



Arab and Muslim Women in the U.S. and Arab American Family Life

Although not exhaustive, this guide provides starting points by including the most useful sources for both beginning researchers and experienced scholars. Most titles are linked to their entry in the Russell J. Ebeid Library & Resource Center at the Arab American National Museum.

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