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Library Board Report

To: Newmarket Public Library Board
From: Tracy Munusami, CEO
Date: September 15, 2021
Re: Dr. Seuss Report

Background

On May 19, 2021, the Board received the update on the Dr. Seuss books of concern. The library leadership team and Head of Children's Services consulted with community members to further investigate the issue of the books.

Through consultation with community members, and other libraries the library leadership team decided to:

- Remove the Dr. Seuss books of concern from the collection
- Update the Collections Policy to include a diversity and inclusion lens when growing and deselecting the collection
- Update the website to make the Reconsideration Requests Form more accessible to allow for better communication between customers and the Library
- Complete a diversity audit of parts of the collection by the end of 2022.

Conclusion

The following motion is recommended:

That the Library Board receive the report on Dr. Seuss books of concern update;

And That the Newmarket Public Library Board accept the policy changes to the Collections Policy