

Rusk County Community Library, Ladysmith

Anti-Racism Statement

The Rusk County Community Library's mission to provide quality materials and services that fulfill educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the entire community in an atmosphere that is friendly, respectful, and professional holds true at all times. Because we are an educational and informational entity, we aim to provide information and services that encompass the community served, and to promote knowledge and understanding without hatred or fear. We stand with our staff and patrons in the refusal to accept racism in our community. We are committed to educating ourselves and providing resources for all who would like to become better citizens with us. We hope our community members will stand with us to do the same.

Part of addressing and ending racism--and thereby promoting anti-racism--is by offering books and information about and by Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC). We do this in order to promote an understanding of the experiences and cultural nuances that make everyone unique, while bringing into the open the issues surrounding ongoing systemic racism and the ways in which it impacts BIPOC.

Offering materials that portray the experience of BIPOC--both joys and sorrows--is one way to start. We hope you will find the following materials for all ages useful. Perhaps they will open a dialogue and help you navigate the topics of race and racial injustices in our society.