

# Board packet April 20, 2021: AAPI statement

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Good afternoon,

At the last WNPL EDI Committee meeting, it was suggested that WNPL issue a statement in response to the rise in anti-Asian hate crimes we are seeing occur across the United States. The Committee decided that this statement would also provide us an opportunity to reaffirm that the library is welcoming to all. Here is the statement that was drafted:

### ***Everyone Is Welcome***

*The Warren-Newport Public Library stands in solidarity with the Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander community in condemning ongoing anti-Asian hate crimes in our country. Your library strives to be a place of safety, inclusion and diversity. We work to provide a respectful and welcoming space for civic discourse and the expression of diverse voices. We prioritize equal access and the freedom to learn, explore and connect without fear. We urge our community to stand with us by publicly condemning racism and working to make our country a more equitable and peaceful place for all.*

RAILS issued a similar statement and is calling on member libraries to join them in condemning anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander racism. I would like the Board to support WNPL issuing the above statement.

Thanks,  
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