

# LEONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY



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## COUNTY OF BERGEN LEONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

### RESOLUTION 2022-09-1 Supporting Library Staff and Collections

WHEREAS, The freedom to read is a human right, essential to our democracy, and constitutionally protected by the First Amendment<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS, Public libraries are considered to be both the cornerstone and bulwark of the free flow of information and ideas vital to a strong democracy;

WHEREAS, The American Library Association has repeatedly defended the role of libraries to preserve the constitutional rights of all individuals to use library resources and services<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of Library staff to support the Freedom to Read<sup>1</sup> by providing materials that enrich the quality and diversity of thought and expression;

WHEREAS, Librarians, in particular, have earned master's degrees and received extensive professional training that prepares them to develop collections designed to meet the broad and varied interests and needs of their communities;

WHEREAS, The Leonia Public Library Board of Trustees has established clear policies on Collection Development, including the process for reconsideration, and a Code of Conduct, ensuring peaceful enjoyment of the Leonia Public Library;

WHEREAS, There has been an increase in censorship activities across the nation, including personal attacks on librarians;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Leonia Public Library Board of Trustees of Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Board:

Actively supports and defends intellectual freedom;

Specifically supports the efforts of Leonia Library staff to assure that freedom; and

Condemns acts of censorship and intimidation.

Moved by: Mary Heveron

Seconded by: Ed Bertolini

Adopted on: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

I hereby certify on this 14th day of September 2022 that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Leonia Public Library Board of Trustees.

Elizabeth A Carillo  
Diane Tausner, Board Secretary

ELIZABETH A CARILLO, ACTING SECRETARY

(1) Freedom to Read Statement 6/30/04 (2) ALA Statement on Book Censorship, 11/29/21, and Library Bill of Rights, 1/29/19