Cleveland Public Library is proud that its programming reflects the rich diversity of our Greater Cleveland population. We are committed to honoring and celebrating a diverse mix of cultures through special exhibits, events and training programs. Highlights of our multicultural programming in 2009 were:

- Martin Luther King Day Celebration, which welcomed the Library’s new director, Felton Thomas, Jr., as the keynote speaker.
- Chinese New Year Celebration, which was hosted at our Main Library and highlighted with the famous Lion Dance.
- El Día de los Niños / Día El de los Libros at our Carnegie-West Branch (Children’s Day / Book Day), which drew 200+ children and their families with its many ethnic activities, including tortilla making demonstrations and a Spanish puppet show.
- “Our Children Can Soar” art exhibition, which featured 13 premier book illustrators who visually depicted the many accomplishments of African-Americans throughout our history.

In addition, we are proud of the work done in our citizenship classes that help prepare immigrants to become U.S. citizens. In 2009, we continued to attract a large number of “students” from our local Asian and South American communities.