Multiculturalism and libraries: and still the battle rages

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Abstract
Multiculturalism continues to be a major, and divisive, issue as developed countries around the world adjust to a more pluralistic society. These societal issues are reflected in the provision of library service, especially libraries serving children, and the publishing of children's literature. Consideration of the controversies caused by this conflict, especially in the USA, Canada and the UK, highlights the desirability (and inevitability) of pluralism as a touchstone for the provision of library service. Defines the terms, clarifies the historical context, and samples the recent literature.

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