



Statement Against Anti-Asian Violence

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The Oregon Library Association condemns anti-Asian hate crimes and strongly supports the [Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association \(APALA\) Statement Against Anti-Asian Violence](#).

We join with the [Chinese American Librarians Association \(CALA\)](#), [REFORMA](#), and [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#) in recognizing the rise in criminal acts and racist comments during the COVID-19 pandemic against Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities and stand with them to denounce this racist violence and rhetoric. Such activity is also [taking place in Oregon](#). We remain unequivocally united against such despicable violence.

The Oregon Library Association is actively committed to antiracist values. We urge members of the Oregon library community to look out for actions and policies that condone bigotry, systemic racism, and prejudicial misinformation and to do their part to eliminate them in library organizations and local communities. We urge library workers to actively support and protect Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities from discrimination and hateful actions and find ways to act (or serve) as allies to our colleagues across the state and country.

All library workers are charged with the responsibility to report instances of bias and racism in support of our racially and socially marginalized communities. For more information and assistance, contact the [Oregon Hate and Bias Information and Reporting](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Lasky'.

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