

Muskoka Lakes Township Public Library  
LIBRARY BOARD POLICY

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Policy Title: Indigenous Awareness and Reconciliation	Policy Approval Date: 04/13/21
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### Intent:

The Muskoka Lakes Public Library (herein after referred to as the Library) recognizes and embraces the principles of Truth and Reconciliation with Ontario's diverse Indigenous population. The Library is committed to providing Library services that are accessible to Indigenous people and that recognize and promote the value of Indigenous materials and authors.

### Regulations:

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada identified the need to educate all Canadians about Indigenous peoples to prepare them for the important work of reconciliation.

### Procedures:

To facilitate the provision of Library services that are accessible and meaningful to Indigenous people in the local communities, the Library will:

1. Develop a Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration that is endorsed by the local indigenous community. (Policy GF-05) and begin each Board meeting with reading the Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration.
2. Seek to engage in dialogue with the local Indigenous community to identify how to provide library services in a meaningful way to members of the Indigenous community, including identifying opportunities to partner with Indigenous people and their communities
3. Ensure that the Collection Development Policy (OPCOL-02) addresses the value of Indigenous collection materials and enables Indigenous authors and content creators to be included and highlighted.

### Related Documents:

MLPL GF-01 – Mission Statement  
 MLPL GF-02 – Vision Statement  
 MLPL GF-03 – Statement of Values  
 MLPL GF-05 Respect & Acknowledgement Declaration  
 MLPL OPCOL-02 – Collection Development

