

West Perth Public Library

Respect and Acknowledgement

Purpose

West Perth Public Library recognizes and embraces the principles of Truth and Reconciliation with Ontario's Indigenous population, as outlined in the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission Reports*.

The Library acknowledges the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. We believe that acknowledging territory shows recognition of and respect for Indigenous Peoples, both in the past and the present. Recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations and are key to reconciliation.

Responsibility

West Perth Public Library will use this Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of all meetings held at the Library:

The Municipality of West Perth is situated on treaty land of the Anishinaabeg. In 2019, the work began to create a current and comprehensive land acknowledgement.

We continue to work on our land acknowledgement collaboratively with the original people, the First Nations. As we move forward, we desire to do so in a way that is honouring, taking the time necessary to pursue truth as we move towards reconciliation.

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

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

Related Documents

West Perth Public Library Policy. *Collections*.
West Perth Public Library Policy. *Intellectual Freedom*.

Government of Ontario. *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

Government of Canada. [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Reports](#).

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