This multi-media resource list, compiled by Lynn Whitehouse of the San Diego Public Library in partnership with the American Library Association, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "90 Miles" that premieres on July 29th at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings).

Probing and thoughtful, Juan Carlos Zaldívar's "90 Miles" is a personal memoir that offers a rare glimpse into Cuba, a country as mythologized to Americans as the United States is to the rest of the world. The Cuban-born filmmaker recounts the strange fate that brought him as a teenage communist to exile in Miami in 1980 during the dramatic Mariel boatlift. Zaldívar uses news clips, family photos and home movies to depict the emotional journey of an immigrant father and son struggling to understand the historical and individual forces shaping their relationships and identities in a new country. A Latino Public Broadcasting (LPB) co-presentation. A Diverse Voices Project Selection.

**ADULT NONFICTION**

**1980 Cuban Mariel boatlift:**

From April to August in 1980, 125,000 Cuban refugees were brought to the United States in a massive effort called the Mariel boatlift. These works discuss the unprecedented stresses that were experienced by the refugees and the affected communities.


**Cuban Immigration to the US:**

These works, including Masud-Piloto's "From Welcomed Exiles to Illegal Immigrants" and the collection "Rememering Cuba," provide historical and personal insight into Cuban immigration to the United States.


**Cuban American Experience:**

This collection describes the Cuban American experience, with special attention to Miami.


Delve Deeper into "90 Miles"
A film by Juan Carlos Zaldívar


ADULT FICTION

Cuban-American literature is lush with descriptions and explorations of life, family, and the immigrant experience.


BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

Cuban Immigration:

These books discuss Cuban immigration to the United States in a format that children can understand.


Cuban-U.S. History:

From Carter’s "The Spanish-American War" to Gow’s "The Cuban Missile Crisis," these works explain a few of the events in the history of Cuba and the United States.


Gow, Catherine. The Cuban Missile Crisis. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1997. [Examines the events preceding, during, and after the confrontation between the United States and Cuba over the presence of Soviet missiles there.]
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Background on Cuba:
These works, aimed at children and teenagers, provide an introduction to Cuba and Cuban children.


Cuban-American Biographies:
These biographies about famous Cuban-Americans were written for children and teenagers.


VIDEOS/DOCUMENTARIES

Leaving Cuba:
While the documentaries recount harrowing escapes from Cuba and the lives of the refugees after reaching the United States, the popular film adapted from the novel of the same name "The Perez Family" explores the immigrant saga of the Mariel boatlift.


Immigrant Issues:
These videos discuss US immigration issues from its history and controversy to the process of assimilation and obtaining citizenship.


"Immigration to the U.S." A film by Bedard, Irene; Schlessinger, Andrew. Bala Cynwyd, PA: Schlessinger Video Productions, 1996. (25 min.)


U.S.-Cuba Relations:
These films reflect the interconnectedness of the U.S. and Cuba through its people and political conflicts.


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Background on Cuba:
A visual collection of films about Cuba, Castro and communism.


"Fidel." A film by Kevin Cooper and Jose Ludlow. Santa Monica, CA: Artisan Home Entertainment, 2002. (206 min.)


"La Tropical." A film by David Turnley. Cuba/USA: Corbis Documentaries, 2001. (95 mins.)


Cuban-American Biographies:
This collection of films explores the lives of famous Cuban-Americans who came to the United States for freedom of expression.


Gay Cuba:


"Mariposas en el Andamio." A film by Margaret Gilpin and Luis Felipe Bernaza. Water

WEBSITES
Most of the Cuban and Cuban American websites listed below have been selected from the “Librarian’s Index to the Internet” site at http://lii.org/, a resource used by librarians and the general public as an efficient and reliable guide to Internet resources.

Castro Speech Database
http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/ia/cb/cuba/castro.html

Cuba and Cuban Americans on the Internet
http://www.library.miami.edu/netguides/cubanet.html

Cuban Heritage Digital Collection
http://www.library.miami.edu/chcdigital/chcdigital.html

Manuel R. Bustamente Photograph Collection 1890s-1999
http://www.library.miami.edu/chcdigital/chc5017_main.html

NSA and the Cuban Missile Crisis
http://www.nsa.gov/docs/cuba/