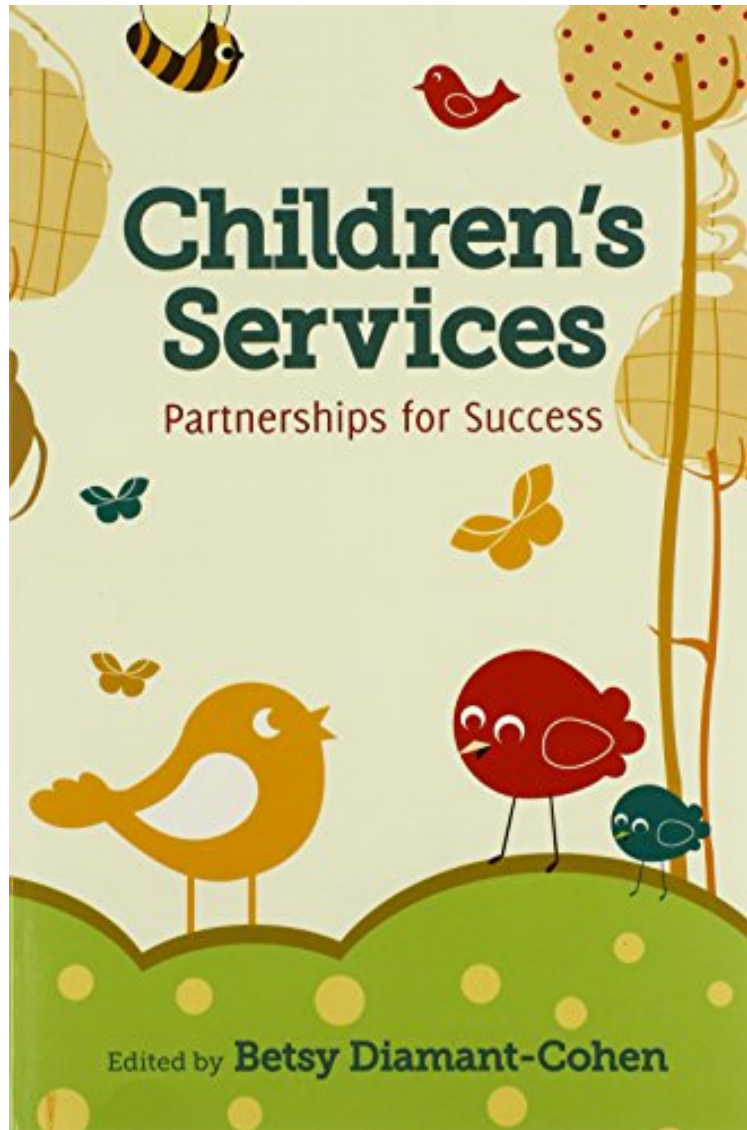


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Betsy Diamant-Cohen : Children's Services: Partnerships for Success (Ala Public Library Handbook) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Children's Services: Partnerships for Success (Ala Public Library Handbook):

Co-author of the popular titles *Booktalking Bonanza* and *The Early Literacy Kit*, Betsy Diamant-Cohen brings together 18 examples of successful outreach partnerships that children's librarians and administrators can adapt to their own situations. Contributors from the U.S and Canada explain how they partnered with schools, community organizations, museums, businesses and other agencies to create novel experiences for children across the children's services spectrum (preschool through middle-school). Inside this volume readers will find Descriptions of innovative award-winning collaborations, such as The Read to Me Program (a family literacy project that evolved from a collaboration between an adult corrections facility and a public library) Programming ideas perfect for enhancing community outreach Inspiration to create and kick-start new initiatives Filled with lively collaborative programming ideas, Children's Services will help you reach out to your communities and to your constituents in new and exciting ways.

From *School Library Journal* In this feeble economy, public libraries are in need of close connections with their communities in order to secure funding and remain relevant. Diamant-Cohen has created a valuable resource by providing practical examples of successful partnerships between libraries of various sizes and community organizations. Concrete scenarios include successful partnerships with law enforcement agencies, recreation departments, academic institutions, children's museums, cultural institutions, churches that attract mainly immigrant populations, businesses, and other agencies. Community partnerships can be created with little to no expense, as demonstrated by the Enoch Pratt Free Library's connection with the local police department. There are also a good number of more complex relationships for libraries with extra resources, such as the connection with the Discovery Center that the Four County Library System (New York) created to begin an annual Book Fest. No matter what the budget or time constraints may be, children's librarians will find practical partnerships that are right for them. Stephanie Malosh, Donoghue Elementary School, Chicago, IL. (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. From *Booklist* Working as a public librarian, author Diamant-Cohen realized the power of partnerships. Building on her successful networking efforts, she showcases 18 library partnerships, which are categorized by type of partnering institution: community organizations, law enforcement, academic institutions, children's and play museums, cultural institutions, and businesses. Each section contains six short chapters ranging from two to eight pages in length describing specific examples, such as the collaboration between the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. Each chapter provides a project description; some also offer photographs, sample forms, and checklists. The practical examples should help meet the author's goal to encourage readers to find new partnerships or extend the ones already in place. --Lesley Farmer About the Author Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen is the Early Childhood Specialist at Port Discovery children's museum in Baltimore, Maryland. She developed the award-winning "Mother Goose on the Loose" early literacy program, which won the Godfrey Award for excellence in public library programming, and in 2004 was named a "Mover and Shaker" by *Library Journal*. She earned her doctorate in communications design from the University of Baltimore and her master's degree in library science from Rutgers. She enjoys traveling around the country to give training workshops.