

Dear Altadena Library Supporter,

The Friends of the Altadena Library and the Altadena Library Foundation are proud to stand with the Altadena Library District in recognizing that Black Lives Matter. We would like to direct you to the powerful statement made by the Altadena Library District here: <https://www.altadenalibrary.org/blacklivesmatter/>

“Altadena is a community made more beautiful by its diversity, and in the midst of this challenging period in our country’s history, we stand with people of color in our community against racism and renew our commitment to connecting people with ideas for an Altadena where all are learning, growing, and thriving together.”

The full statement also lays out the work that will be done to improve the Library District’s own culture, to implement anti-racism practices in Library systems, and to ensure that words of solidarity transform into meaningful actions. This work will focus not only on racism but also sexism, heterosexism, transphobia, and ableism.

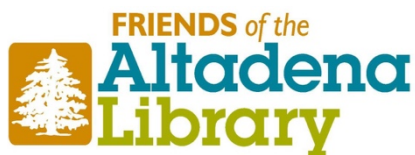
In addition, the page provides links to books and online resources in the Library’s collection that address racism, with titles suitable for adults, teens, and children.

The [Friends’ Annual Meeting this Saturday at 1pm](#) will include a timely presentation on public school attendance policies and how they often have the effect of legally segregating poor and minority students from the best schools in a district. If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting, please reply to this email to register and we will send you the meeting information.

We hope this event will be followed by more speaker meetings, panel events, and community discussions that can spur real change to occur, from tackling the blatant racism so often prevalent in our communities and our leaders to addressing the growing poverty gap and the rise of homelessness. If you would like to get more involved in planning such events, or in Library events and programs in general, we encourage you to contact us by email.

Respectfully,

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