# **Discussion Questions**

- 1. How has the population your library serves changed within the last ten years?
- 2. How have the library and librarians evolved to manage the changing population?
- 3. Do you think cultural events are an important aspect of a public library?
- 4. Should a public library acknowledge and participate in programming for special events or holidays such as Women's History Month or Halloween?
- 5. How does the library determine which events to celebrate or honor?
- 6. Are there some holidays or events which are too racially or politically sensitive for libraries to acknowledge? If so, why? Should libraries work to change this perception?
- 7. Can libraries choose to acknowledge only certain events (such as Black History Month) and ignore other events (Women's History Month or Holocaust Remembrance Day)?
- 8. Do you believe it is important to build a diverse workforce in academic and public libraries?
- 9. Do you think a diverse workforce matters to library patrons?
- 10. Are academic or public libraries more sensitive to culturally diverse patrons and their needs?
- 11. Do you believe patrons feel that one type of library (public or academic) is more welcoming to their needs as an immigrant or non-native English speaking patron?

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2. APA Style Home at www.apastyle.org

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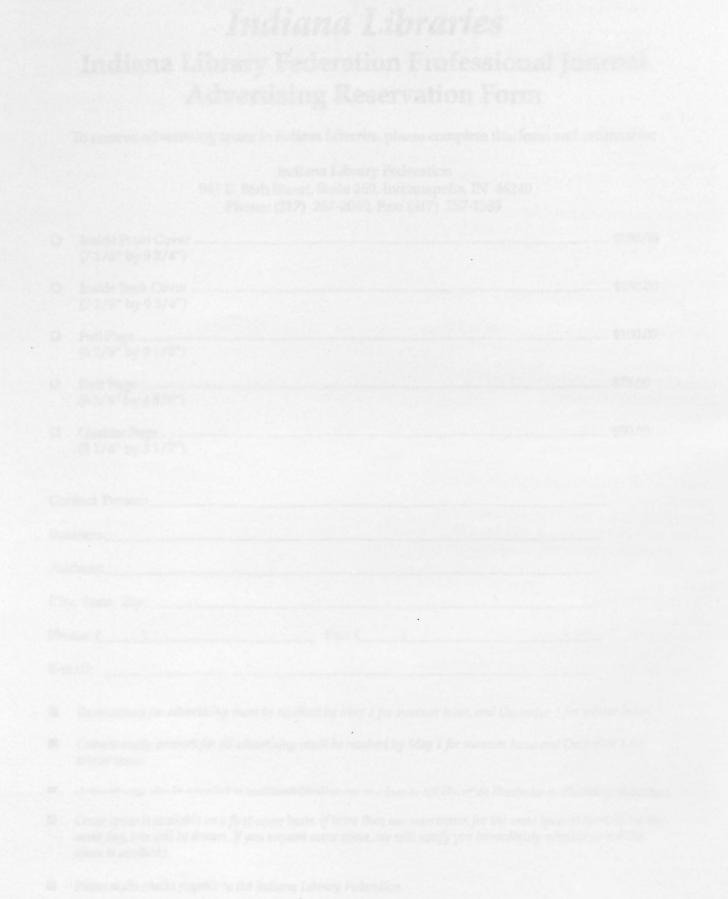
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