

Connecting Cultures: Ethnic Services in the Libraries of New York State

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A collection of 30 essays on the topic of multicultural services. This book describes the experiences of New York State librarians since 2001, and showcases exemplary library services to African Americans, Afghans, Bangladeshis, Chinese, Russians, and Spanish speakers, as well as Irish, Hasidic and Orthodox Jewish communities, and others.

The essays describe library programs for children, young adults and adults, and will inspire and guide library staff in serving ethnic populations. This publication is appropriate for professional collections, library schools, and any librarian seeking to improve library services to multicultural communities.



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- **ESRT has published over 50 bibliographies** offering selections of books, films and websites in languages other than English, bilingual books, and multiethnic literature.
- ESRT has established the annual **Brian G. Martin Professional Development Award**, to help defray conference expenses for an ESRT member.
- **ESRT has published a collection of essays on multicultural services**, *Connecting Cultures: Ethnic Services in the Libraries of New York State* in 2013, as a companion volume to its earlier publication *Bridging Cultures: Ethnic Services in the Libraries of New York State* (2001).