



Program

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The Rest of the Story: Responses and Lessons Learned After the Release of The Dismissal of Ruth Brown

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Author Louise Robbins speaks on her book The Dismissal of Ruth Brown about 1950s librarian Ruth Brown. Library Journal said this little book is a major contribution to our understanding of library history and the core values of librarianship, but it is much more than that. It uniquely illuminates the way American society has used patriotism, loyalty, and the threat of communism to maintain and mask the subtle, even unwitting, racist and sexist agendas and traditions so deeply entrenched in our communities and their institutions. Hear the author of The Dismissal of Ruth Brown talk about her rich experiences researching, writing and releasing her book.

Louise S. Robbins, Associate Professor and Director, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, is also the author of Censorship and the American Library: The American Library Association's Response to Threats to Intellectual Freedom, 1939-1969.