

Fairview Free Public Library's Board of Trustees Statement on Racial Justice and Libraries

The members of the Fairview Free Public Library Board of Trustees denounce racism. We are horrified that people's lives are taken solely based on the color of their skin. We stand in solidarity with the Black community and those committed to a just and peaceful society. We support speaking out against racism, and believe as a public institution we have a vital role to play in the fight against injustice.

This is a time for deep introspection and positive action. We acknowledge the need to consistently work toward recognizing our own biases and welcome change. We can, and must, do more. We commit to evaluating all the ways in which we can change policies and practices to fight against racism in its many forms and affect positive change.

Libraries are entrusted to celebrate diversity, inclusivity and access and we are committed to upholding that vision for everyone in our community.

Passed by the Fairview Free Public Library Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020