iraq Crisis and World Order: Structural, Institutional, and Normative Challenges	6/05	Brookings Institute Press	9789280811	\$49.00	\$29.40	Core collection
+Tibi, Bassam	Arab Nationalism: Between Islam and the Nation-State	3/97	Palgrave Mcmillan	312162863	\$39.95	\$23.97	Grad level: Choice, Amazon 5 stars
^Tibi, Bassam	Conflict and War in the Middle East: From Interstate War to New Security	12/98	Palgrave Mcmillan	312211511	\$39.95	\$23.97	Core collection
*Tibi, Bassam	Islam Between Culture and Politics	2/02	Palgrave Macmillan	333751213	\$32.95	\$19.77	Grad level: Choice

Comment: Excellent example of a retrospective work that is current

Comment: Global reviews are useful

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^Vidino, Lorenzo	Al Qaeda in Europe: The New Battleground of International Jihad	11/05	Prometheus Books	1591024331	\$27.00	\$16.20	Recommended: Choice
+Wadud, Amina	Inside Gender Jihad: Women's Reform in Islam	6/06	Oneworld Publications	1851684638	\$24.95	\$14.97	n/a
^Warraq, Ibn (ed.)	The Legacy of Jihad: Islamic Holy War and the Fate of Non-Muslims	10/05	Prometheus Books	1591023076	\$29.00	\$17.40	Positive review: Library Journal
*Wiktorowicz, Quintan	Global Jihad: Understanding September 11	2002	Sound Room Publishers	1584722700	\$40.00	\$24.00	Essential Book of the Year Award: Library Journal
^Zawati, Hilmi	Is Jihad a Just War?: War, Peace and Human Rights under Islamic and Public International Law	1/02	Edwin Mellen Press	773473041	\$109.95	\$65.97	Recommended: Choice Core collection
Totals		Standard Prices: \$3,822.10		40% Discount: \$2,293.27			

Comment: In spite of the limited research on gender and Islam, I'm glad you located this title!

Selection Tool List

Comment: Excellent assortment of reputable tools

1. Books in Print. Retrieved November 29, 2006, from <http://www.booksinprint.com> . An excellent selection tool if you have the login/password. Provides complete bibliographic information, lengthy summaries up to 1000 words, prices, formats available, easy search capability, reviews for many titles. Books in Print is the most complete collection of all books in and out of print available in English speaking countries. Disadvantage is loss of access when login/password expired December 3, 2006.
2. Yankee Book Peddler (YBP) <http://www.ybp.com>. This is an excellent resource even without the Gobi login/password. This researcher used the Academia <http://www.ybp.com/acad/index.html> for selection in Middle East Studies areas Current Topics – Middle East Crisis http://www.ybp.com/acad/current/0906_middle_east.htm and Area Studies—Middle East http://www.ybp.com/acad/area/0206_islamic.htm . She also searched the Library Journal Bestsellers in the subject of Religion <http://www.ybp.com/acad/ljbestsellers.htm> . The advantages are complete bibliographic information and multiple publishers. Disadvantage is that much of the site is off limits without a login/password.
3. Choice Reviews Online <http://www.choicereviews.org/rev190choicereviews/>. American Library Association. Advantages are short reviews that are to peruse and useful recommendation categories: Recommended, Highly recommended, and Essential. Site includes a huge number of reviewed books. Disadvantage of this selection tool is getting access. This researcher had to login through SJSU King Library. The advanced search capability requires some patience. While it looks promising, this researcher could not make it work for her.
4. Films Media Group (FMG): Films for the Humanities and Sciences. <http://www.films.com> .

Comment: Good discussion of a superior selection tool

5. Cambridge University Press—Area Studies—Middle East Studies: Retrieved November 29, 2006, from <http://www.cambridge.org/us/textbooks/?subject=XAW>
6. Palgrave Macmillan. <http://www.palgrave-usa.com/>
7. Library Journal. Reed Business Information. <http://www.libraryjournal.com/>. Retrieved November 29, 2006, from ABI/Inform database.
8. Routledge Publishers. <http://www.routledge.com/>
9. Oxford University Press, US. <http://www.oup.com/us/>
10. Saqi Books. <http://www.saqibooks.com/> .

Publishers List

Comment: Good resource in spite of the limited selection

Most major university presses publish in Area Studies: Middle East.

Cambridge University Press: www.cambridge.org/americas/

Oxford University Press: <http://www.oup.com/us/>

Brookings Institute Press: <http://brookings.nap.edu/>

The following three commercial publishers have excellent collections in Middle East Studies:

Routledge Publishers—Middle East Studies <http://www.routledge.com/categories.asp>

Saqi Books: <http://www.saqibooks.com/>

Palgrave Macmillan; <http://www.palgrave-usa.com/>

Other media:

NetLibrary for e-books: <http://legacy.netlibrary.com/>

Discovery Channel: <http://dsc.discovery.com/>

BBC World: http://www.bbcworld.com/content/template_home.asp?pageid=1

Comment: Impressive!

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<http://www.nps.edu/Library/LibraryInfo/Policies/CollectionDevelopmentPolicy.html>

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Kristin,

You did a fantastic job on this assignment—excellent selections covering myriad topics and sub-topics that meet a pressing need for better information and instructional materials to help U.S. citizens, Americans and others better understand the politics and terrorism concerns about the Middle East, and its religions. Given the role of graduates of the Naval Postgraduate School in global defense and diplomacy, identifying and locating reliable publishers, authors, and resources is imperative

Your selection of reputable publishers and making choices from well established selection tools further substantiates the depth of this new collection. It was very informative and interesting. Perhaps you should consider publishing this list in the form of an article to help other librarians and selectors with responsibilities in Government or Political Science to create core collections on these topics!

On another note, it has been such a great pleasure having you in the class. I have learned a lot about the Middle East, religion, and the best resources to support collection development on these hot topics. I wish you all the best in your academic pursuits and your professional career—I'm confident you will continue to excel. Thanks for sharing. 100 points.
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