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Carol Smallwood : Librarians As Community Partners: An Outreach Handbook before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Librarians As Community Partners: An Outreach Handbook:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Reaching OutBy Bruce R. SchuenemanLibrarians pride themselves on the sharing character of their profession, and this book provides an excellent survey and model of outreach activities. Written in a practical style with the busy professional in mind (Smallwood quotes Flaubert approvingly --

"Whenever you can shorten a sentence, do. And one always can. The best sentence? The shortest."), the book covers all types of libraries (school, academic, public, correctional) and all manner of projects (one interesting idea, for example, is included in "Bake a Book and They Will Come.") Many ideas for collaborative efforts are also discussed, both among institutions and with individuals. Included are sections on planning, marketing and grants, public libraries, youth, senior citizens, special collections, diversity, books and more. In these increasingly difficult economic times outreach by public institutions will become especially important. Libraries have been doing such outreach for decades, and this book is a great resource of current outreach activities. Highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great ideas for librarians, from librarians By Beth Well-researched, indexed, and full of practical ideas to help librarians boost the visibility of libraries within their communities, "Librarians as Community Partners" is a great resource for any size library. The librarians who contributed articles to the book describe in detail how they joined together with other community organizations in new ways to bring library services to more people. With entries ranging from an "edible books" contest (a cake-decorating contest wherein the entries must represent a book) to a book program designed for prison populations, Smallwood collects enough fresh ideas to inspire any librarian (even those on a small budget). If you need some creative outreach ideas at your library, Smallwood's book is the one you're looking for! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A fine resource that should be at the hand of every concerned librarian By Midwest Book Review A keeper of knowledge, the librarian can do more for a community than sort books. "Librarians as Community Partners: An Outreach Handbook" is a guide for librarians who want to give back to their community and be big players in making their community a better place. Carol Smallwood draws upon her own expertise to give librarians a fine sampling of how to get started. Outlining options one can use to reach out to other community organizations, the power of creativity, special groups, celebrations, and more, readers will find no shortage of good ideas within. "Librarians as Community Partners" is a fine resource that should be at the hand of every concerned librarian.

Including 64 focused snapshots of outreach in action, this resource reflects the creative solutions of librarians searching for new and innovative ways to build programs that meet customer needs while expanding the library's scope into the community. This contributed volume includes a huge array of program options for partnering with other community groups Outreach in action through writing essays, poetry, and fiction Event planning for library anniversaries, book festivals, science projects, and student athletes With a wide range of contributors, this book will give you a multifaceted approach for reaching out within your community.

From Booklist Editor Smallwood has brought together 66 short articles by 34 practicing librarians in a wide range of libraries. Separated into 10 parts, the volume provides snapshots of outreach solutions to meet a variety of needs. Following a section highlighting 9 sample outreach programs, the work offers sections meeting needs for specific populations (seniors, youth, those in correctional facilities) as well as on special collections, local media, book festivals, and classroom and diversity outreach. The final section covers community-group collaboration. It is hard to understand the organization of these parts, and some information, such as outreach to seniors, is scattered across several different articles. Although the ideas presented are useful, there are no guidelines for reproducing these successes or assisting readers in designing their own outreach. --Sara Marcus About the Author Carol Smallwood received her MLS from Western Michigan University and her MA in History from Eastern Michigan University. She wrote, co-wrote, edited, co-edited 18 books for Scarecrow, McFarland, Libraries Unlimited, Pudding House, and others. Her magazine credits include: The Writer's Chronicle, Instructor, English Journal, Michigan Feminist Studies. She has worked in school, public, and special libraries, as well as serving as a consultant. She was awarded a prize from the National Federation of State Poetry Societies and her short story Death in the Family was recently shortlisted for the Eric Hoffer Award. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Librarians as Community Partners: An Outreach Handbook. Ed. by Carol Smallwood. Chicago: American Library Association, 2010. 204 pp. US\$55.00 (US\$49.50 ALA members) soft cover ISBN 9780838910061 (available from Inbooks) This is an edited collection of 66 articles that have been written by librarians from across the USA. Contributors range from academic librarians to public librarians and school librarians, bringing a wealth of skills and experience to this book. Although the contributors are American, there is still much that Australian library staff and students can learn from successful outreach programmes in other countries.