

Method to Madness: Avoiding Bias and Diversifying Collections

The purpose of this presentation is to teach librarians a system that can be used to assess collections and improve diverse holdings.

Focus: General

Learning how to avoid the pitfalls of bias while navigating collection development will benefit all library staff members and the communities they serve. I will be teaching participants how to clinically look at their collections in order to diagnose and remedy the problems within. These flexible instructions can be reformatted for a variety of material types, genres, age ranges, etc. and can be compared across collections, library systems, and more. The instructions I provide will give participants valuable tools that they can use to consistently update and better their collection year after year.

At the end of this session, attendees will...

- Inform librarians on how to assess a collection with respect to diversity
- Educate by providing information on where to find materials to diversify collections
- Inspire librarians to continually review collections with a critical eye towards diversity

Speaker(s):



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