

# QPLA Statement – Respect for Queensland Library Staff

The Queensland Public Libraries Association (QPLA) represents 320 public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres across 77 Local Government Areas in Queensland. The Association recognises that library staff are committed to serving their communities by providing inclusive services, programs and collections for all members of the community.

Libraries are the heart and soul of the community: growing and developing to ensure they remain anchored in the communities they serve while remaining inclusive, informative, open and exciting places for all to feel respected, safe and valued.

Recently, Queensland Public Library staff have been targeted with deliberate aggression, threats of violence and intimidation for holding rainbow storytimes and have had their collections challenged.

The Association endorses the Australian Library & Information Association Statement: Respect for Public Library Staff and supports the call for public library staff and their Council's to stand up and say "no" to targeted attacks of intimidation and threats of aggression.

"Queensland Public Libraries believe that open and transparent discussion and exploration of diversity and inclusion, through programs and collections, that celebrates uniqueness and difference, is essential for a well-informed, healthy and safe community" said Nicole Hunt, President of QPLA.

For more information about the ALIA Statement:

[ALIA Statement: Respect for Public Library Staff](#)

[ALIA Board: Statement of support for Rainbow Storytimes](#)

[ALIA/APLA Joint Statement in support of free access to information in Australian libraries](#)

[ALIA Free Access to Information Statement](#)

[State Libraries Intellectual Freedom Policy](#)

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