Webinar: Library Services to Refugees during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Date/Time: 18 June 2021, 12:00-1:15pm CT

Abstract: The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges for communities worldwide and the libraries that serve them. Libraries have had to pivot to ensure the safety of their staff and users while continuing to provide accessible and safe services. How have libraries specifically responded to serve refugees and how are they planning to transition to offer welcoming spaces and services for refugees post-pandemic? The webinar will present the experiences of libraries in and outside the United States serving refugees, and policies implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic that have impacted the welfare of refugees and asylum seekers. The webinar addresses the 2021 World Refugee Day theme: Together we heal, learn and shine.

FREE Registration: https://go.illinois.edu/WorldRefugeeDay

SPEAKERS:

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