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A message from Julie Milavec, Director:

In light of the tragic police killings of Daunte Wright and Adam Toledo, and the abusive policing of Lt. Caron Nazario that we witnessed this week, the Downers Grove Public Library stands by its previous statements condemning the actions and systemic racism that continually harm our Black and brown communities.

The compounded trauma of Daunte Wright's senseless death, which occurred roughly 10 miles from George Floyd's horrific final moments, is significant. Black Lives Matter. The Black community's pain, fear, and anger is real.

We extend our deepest sympathy and support to the family, friends, and communities of Daunte Wright, Adam Toledo, and Lt. Caron Nazario. The library strongly supports our Black and brown community members and staff. The library will continue to work on being an ally for our Black and brown community members.

DGPL is committed to continuing its support of anti-racism, and invites the Downers Grove community to join us. The library reiterates its pledge to provide equal access to all, including a space where everyone is welcome and treated with dignity and respect. The following resources have been gathered for our community to learn more:

- DGPL Booklists on Anti-Racism and Black Voices:
 - [Adults](#)
 - [Teens](#)
 - [Older Kids](#)
 - [Younger Kids \(picture books\)](#)
- [**DGPL's Podcast discussing How To Be An Anti Racist by Ibram X. Kendi**](#)
- [**Black Caucus of the American Library Association's Black Lives Matter Comic Reading List**](#)