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### ***NJLA condemns the attacks against the Asian American Community***

*The New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) stands in solidarity with all Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. NJLA affirms [the statement](#) submitted by the Asian/Pacific American Library Association (APALA) on March 3, 2021, in its condemnation of racist, violent acts rooted in discrimination, xenophobia, and white supremacy.*

### ***We condemn the attacks against the Asian American Community.***

The New Jersey Library Association denounces discrimination and violence rooted in systemic racism and white supremacist culture. We recognize the harsh impact of the pandemic, violent attacks, and xenophobia on Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders particularly over the past year, and are dedicated to our role as advocates and educators in speaking out against hate.

We are committed to carrying out the actionable goals outlined in NJLA's Black Lives Matter Statement issued in June 2020. In representing all New Jersey libraries, library workers, library users and members of the communities we serve, it is the collective effort of NJLA to continue to work toward creating a more inclusive and equitable organization, with the utmost integrity.

We stand in unanimity against hate in all its forms. We support current and emerging efforts of New Jersey's libraries and library workers, to create safe and welcoming spaces for everyone.

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[Click here](#) for our [upcoming programs on anti-racism](#) towards the Asian American Pacific Island (AAPI) community.

[Click here](#) for our dynamic [links to AAPI anti-racism resources](#).