



## Freedom to Read Resolution

Rochester Public Library's (RPL) Board of Trustees supports the library's mission: "welcoming all to connect and learn." The Board upholds the library's values, including the "respect for intellectual freedom" especially as libraries across the nation are facing a rise in book challenges.

### WHEREAS,

- RPL has books and materials representing different viewpoints, beliefs, backgrounds, and experiences; and
- RPL Board members uphold the intellectual freedom of community members; and
- removing materials prevents community members from having important access to information; and
- the freedom to read is essential to our democracy; and
- reading is among one of our greatest freedoms; now, therefore, be it

### RESOLVED,

- the library's collection development policy supports intellectual freedom for RPL users; and

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

- the Board condemns censorship and book banning in all forms.

Adopted by the Rochester Public Library Board  
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