On Thursday, June 18, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Penn Yan Public Library resolved to release the following statement:

Penn Yan Public Library stands with citizens seeking to end racial injustice, and we commit to actively engaging with the struggle against this defining ill of our society. At this moment in history, it’s impossible to ignore that our tradition of service and respect requires taking an unambiguous stance against the violence and discrimination that disproportionately target Black, Indigenous, and Latinx people of color.

Penn Yan Public Library supports the Black Caucus of the American Library Association and their Statement Condemning Increased Violence and Racism Towards Black Americans and People of Color. We join numerous other libraries in speaking out on this issue and we are adopting a new section to our current strategic plan laying out specific actions that we will take. It can be found on our website or upon request in the coming weeks.