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**Qualitative Inquiries on Immigrant Information Behavior:  
A Systematic Review of the Research**

Recent discourse on U.S. immigration policy has increased interest in the normative information experiences of those who are foreign-born. LIS examinations of the information behaviors of immigrants are largely made up of case studies and/or practitioner contributions. Though Caidi, Allard, & Quirke (2008) provided an overview of LIS literature on the information practices of immigrants, no article has provided a systematic review of scholarship with the sole purpose of investigating congruence among findings. The goal of this study is to provide a narrative synthesis or meta-narrative of focus groups and semi-structured interviews conducted with immigrant participants who reside in large urban enclaves. The author searched Library, Information Science, & Technology Abstracts (LISTA), Library Literature and Information Science Full Text, and Web of Science databases according to an established protocol; seven peer-reviewed, qualitative research studies met the inclusion criteria. These publications were then coded and analyzed according to Srinivasan and Pyati's (2007) Diasporic Information Environments methodological (DIEM) framework. Themes include the variety of online and offline information resources; the importance of social networks (i.e., gatekeepers, opinion leaders) and social spaces (e.g., information grounds); the impact of personal narratives or demographic profiles on information behavior; and the ways in which the new environments shape or alter information patterns. Findings suggest that LIS literature on empirically-measured information behavior of immigrants is not as robust as might be expected, given the widespread discussions within our field. There is a need for more evidence-based explorations on the information behavior of immigrants.