

In Support of Black Lives Matter, June, 2020

Dear friends,

The Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association stands in unity against the violence recently and historically wielded against Black people in our nation.

Black Lives Matter.

Our very existence is sustained by exploration and understanding, and we pledge to continue to foster these qualities in ourselves, and in our practices as booksellers, as we work to support anti-racism and justice. Members of PNBA are sharing and promoting resources to better educate ourselves, our employees, and our customers. We now challenge ourselves to do more.

PNBA will develop immediate educational opportunities focused on institutional racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion. We will direct grant support secured for 2020 to relevant programming during this year's fall show. We will amplify marginalized voices. As always, we insist that our members walk the talk of PNBA's official Code of Conduct.

We can do better. We can be better.