

## Additional Policy

### M - Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration

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The North Kawartha Public Library understands the need to recognize and embrace the principles of Truth and Reconciliation with Ontario's Indigenous population, as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

#### Declaration

With this understanding the North Kawartha Public Library acknowledges the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. We believe and are committed to showing respect and recognition for Indigenous peoples, both in the past and the present. We believe that the territorial acknowledgement is not only a pro forma statement made before meetings and gatherings but an integral part of our work. We believe that recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relationships between our communities and are key to the reconciliation process.

The North Kawartha Public Library will use this Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration at the beginning of all meetings held at the library.

Long before today there have been First Nation peoples who have been stewards and defenders of this land. The North Kawartha Public Library with respect and gratitude acknowledge we stand on the traditional, ancestral and treaty lands of the Mississauga Anishnaabeg of Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation and Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation.

#### Services

The North Kawartha Public Library will provide welcoming spaces and library services to Indigenous peoples and share elements of First Nations culture with non-Indigenous persons.