Documentaries
Enrich your understanding through the use of visual media. Explore global & local history, culture, people, communities, and beliefs.

Waking in Oak Creek
DVD Documentary
This documentary profiles a suburban town rocked by hate after six worshippers at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin are killed by a white supremacist. In the year following the attack, the mayor and police chief lead the community as they forge new bonds with their Sikh neighbors.

Guru Nanak
DVD Documentary
Learn about the founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak. This film discusses his philosophies, which include equality for all, gender empowerment, service to others, devotion to the environment, and belief in One God.

Under the Turban
DVD Documentary
What makes me a Sikh? That question posed by nine-year-old Zara Garcha starts a family's journey to learn about their religion. The Garcha family explores Sikhism by visiting diverse Sikh communities around the world.

Library Databases
www.mcfls.org/database-by-library
BadgerLink
Provides WI residents with licensed, trustworthy content not available from free search engines.

Britannica School
Search or browse for information in encyclopedias, magazines, videos, websites, and more.

History Reference Center
Full text from reference books, encyclopedias, non-fiction books, documents, and more.

Newspaper Source Plus
Provides access to newspapers, articles, TV & radio transcripts, videos, and podcasts.

Useful Websites
The Pluralism Project (Harvard University): https://pluralism.org/sikhism

ProPublica:

Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund:
https://saldef.org/who-are-sikh-americans

Sikh Coalition:
https://www.sikhcoalition.org/about-sikhs

Sikh Museum:
http://www.sikhmuseum.com

SikhNet:
https://www.sikhnet.com/pages/who-are-sikhs-what-is-sikhism

Find more at OCPL:
OakCreekLibrary.org
Facebook.com/OakCreekLibrary
My first Sikh Books
by Parveen Kaur Dhillon

Designed for parents of toddlers and early reading young children to gain awareness of the Sikh identity and values.

Hair Twins
by Raakhee Mirchandani

Follows a Sikh father and his daughter as they go through their daily hair routine.

Sikhism
by Jennifer Burton

Each book in this series describes the important beliefs of a particular religion, along with information about its history, practices, and rituals.

Amma, Take Me to the Golden Temple
by Bhakti Mathur

Join Amma and her children as they travel to the famous Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Guru Nanak
by Rina Singh

Details the life and times of Guru Nanak, founder of the Sikh faith.

Fauja Singh Keeps Going
by Simran Jeet Singh

The inspiring true story of Fauja Singh, who broke world records to become the first one hundred-year-old to run a marathon.

See No Stranger
by Valarie Kaur

Valarie Kaur is a renowned Sikh activist and, in this book, she argues that Revolutionary Love is the call of our times.

Sikhism
by Eleanor M. Nesbitt

This Very Short Introduction explores Sikhism’s central beliefs, its traditions concerning community, and its rituals and festivals.

The Sikhs
by Khushwant Singh

In this classic, Khushwant Singh presents a concise history of the followers of one of the world’s youngest religions.

Sikhs
by Paul Michael Taylor

This book uses the Smithsonian exhibition’s organizational structure and content to present a brief, richly illustrated introduction to the Sikhs and their faith, history, and art.

We Too Sing America
by Deepa Iyer

Many of us can recall the targeting of South Asian, Arab, Muslim, and Sikh people in the wake of 9/11. We may be less aware, however, of the ongoing racism directed against these groups in the past decade and a half.

Six Minutes in August
by Stephen A. Scaffidi

Tells the story of the brutal murder of six members of the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin on August 5, 2012, and the aftermath of that day’s events on the community of Oak Creek, its mayor, and the families of the Sikh Temple.

The Gift of Our Wounds
by Arno Michaelis

The powerful story of a friendship between two men—one Sikh and one skinhead—that resulted in an outpouring of love and a mission to fight against hate.

Punjab
by Abha Narain Lambah

Examines the history as well as urban planning of Punjab, looking at cities that best represent its urban morphology and cultural legacy.

Punjab, Punjabis & Punjabiyat
by Khushwant Singh

Brings together Khushwant Singh’s best writings on Punjab, Punjabis, and the Sikhs.

A History of the Sikhs
by Khushwant Singh

First published in 1963, this remains the most comprehensive and authoritative book on the Sikhs.