



BRACEBRIDGE LIBRARY POLICIES

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PURPOSE:

The Bracebridge 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.

POLICY STATEMENT:

With this understanding, the Bracebridge Library acknowledges the Indigenous people on whose traditional territories we live and work. We believe that acknowledging territory shows recognition of and respect for Indigenous peoples in the past, present and future. We believe that recognition and respect are essentials of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations with Indigenous peoples and are a key to reconciliation.

Section 1: DECLARATION

The Bracebridge Library will use this Respect and Acknowledgment Declaration at public gatherings of the Bracebridge Library, where appropriate:

We would like to begin (event name) by acknowledging that the Bracebridge Library is on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe – specifically the Ojibway, the Chippewa, and the Algonquin peoples. This land was a part of the 1923 Williams Treaties. We recognize and appreciate the historic and present contributions that First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people have made to our town and our country. We challenge everyone here today to seek out knowledge and take actions toward real truth and reconciliation in support of our commitment to wellness for all, and to walking the path together in respect, peace, and harmony for future generations. We are all Treaty People.

Section 2: Collection

The Bracebridge Library will provide collections relating to Indigenous cultures, languages, and peoples, including books, audio and video materials. Our collection will include titles by and about First Nation communities, and will include titles presented in the First Nation Communities Read program.

Section 3: Services

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

RELATED DOCUMENTATION:

REVISIONS:
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