

# Whose Land are we on?

## HOW TO WRITE A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

acknowledge and respect relationships, treaties, and the history of what is now known as Canada

**STEP 1** **Locate yourself:** "My name is \_\_\_ and I am from \_\_\_ decent. I am living on [Treaty One Territory], the ancestral Land of the [Indigenous groups]"

**State your intention:** "The library is committed to principles of decolonization in recreation of Knowledges: We recognize and respect Indigenous Knowledges"

**STEP 2**

**STEP 3** **Express gratitude:** "I am thankful to live on this Land"

**Make a connection between the reason for the gathering and the Land:** "Many of the resources held in our library contain information stolen from Indigenous Peoples"

**STEP 4**

**STEP 5** **Implicate yourself as working within a colonial system:** "I recognize that we are gathered in a colonial institution and am committed to lessening these ongoing harms by speaking truth"

**Bring attention to current advocacy efforts:** "I want to bring your attention to \_\_\_ event that is happening on Indigenous Storytelling: I want to point out the Indigenous classification system"

**STEP 6**

**STEP 7** **Invite further discussion:** "I would like to encourage you to speak with me about the words I've said and learn more about the Traditional Lands we are on"

Want to learn more?

- Ask library staff about our Indigenous collection
- Check out [native-land.ca](http://native-land.ca)
- Remember that allyship is a process -- continue learning and listen to Indigenous voices

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