# Reference Services for the Adult Learner

Challenging Issues for the Traditional and Technological Era

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