not separate and not equal: linguistic justice in academic libraries

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every time I see "strong communication skills" listed as a requirement in a job posting, I read it as requiring a nondisabled, nonracialized, monolingual person who speaks the dominant local dialect
European colonists conceptualized languages as bounded & homogenous. With the emergence of sociolinguistics, making a case for the full humanity of racialized communities entailed proving the systematicity of their bounded and homogenous vernaculars. This was a colonial logic.
topics:

- social and power dynamics of languages
- linguistic justice in libraries
languages aren’t neutral.
languages are an aspect of identity giving rise to difference and affinity.
English is often an unmarked default.
English is part of upholding colonialism, imperialism, capitalism, and white supremacy.
so...linguistic justice?
give more power to languages besides English.
don’t view language in isolation, as a resource, or as a commodity.
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Data from a Boston hospital showed that Latino patients who did not speak English well had a 35% greater risk of death from COVID-19.

The hospital has added interpretation capacity. n.pr/32E2fQt

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thank you!

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