**High Plains Library District Land Acknowledgement**

* *High Plains Library District acknowledges, with respect, that the land we are on today is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute Nations and peoples. This was also a site of trade, gathering, and healing for numerous other Native tribes.*
* *We recognize the Indigenous peoples as original stewards of this land and all the relatives within it; we also acknowledge the forceful removal of the populations after the Medicine Lodge Treaties and atrocities such as the Sand Creek Massacre.*
* *Our intentions are based on our desire to ground and to acknowledge and support a state of change. We bring our increased awareness and consciousness into this space now and into the spaces we inhabit.*
* *We believe this land acknowledgment is a process of deepening; deepening our relationship to personal power and land. We acknowledge we are strangers on stolen land. With this acknowledgment we bring energy that infuses presence, clarity and a deep longing to be in alignment.*

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