

# S P O K A N E C O U N T Y L I B R A R Y D I S T R I C T

<b>Policy Title</b>	Exhibits and Displays		
<b>Approval Date</b>	February 19, 2013	<b>Revision Date</b>	February 18, 2025
<b>Related Policies</b>	Facility Use for Political Purposes Code of Conduct		
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide guidelines for the display of artwork, cultural and educational displays, and private collections in District facilities.		

In the event of the amendment of any law, regulation, or ordinance incorporated into this policy or upon which this policy relies, the policy shall be deemed amended in conformance with those changes.

In cases where this policy conflicts with any local ordinance, state or federal law, the terms of that law, and its underlying rules or regulations shall prevail. In all other cases, Spokane County Library District policies and practices prevail.

The Board reserves the right to change and/or modify this policy at any time, as circumstances dictate and in accordance with applicable law.

## Policy

The District encourages displays and exhibits of artwork, photography, or other articles subject to the following conditions:

- All displays and exhibits must be approved by designated District staff. The District may establish criteria regarding the nature and duration of the display or exhibit. Preference may be given to identified partner organizations.
- All displays and exhibits must be suitable for display to a diverse audience including children.
- Displays and exhibits that contain profanity, obscenity, or sexually explicit imagery, nudity, graphic depictions of violence, or would create a hostile environment are not permitted.
- The District assumes no legal or financial responsibility for loss or damage to items loaned by a third party for display and/or exhibit. Any exceptions to this condition must be in writing and signed by the Executive Director or designee prior to the exhibit or display.
- Artworks on exhibit may be offered for sale; however, prices may not be posted.
- The District may not approve a display or exhibit if, in the sole discretion or judgment of the District:
  - The display or exhibit would detract from the appearance of or is incompatible with any other display or exhibit at the facility;
  - The physical characteristics of the display or exhibit would interfere with normal library operations;
  - The display or exhibit is of inferior quality to any other display or exhibit at the facility or has faults of design or workmanship;
  - The display or exhibit would require maintenance or security resulting in cost to the District;
  - The display or exhibit may endanger public safety;
  - There are not suitable sites or locations for the display or exhibit; or
  - The display or exhibit violates any applicable provisions of law or other District policy.
- Approval of items for display and/or exhibit does not constitute or imply District endorsement of the individual or organization submitting the item(s), or their content.
- The District may move, remove, or revoke approval of any display or exhibit at any time if, in the sole discretion or judgment of the District:

- The display or exhibit has been damaged to the extent that repair is impractical or unfeasible;
  - The physical characteristics of the display or exhibit interfere with normal library operations;
  - The display or exhibit is no longer appropriate for the facility because of changes in use, character or design of the facility;
  - The display or exhibit endangers public safety;
  - The display or exhibit requires excessive maintenance or has faults of design or workmanship;
  - The display or exhibit is of inferior quality to other works at the facility, or is incompatible with any other display or exhibit at the facility;
  - The security and condition of the display or exhibit cannot be reasonably maintained;
  - The District intends to replace the display or exhibit with another display or exhibit.
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The District will make a good faith effort to implement this policy in a fair and consistent manner.

The Executive Director will establish administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.