

MLA 2019 Annual Conference Land Acknowledgement Statement

We collectively acknowledge that Suburban Collection Showplace occupies the traditional lands of the Meskwaki, Chippewa and Potawatomi peoples. As those in the library profession gather to learn and work together today, we recognize and acknowledge all of Michigan's Indigenous nations and their connection to this land.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections here, and recognize their valuable contributions to Michigan society and culture. By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we affirm, support and advocate for Indigenous sovereignty and recognize the painful history and forced removal of Michigan's Indigenous peoples. Consistent with the Michigan Library Association's commitment to cooperation, civic engagement and diversity, we encourage our members to find ways to build partnerships with Indigenous communities and individuals. Thank you.