

NM Resources for World Cultures and Travel

New Mexico has some great resources on world cultures and travel; here are just a few:

iGlobalquerque!

<http://www.globalquerque.com/>

iGlobalquerque! calls itself New Mexico's annual celebration of world music and culture. In 2011 it will be held at National Hispanic Cultural Center on September 16 and 17, featuring music, dancing, lectures, community spotlights, food, and much more. Many countries will be represented. Can't make it, or don't want to wait until September? Check out their website, which offers many video clips of celebrations in previous years.

International Folk Art Market

<http://www.folkartmarket.org/>

Every July, more than 120 select folk artists from over 45 countries travel to Santa Fe where thousands gather to admire and buy distinct folk art forms that express the world's diverse cultures. In 2011, the Market will occur July 8 – 10 on Museum Hill.

The Market's website features a large amount of resources, including video clips, profiles of participating artists and their communities, photos, and more.

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture

<http://www.indianartsandculture.org/>

The Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe is a premier repository of Native art and material culture and tells the stories of the people of the Southwest from pre-history through contemporary art.

Check out the Museum's website for many resources on NM's tribes, the Museum's collections and events, educational programs, and more.

Museum of International Folk Art

<http://www.internationalfolkart.org/>

The Museum of International Folk Art (MOIFA) in Santa Fe explores the dynamics of artistic expression in the context of cultural change. Through its collections, exhibitions, publications, and educational programs, the museum expands perceptions of folk art and encourages dialogue about traditions, cultural identity, community and aesthetics.

Its website offers a wealth of resources for librarians and educators without having to visit the museum in person. Bibliographies for children and adults, lesson plans, photos of art, and so much more are available on the website.

National Hispanic Cultural Center

<http://www.nhccnm.org/>

The National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) in Albuquerque is dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and advancement of Hispanic culture, arts, and humanities. Since the grand opening in 2000, they have staged over 25 art exhibitions and 500 programs in the visual, performing, and literary arts. They provide venues for visitors to learn about Hispanic culture throughout the world.

Though there are no online resources on the website yet (but check back—they're working on it!), there is information on their internship program, Día del Niño Writing and Art Contest, and other statewide educational programs.

NM Museum of Space History (well, a bit beyond *world* travel...)

<http://www.nmspacemuseum.org/>

The mission of the museum, located in Alamogordo, is to educate the people of New Mexico and our visitors from around the world in the history, science, and technology of space. The museum stresses the significant role that the state of New Mexico has played in the development of the U.S. Space Program through collecting, preserving, and interpreting significant artifacts relevant to the history of space. It also offers an IMAX theater.

The museum offers limited outreach programs and has some interesting materials on the website, including a newsletter and general information.

Southwestern Association for Indian Arts/Santa Fe Indian Market

<http://swaia.org/>

Each August for the past eighty years, Santa Fe Indian Market has brought together the most gifted Native American artists from the U.S. with millions of visitors and collectors from around the world. The next Santa Fe Indian Market will occur on August 20-21, 2011.

The website offers many photos, info for artists, and information on Indian Market and the organization's other events.

Spanish Colonial Arts Society & Museum of Spanish Colonial Art

<http://www.spanishcolonial.org/>

The Spanish Colonial Arts Society was founded in Santa Fe in 1925 to preserve and perpetuate the Hispano art forms that have been produced in New Mexico and southern Colorado since the region was colonized by Spain in 1598. Through the preservation and exhibition of its Spanish Colonial art collections at the Museum of Spanish Colonial Art, sponsorship of the semi-annual "Spanish Market" exhibitions and a range of outreach programs, the Society is now a leader in the public education of traditional Spanish Colonial art and culture.

The website offers lots of info and photos on different art forms, as well as descriptions of their on-site and outreach educational programs and events.

Van of Enchantment

<http://www.vanofenchantment.org/>

This wonderful statewide resources (and it's **free!**) is like a mobile museum that will come to your library to educate and entertain your community. And the Van happens to be featuring exhibits about transportation in NM, in partnership with the NM Department of Transportation, which ties well with the 2011 SRP theme.

And not only can you request a visit from the Van, they have a whole host of resources for educators and children on their website. Check out the podcasts, interactive activities for kids, bibliographies, and more.

Wheels Transportation Museum

<http://www.wheelsmuseum.org/>

This non-profit organization's mission is to preserve history, educate the public in the history of transportation, and provide our visitors with an opportunity to experience travel as it used to be. The Wheels Museum will be located on the site of the historic Santa Fe Railroad Shops in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico. Built in 1914, the Albuquerque shops serviced steam locomotives operating on the Santa Fe Railroad.

Follow the Museum's development on its website, plus check out the info on and photos of NM's transportation history.