

**CHAMPLAIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
INDIGENOUS AWARENESS AND RECONCILIATION POLICY**

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The Champlain Township 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.

Section 1: Declaration

With this understanding, the Champlain Township Public Library acknowledges the Indigenous 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. We believe that recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations and are key to reconciliation. We would like to acknowledge that the land on which the library sits is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin People.

Section 2: Collection

The Champlain Township Public Library will provide collections relating to Indigenous cultures, and peoples. Our collection will include titles by and about Indigenous communities, and will include titles presented in the First Nation Communities Read program.

Section 3: Services

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