

# Project Welcome:

*Libraries and Community Anchors  
Planning for Resettlement and  
Integration of Refugees and Asylum  
Seekers*

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In order to intentionally and strategically articulate ways libraries can serve existing refugees and asylum seekers, and the anticipated influx of refugees from new regions, we are assessing the information needs and gaps in library services by learning from US and international librarians, international and national governmental agencies, and domestic resettlement and social services.



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### ***Project Welcome activities:***

- **consultation** with international & national librarians and refugee organizations
- **thought paper** on “How can libraries better serve refugees and asylum seekers?”
- **2-day collaborative learning space/meeting** to explore solutions, including a 1-day public summit
- project and resource **website**
- report with **recommendations and an action agenda**

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