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Ellen LiBretto is a librarian, a marketing consultant to publishers, an author of library science texts, and the creator of children's books. She was formerly Library Marketing Director at Ballantine Books, a division of Random House. A native New Yorker, LiBretto pioneered in the area of young adult services in her 25 years at the New York City Public Libraries. Her work in collection development for age-level staff at the system level is still utilized today.

Her Books

High/Low Handbook: Best Books and Web Sites for Reluctant Teen Readers, 4th edition. Co-published with Catherine Barr (Libraries Unlimited, 2002)

The General Slocum Steamboat Fire of 1904. (Rosen Publishing Group, 2004)

New Directions for Young Adult Services. (R. R. Bowker, 1983)

Workshops

A COMPLETE HIGH/LOW TOOLKIT

Learn how to build a high/low collection for "at risk teens." Get a list of publishers who are consistently producing easy reading materials that teens love to read. Get a handle on how to build a reading ladder to keep teens reading to reach their grade level goal. Through book talks and handouts, LiBretto will conduct a one hour workshop that includes all the information to create a classroom library of high/low books for reluctant reading teens or to expand a public library collection to bring in new readers. Books, Web sites, and magazines are included in both the content areas of the curriculum and for leisure reading. Workshop participants will learn what every librarian serving teens needs to know in order to raise the literacy level of teens, enabling them to become information literate and to participate fully in society.

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