

## **LLNJ STATEMENT ON RACIAL JUSTICE**

### **To the New Jersey Library Community:**

The incomprehensible death of George Floyd has rightfully generated outrage and an awakening of our collective consciousness on racial issues.

LibraryLinkNJ unequivocally condemns the reprehensible actions that led to Mr. Floyd's death. Our organization embraces equity, diversity, inclusivity, and access. We wholeheartedly endorse the tenet that all people are created equal.

**Black Lives Matter!**

Every action, covert or overt, intended to diminish or marginalize people of any race should be denounced, condemned, and disavowed.

Libraries represent a place of refuge for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, economic status, physical or mental capacities.

It is our collective hope that the death of George Floyd will serve as a catalyst for meaningful conversations and action that would lead to racial healing in our country.

As we struggle to find meaning and a path forward, we would like to link you to the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice ([NJISJ](#)) as one of many sources for guidance.

With utmost compassion,

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