



## NYLA and NYBLC State Unequivocally #BlackLivesMatter

These are undoubtedly difficult days, the likes most of us have never seen. Together we face a pandemic, and now the horrific murder of George Floyd and the protests that have followed.



The New York Library Association (NYLA) and the New York Black Librarians Caucus (NYBLC), echo the sentiments of the [Black Caucus of the American Library Association](#) (BCALA), and the [American Library Association](#) (ALA), in their condemnation of violence and racism towards Black people and all People of Color.

Racism in any form is a scourge that divides our communities.

The New York library community values diversity, equity, inclusion, and open access to information, and stands against racism, hatred, and violence, while working to ensure that libraries are welcoming and safe.

As we face even more challenging days ahead, the role of libraries in our communities will be more important than ever; bringing neighbors together to learn, share and grow.

### **We have work to do.**

NYLA and NYBLC will continue to strive against systemic racism and social injustice, and endeavor to make every community better by supporting libraries and library services that broaden the understanding of our diverse communities, and provides open and equitable access to information that leads each patron towards their own betterment.

In Solidarity,  
The New York Library Association (NYLA) and the New York Black Librarians Caucus (NYBLC)

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