CHAPTER 13: SOCIOLINGUISTICS
FURTHER READING

At 450 pages, Wardhaugh (2010) – or indeed any of his five earlier editions – will give the novice sociolinguist a really comprehensive overview of the field. It has chapters covering: languages, dialects and varieties; pidgins and creoles; codes; speech communities; language variation; language change; words and culture; ethnographies; solidarity and politeness; talk and action; gender; disadvantage; and language planning.

After textbooks, to extend any (general) reading the next best step is edited collections (or readers). Two particularly excellent readers are edited by Coupland and Jaworski (1997, 2009). Their first edition has 37 papers, the new edition has 47. Although there is a lot of overlap between the two volumes, eight of the papers in the first edition are not in the second and so it is certainly worth accessing the 1997 edition in addition to the 2009 edition. Another comprehensive set of readings is The Handbook of Sociolinguistics edited by Coulmas (1997). Finally, although it is old, an absolute classic is the edited collection put together by Giglioli (1972).


Finally, if your library is fortunate enough to own a set, then the six volume collection of 98 papers edited by Coupland and Jaworski (2008) would certainly be worth accessing.