

The Virtual Library of Virginia
New for Fall Semester 2011

Contemporary Women's Issues Offers Global Research Reach Now Available through VIVA Institutions

The Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) now offers Contemporary Women's Issues, a multidisciplinary, full-text database with a focus on the critical issues and events that influence women's lives. In addition to more than 400 journal titles, Contemporary Women's Issues includes newsletters, reports, pamphlets, fact sheets, position papers, statistics and more. Many of these materials are rarely indexed or cataloged and provide students and researchers with insight into issues such as domestic violence, affirmative action, alternative therapy, reproductive health, human rights and much more.

Worldwide coverage in Contemporary Women's Index is extensive, with more than 190 countries represented. Users seeking information on "health" and "indigenous women" will find a wealth of materials with every corner of the globe represented in the search results. Additionally, search functions allow researchers to limit searches by geographic regions to quickly focus result sets.

Contemporary Women's Issues is one of only a few databases focused on women and gender issues. "The inclusion of 'grey' literature and alternative press sources along with mainstream periodicals makes the database a comprehensive resource for this widely interdisciplinary area," said Reba Leiding, librarian and liaison to the Women's Studies Program at James Madison University. "Searching is designed to support users across the research continuum, from novice to expert searchers.

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VIVA is the consortium of the libraries of 73 non-profit research or higher education institutions in Virginia, including 39 state-assisted colleges and universities at 55 campuses within the Commonwealth of Virginia, 33 independent private, nonprofit institutions, and The Library of Virginia. VIVA's mission is to provide, in an equitable, cooperative, and cost-effective manner, enhanced access to library and information resources for Virginia's academic libraries serving the non-profit higher education community. VIVA is funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia through the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and by investments from participating institutions.

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