



D I V E R S I T Y

Diversity Forum

Libraries and Communities Building Bridges: An Inter-Cultural Dialogue

April 24, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn, Effingham

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Presenters

Vandella Brown - Illinois State Library

Rajmohan Gandhi - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Tracie Hall - American Library Association

Panelists

Deb Bier - East St. Louis Community College Center

Nelly S. Gonzalez - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jeri Kinser - Illinois Migrant Council, Technology Center

Rick Marshall - Lewis and Clark Community College

Rob Newcomb - Marion Carnegie Library

Margo Probst - C.E.F.S. Learning Center

Karen Schmidt - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Diversity Forum Program Highlights

A Vision for the Future Through Shared Values

Our keynote speaker will discuss how our shared values can bring us closer and help us build bridges. Shared values provide the common ground for building trust and communicating in a diverse community; they are an integral part of community culture. Tolerance, respect, and sensitivity are shared by people all over the world and can provide the basis for an open dialogue.

Candy Canes and Tire Tracks: Building Bridges to Diverse Communities

Our speaker will focus on trends and service provisions. The presentation will address how multi-cultural, ethno-linguistic, and demographic trends can inform services in the 21st century library. Discussion and hands-on activities will be part of this stimulating and thought provoking presentation.

Diversity: A Community Challenge?

A panel of service providers who serve diverse populations and cater to their needs will share their success stories, experiences, and vision of how libraries can best serve our own communities.

The Diversity Update

Consultants will provide us with the latest information on the diversity initiative. Explore the diversity website and receive information and ideas for diversity programs that can be held at your library.

Collection Development for Diverse Communities

Wanting to start or add to your diverse collection and need some fresh ideas? The panelists have extensive experience in building collections for diverse communities. They will share their expertise, provide resources, and answer your questions.

Schedule

<u>Registration and Networking</u>	8:30 - 8:50 a.m.
<u>Welcome</u> Jan Ison Amanda McKay - Amani Ayad - Donna Schaal Randi Weiss	8:50 - 9:00 a.m. 9:00 - 9:20 a.m.
<u>Vision Test</u> Vandella Brown	9:20 - 9:35 a.m.
<u>Keynote</u> "A Vision for the Future Through Shared Values: Tolerance, Understanding and Mutual Respect" Rajmohan Gandhi	9:35 - 10:00 a.m.
<u>Break</u>	10:00 - 10:10 a.m.
<u>Session I</u> "Candy Canes and Tire Tracks" Tracie Hall	10:10 - 11:40 a.m.
<u>Lunch</u>	11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
<u>Session II</u> Panel Discussion "Diversity: a Community Challenge?" Jeri Kinser - Rick Marshall - Margo Probst	12:40 - 1:50 p.m.
<u>Session III</u> Diversity Update LTLS Diversity Team Amani Ayad - Amanda McKay - Donna Schaal - Randi Weiss	1:50 - 2:50 p.m.
<u>Break</u>	2:50 - 3:00 p.m.
<u>Session IV</u> Panel Discussion Collection Development for Diverse Communities Deb Bier - Nelly S. Gonzalez - Rob Newcomb - Karen Schmidt	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Attendees at the Forum will earn 8 CPDUs for Illinois Professionals