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# Commission for Intercultural Library Services

# Here you will find

- Theory: ideas, specialized literature ...
- Communication: specialized forums, associations...
- Mailing list OeB multikulturell@web.de
- Practice: regular programmes, acquisition and stock management, bibliographics, sources, exemplary projects...

### Beyond that we offer the following in the "materials in various languages" section

- glossaries
- sample texts
- links
- information in 20 languages; for example, for learning German and for the federal naturalization test

# discover. understand. participate. Commission for Intercultural Library Services

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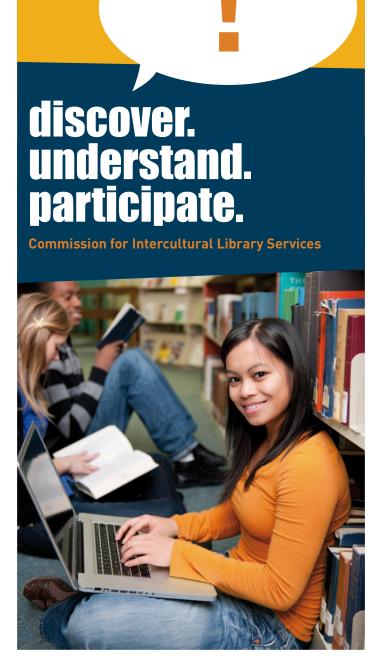
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www.bibliotheksverband.de/fachgruppen/kommissionen/interkulturelle-bibliotheksarbeit.html







Diversity is the future - Our goals

Advice and Networking – What we offer

# Why intercultural library services?

**Approximately 20 percent of people living in Germany** are migrants or descendants of migrants, and the trend is increasing.

**The promotion of integration** is an essential task of local communities. Public libraries make an indispensable contribution to intercultural educational offerings.

**Being open to all population groups,** libraries, with their intercultural and multi-lingual services, can ensure equal access to literacy and knowledge – and thus encourage an active participation in community life. At the same time libraries provide space for meeting and for communication. They are places of learning in all its diversity.

# We promote

the consolidation of intercultural services in the daily operation of the library. **Intercultural services must become an integral part of every library** – from acquisitions to personnel policy.

Step by step, intercultural library work in Germany must adapt to international standards; for example, by means of

- central intercultural services.
- library personnel who have intercultural competence and reflect the diversity of society.

In many German libraries there are already intercultural services that show promise. What counts is to **network effectively available initiatives** and make their results better known

# The Commission for Intercultural Library Services in the German Library Association

- supports libraries in the establishment of intercultural services
- advises libraries in the acquisition and collection management of foreign language media
- supplies communication and information material
- carries out public relations work
- provides contacts to disseminators of information and partners
- arranges the exchange of experiences between all involved people
- provides and contacts speakers for conferences and further training.