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**The Board of Trustees of Kent County Public Library
Statement Against Racism**

The Board of Trustees of the Kent County Public Library joins the many voices in our communities in condemning recent and historic acts of systemic racism and injustice. Many of us became library trustees out of a passion for equity, inclusion, and diversity and a real desire to advance these values in our communities. We are all experiencing the impacts of the murders of George Floyd, Ahmed Aubrey, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and countless other black lives differently. We also are all experiencing the responses of our nation's leaders, as well as the organizations we support or represent, differently.

But we are not neutral or ambivalent in our response to these events. Systemic racism not only undermines our values, it destroys lives and communities. We are united in our belief that black lives matter. We stand with people of color in our communities and with the staff of the Kent County Public Library. We stand with the victims of marginalization and oppression. We call on our community to stand with us in opposing all forms of racial oppression, violence, and injustice.

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