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**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Communications Report

Date: May 23, 2023

To: Toronto Public Library Board

From: City Librarian

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. endorses Communication (a) from Alim Remtulla, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, dated 24 May, 2023, expressing a statement of support for Pride Month from the Toronto Public Library Board.

SIGNATURE

Vickery Bowles
City Librarian

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24 May, 2023

Statement of Support for Pride Month from the Toronto Public Library Board

As we approach Pride Month, the Toronto Public Library Board acknowledges and celebrates Pride Month in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQ+ community. We affirm our commitment to ensuring that the Library remains a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone, including 2SLGBTQ+ people, amplifying their voices and celebrating their accomplishments to promote informed dialogue and understanding.

Throughout June, we invite all Torontonians to visit the TPL's branches and website to discover collections, events, and resources celebrating and supporting the 2SLGBTQ+ community. TPL's efforts to support the 2SLGBTQ+ community extend beyond a single month. Throughout the year, TPL provides a range of programs, services and collections that reflect a diversity of experiences and promote inclusivity. TPL's Drag Queen and Rainbow Story Time, among many other offerings, provide an opportunity to attend programming that promotes understanding and acceptance of diversity of different identities.

Public libraries have always been champions of the values and principles that uphold democratic principles. TPL's commitment to intellectual freedom, democracy and inclusivity helps amplify and celebrate the voices of marginalized communities.



Alim Remulla
Chair, Toronto Public Library Board