



Carleton Place Public Library

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Truth and reconciliation efforts are documented at federal and provincial levels and under the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada*. The Carleton Place Public Library (the library) understands and embraces those efforts and makes the following commitments within library service:

Section 1: Declaration

The library acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. We believe that understanding and acknowledging territory shows recognition of and respect for Indigenous Peoples. We believe that the territorial acknowledgements are not simply a pro forma statement made before a meeting, but a vital part of the business. We believe that recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations and are key to reconciliation.

Here is the standard land acknowledgement for the library:

“We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded, unsurrendered territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg People. We are meeting on land that has been inhabited by Algonquin peoples from the beginning. We acknowledge and accept our responsibility to honour all our relations.”



Section 2: Collections

The Carleton Place Public Library provides collections relating to Indigenous cultures, languages, and peoples, including books, audio and video materials. Our collection includes titles by and about First Nation, Metis, and Inuit communities.

Section 3: Services and Programs

The Carleton Place Public Library provides welcoming services to Indigenous Peoples and shares elements of Indigenous culture with non-Indigenous persons. Library spaces, programs, and services reflect truth and reconciliation efforts and calls to action.

Related Documents:

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada – ***Calls to Action***

Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA) – ***Truth and Reconciliation Report***

Carleton Place Public Library ***FN-03 – Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion***

Carleton Place Public Library ***OP-13 – Local History***