

What to do with an International Collection

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Getting Started

- Review demographic data of your community
- Consult your institution's strategic plan, collection policy, etc.
- Create your own collection plan and vision statement
- Reach out to patrons, community orgs, and other local libraries for input, book donations
- Secure funding: library budget, support from Friends or community to jumpstart collection

Topics to consider

- Prepare for technical processing challenges
- Develop a physical presence with appropriate signage and displays
- Create a labelling/shelving system that works for you and your patrons
- Explore possible crossover with ELL services and programming
- Consider policy for accepting or rejecting donation of materials

Resources

- International Collection Librarians Roundtable (iclrmi@groups.io)
- Sky River cataloging interface (www.iii.com/products/skyriver)
- DemographicsNow database (dnow.gale.com/dnow)
- Tsai Fong Books (www.bookswindow.com)
- D.K. Agencies LTD (www.dkagencies.com)
- Sawa Books (www.sawabooks.com)

Please email Shannon or Dan for more information about our presentation or the International Collection Librarians Roundtable. Thank you!