

# PORTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Acknowledgment is a simple way of showing respect and a step toward correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture, and toward inviting and honoring the truth.

Portland Public Library would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the occupied and unceded territory of the Wabanaki, the People of the place where the sun first looks our way, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations.

We extend our respect and gratitude to the many Indigenous people and their ancestors whose rich histories and vibrant communities include the *Abenaki*, *Maliseet*, *Micmac*, *Passamaquoddy*, and *Penobscot Nations* and all the Native communities who have lived in *Chuwabunkeag* for over three thousand generations in what is now called New England and the Canadian Maritimes.

We thank them for their strength and resilience in protecting this land and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example.