



BOOK SANCTUARY LIBRARY

WHEREAS freedom of expression is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Mount Laurel Library recognizes the Library has a responsibility to protect and promote the constitutional rights of each Library patron to access and use library resources; and

WHEREAS the Mount Laurel Library serves a broad and diverse community and provides accordingly each patron unrestricted access to a broad and diverse collection of resources; and

WHEREAS members of the community are responsible for their use of Library resources, and likewise are solely responsible for the use of Library resources by minors in their care; and

WHEREAS the Library opposes censorship and protects freedom of expression in its community by providing information and promoting free and respectful expression of differing viewpoints; and

WHEREAS a sanctuary library creates a safe space for ideas and resources, especially those that have been or are in danger of being challenged.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees declares the Mount Laurel Library to be a Book Sanctuary Library.

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Mount Laurel Library Board of Trustees held on August 21, 2024.

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